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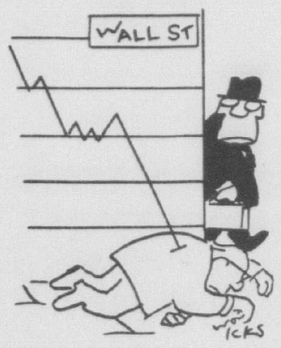

Citizens debate old folks' home

Ayer's Cliff zoning plan spurs controversy

By Steven Morris

AYER'S CLIFF — About 40 residents of Ayer's Cliff attended a public meeting Monday night to air their views on a zoning amendment that would allow developer Yvan Vanasse to build a home for the elderly.

The change won't come easily. Residents who live in the affected zone are putting up a fight.

Marsha Damak said she is not interested in the project. She said the amendment would change the residential and family environment of the area between Ripple Cove Road and Maple Street to the west and east, and Laurel and Strathcona streets to the north and south.

"We want the land to be residential for families and any others who may build a home there," Damak said.

SUSPICIOUS

Damak said she is suspicious of the project: "Someone is going to make money. Vanasse should have known the land was zoned residential when he bought it."

The zone will remain residential, Mayor George Hayward said.

"We are not going to build an old folks' home in a commercial or industrial area," he said.

The zoning amendment would change a "low-residential density" zone into a "high-residential densi-

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Tax deadline extended

OTTAWA (CP) — The deadline for filing 1987 personal income tax returns has been extended by one day to midnight Monday, May 2, Revenue Minister Elmer MacKay said Monday.

The extension was given because the normal deadline of April 30 falls on a Saturday and the extension gives Canadians an extra working day to file their returns, he said in a news release.

All returns received or postmarked up to midnight May 2 will be considered on time and will not be subject to late filing penalties.

MP McCurdy:

South Africa could be Nazi Germany

OTTAWA (CP) — South Africa is starting to look like Germany under the Nazis and unless countries like Canada take stronger steps to fight Pretoria's apartheid policies, violence is inevitable, New Democrat MP Howard McCurdy said Monday.

In the Commons, both McCurdy, the NDP spokesman on South Africa, and Liberal external affairs critic Andre Ouellet called on the government to break all ties with the apartheid country, which last week banned virtually all organization opposition groups. As well, black leader and Anglican primate Desmond Tutu was arrested and breifly detained on Monday.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney replied that Canada deplores the recent deterioration in the political situation and said the South African ambassador to Ottawa had been called in so Canadian officials could protest Pretoria's actions.

But he defended his government's record in dealing with South Africa, recalling that Canada helped push for strong statements against apartheid at recent Commonwealth meetings, and said there are no plans to cut ties at this time.

Ending all relations would mean "Canada would cease to be a player" in South Africa, Mulroney said. The government has been trying to promote talks between Pretoria and legitimate black leaders.

The prime minister has threatened in the past to stop all diplomatic and commercial relations with South Africa unless concrete steps are taken toward dismantling apartheid.

And Ouellet said there appears to be virtually no hope for an orderly transition to majority rule.

McCurdy likened the recent moves by the South African government to those taken by Adolf Hitler and the National Socialists in Germany before the Second World War.

He said the jailing of clerics, press censorship, bans on opposition groups and the rise of extreme right-wing political movements all are similar to the tide of nationalistic hysteria that drove Germany into dictatorship and its subsequent confrontation with the world in 1939-1945.

Canada has been "tip-toeing while a neo-Nazi horde parades through the streets with impunity," McCurdy said.

He added that current South African events are repeating "the history of the Holocaust before the war, and it is a situation that calls for strong action from all the international community."

And violence will ensue, he warned, unless countries like Canada take all peaceful steps possible to end South Africa's legislated system of race segregation and race-dominated politics.

"If there is not action . . . . it is quite self-evident that there will be violence," he told reporters outside the Commons.

Ambassador's wife involved in protest

TORONTO (CP) — The wife of Canada's ambassador to South Africa was among demonstrators hit by a water cannon during an anti-apartheid demonstration at which religious leaders were arrested in Cape Town on Monday.

Beverly MacLean, wife of Ambassador Ronald MacLean, declined to comment this morning, referring calls to Lucie Edwards, first secretary of Canada's embassy in Pretoria.

"It was very straightforward," Edwards said in a telephone interview. "She and the second secretary at our office in Cape Town both attended the prayer service. She decided she wanted to join the procession."

The marchers attempted to make their way from St. George's Anglican Cathedral to the Parliament buildings, to present a petition against the government's latest clampdown on anti-apartheid organizations. Eighteen groups were ordered last week to stop all political activity not authorized by the white government.

The Canadian ambassador's wife, Edwards said, was walking with several ministers. "Very near the doors of the church they were stopped by police.

"As you no doubt saw in media coverage of the demonstration, she, along with the other ministers in attendance, sat down, singing We Shall Overcome, and the police proceeded to arrest them," Edwards said.

'YOU'RE FREE'

"She identified herself, explaining to a senior officer that she was the wife of the Canadian ambassador, and they said 'You're free to leave.' As they were leaving, they were both in the path of a water cannon which hit all the protesters."

All the detained church leaders, who included Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, were released within hours, and pledged to continue their protests.

Twenty-five leap-years old

RECORD/GRANT SIMEON

Twenty-five year old Lumina Lemelin celebrated her 100th birthday Monday at the Foyer Richmond. Lemelin was born Feb. 29, 1887 so she's a leap-year baby. The many friends who wished her well at a party said she looks pretty good for a quarter of a century.

Gosset receives benefits

MONTREAL (CP) — Const. Allan Gosset, the suspended police officer acquitted last week of manslaughter in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager, has been getting 90 per cent of his take-home pay in workmen's compensation, a police union spokesman said Monday.

"I don't know whether he's still collecting benefits, but he was getting them" (after the shooting last November), said Andre Sasseville of the Montreal Policemen's Brotherhood.

A Quebec Superior Court jury acquitted Gosset last week of manslaughter in the shooting death of Anthony Griffin, 19.

The jury was told that when Griffin started to run away in a police station parking lot, Gosset pulled out his pistol and told him to stop. Griffin did so but Gosset testified that the gun went off accidentally, killing the teenager.

Sasseville said Gosset filed his claim after suffering "nervous shock" from the shooting and Quebec's compensation board recognized that he had suffered a job-related injury.

He said Gosset's 16 years of police service entitled him to a $767 weekly salary. Deductions would bring that down to $422, of which 90 per cent would be about $380.

In Quebec City, Serge Lafontaine, head of the board's legal department, said he had asked its Montreal office for a report and added, "There aren't many cases involving a worker who shot at somebody."

But he said that if a physician confirmed that Gosset was injured, physically or psychologically, and it was established that the injury was job-related, the board had "no choice" but to compensate him.

Revolt grows against conflict guidelines

OTTAWA (CP) — A Tory backbench revolt is growing against new conflict-of-interest legislation, which one Conservative MP condemned as a "monstrosity" on Monday.

Pat Nowlan — a veteran Tory from Nova Scotia who broke ranks over the Meech Lake constitutional accord — questioned the new bill in the Commons and later told reporters he believes it violates the Charter of Rights.

Nowlan joined two Tory MPs who publicly challenged the conflict legislation even before Prime Minister Brian Mulroney tabled it in the Commons last week. Nowlan was later backed by John Bosley, a Toronto MP and former Commons Speaker.

One Conservative MP, who did not want to be identified, said in an interview he questions whether the government wants a vote on the stiff new rules, considering the possibility of a caucus split.

And even if it gets through the Commons, he suggested, Mulroney and his strategists may be expecting the Liberal-dominated Senate to block the bill.

Mulroney's bill would cover all MPs and senators, as well as their spouses and dependents. They would have to declare their assets and income and some gifts and benefits to an independent three-member commission. There is no requirement that the information be made public.

Nowlan rejected a statement by Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn that the government is convinced the law will not contravene privacy and non-discrimination sections of the charter.

Hydro-Quebec settles out of court with group

MONTREAL (CP) — Hydro-Quebec cleared yet another hurdle in its plans to ship power to New England with the anouncement Monday that it had reached an out-of-court settlement with a group protesting a temporary transmission line over the St. Lawrence River.

Late in January it won approval from the National Energy Board to sell 70 million kilowatt hours of electricity — roughly the amount used annually by 70 cities of 100,000 people — to the New England Power Pool between September 1990 and August 2004 for $3 billion.

And Monday Quebec Energy Minister John Ciaccia announced that the Contestension protest group and some riverside landowners had agreed to stop legal proceedings against Hydro-Quebec. The utility is still negotiating with another landowner.

Hydro initially wanted a permanent overhead line to cross the river near the historic and picturesque villages of Grondines and Deschambault, 60 kilometres upstream from Quebec City.

But Contestension argued and the Quebec Environment Department agreed that an underwater cable would cause less environmental and aesthetic damage.

Because its experts said the underwater line could not be completed before 1992 and the first electicity to New England under the contract had to be delivered by 1990, however, Hydro must build a temporary line.

Senate may demand Meech Lake amendments

OTTAWA (CP) — A Senate committee is expected to call today for major amendments to the Meech Lake constitutional accord to meet the complaints of northerners.

But unless the senators can find allies in one of the provinces that has not approved the accord their chances of having the agreement amended appear to be nil.

The Senate only has until April 23 to vote on the accord and if it hasn't approved the deal as it is by then, the House of Commons can override the upper chamber by simply approving the accord again.

The committee is expected to recommend changes to at least three sections of the accord, including the provision that would require the approval of Ottawa and all provinces before either of the territories could become a province.

The territories also object to clauses requiring Ottawa to consult only the provinces when making appointments to the Supreme Court and the Senate.

Both territories have gone to court to try to block the accord but have failed. Both now are trying to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Alberta francophones urged a separate Senate committee on Monday to do everything in its power to block the accord unless it is amended.

"It was necessary that Quebec be recognized and accepted as a distinct society, but this gain should not have been made to the detriment of francophones outside Quebec," said Georges Ares, president of the Association canadienne-francaise de l'Alberta.

He charged that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney "betrayed the francophones outside Quebec" in order to get a deal at any price.

Polluted air may be poisoning food

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airborne toxic substances are reaching the Great Lakes from as far away as India, entering the food chain and possibly endangering the health of millions of people, two U.S. environmental groups said Monday.

"It is bad enough to have to breathe toxic air pollution without having to eat it, too," said Jane Elder, U.S. Midwest representatives of the Sierra Club, at the start of a week of Washington lobbying on lakes issues. "We're here to urge (the federal Environmental Protection Agency) and Congress to clean up our skies so we can breath and eat safely in the Great Lakes region again."

A draft report summarizing recent research, prepared by the Sierra Club and Great Lakes United, said up to 90 per cent of some toxic substances entering the Great Lakes come from the air, and on average 20 to 25 per cent of all toxic substances entering the Great Lakes Basin is airborne.

Between 50 and 80 per cent of the cancer-causing substance PCB enters the upper lakes from the air, and 50 per cent entering the lower lakes is airborne, the report said.

The pesticide DDT, the use of which is restricted in the United States and Canada, continues to enter the Great Lakes from the air, the report said.

"Still used in Mexico, Central and South America and India, DDT's presence in the Great Lakes . . . convinced us that persistent substances can and will circumnavigate the globe, and that atmospheric contamination is no longer a local problem."

Report: $104M spent fulfilling agreement to James Bay natives

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government spent $104 million last year fulfilling its commitments under the James Bay native agreements, says a report released today.

That brings to $1 billion the amount in cash and services provided to 17,000 Cree, Inuit and Naskapi in Northern Quebec by the federal and Quebec governments since 1975.

Implementation of the agreements has been "a model for constructive co-operation between native people and government," Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight said in a statement as he tabled the annual report in the Commons.

The "most outstanding result has been to enable the native beneficiaries of the James Bay agreements to prosper in their own land."

But a spokesman for the Cree of Northern Quebec says the government has been holding natives "hostage" by refusing to turn over at least $6 million in funding for self-government under the agreement.

Brian Craik said Ottawa has repeatedly blocked a deal to increase the funding according to a formula based on the growth of local population and housing.

"They're trying to weaken the Cree. . . . They're holding the money even though we're being flexible."

Under the James Bay and Northern Quebec agreement, signed in 1975, the federal and Quebec governments agreed to pay for social services and allow native self-government.

A bill passed in 1984 in accordance with the agreement gave the 10,000 Cree and 500 Napsaki in the region the right to tax, to regulate business and to police, among other things.

But about 15 per cent of the provisions in the agreement and the act are still subject to negotiation, Andrew Croll, a federal mediator, said in an interview.

Croll was appointed by McKnight last year to handle all disputes under the James Bay agreements. Among the disputes is a clause requiring the federal government to increase the money it gives to local government as services and population expand.

The Cree bands are experiencing a population explosion of three per cent annually as infant mortality drops because of improved health care. The demand for municipal services and housing now is outstripping supply, and an increase in local government funding is badly needed, Craik said.

Both sides reached tentative agreements in 1985 and 1986 that would have resolved the problem but Treasury Board vetoed both of them, he added.

Croll, who is to meet Cree Chief Matthew Coon-Come on Wednesday in Ottawa to discuss the impasse, said he is entering the negotiations with an open mind.

Federal Auditor General Ken Dye reported in 1986 that the government had fallen behind by $190 million in its commitments under the agreements. Craik said he estimates Ottawa was at least that far behind in its commitments during 1987.

Government will help Alberta translate laws

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government is willing to extend to Alberta any help it would give Saskatchewan in translating its laws to French, Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn said Monday.

The federal government remains ready, willing and able to help Saskatchewan translate laws to French following a Supreme Court of Canada ruling last week and "the same offer goes" to Alberta, Hnatyshyn told the Commons.

The court ruled last Thursday that the province must translate and print its laws in French as well as English or else they will be invalid. The province could get around the decision, however, by printing one law in French and English which says English-only laws are valid.

The ruling also allows people to speak French in court in Saskatchewan when they cannot get a fair trial in English. In such a case, a translator would be provided.

Because the case involved a law which had governed Alberta and Saskatchewan before they became provinces — the Northwest Territories Act — many experts believe the judgment also affects Alberta. Hnatyshyn declined to comment Monday on its possible effects in Alberta.

Saskatchewan is reviewing the decision and hasn't announced what it will do. The federal government pledged last week to help pay for the translation of the Saskatchewan laws, just as it is doing now with Manitoba's English-only laws.

Crown prosecutors not immune from law suits

By Gerard McNeil

OTTAWA (CP) — Crown prosecutors went beyond their duties when they encouraged police to place four charges of murder against Toronto nurse Susan Nelles in 1981, Nelles's lawyer told the Supreme Court of Canada on Monday.

Lawyer John Sopinka said even if the court accepts the Crown argument that prosecutors are immune from lawsuits when doing their job, immunity doesn't extend to prosecutors who are doing the work of police.

He said police in Ontario are responsible for bringing charges but in the Nelles case, there was joint action with prosecutors "encouraging, aiding and abetting" the placing of first-degree murder charges against the diminutive nurse.

Nelles's $800,000 lawsuit against former Ontario attorney general Roy McMurtry, now Canada's high commissioner in London, and prosecutors Robert McGee and Jerome Wiley was blocked by an Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that Crown immunity from lawsuits is absolute.

Nelles, who is appealing that ruling, was a nurse at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children when she was charged seven years ago with first-degree murder in the deaths of four infant patients.

The charges were thrown out after a judge, following a preliminary hearing, said there was no evidence against Nelles in one of the deaths and the evidence against her in the other three was equally consistent with her innocence.

Wilson budget paints rosy picture of future

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons approved Finance Minister Michael Wilson's budget Monday, possibly his last before the next election.

The Conservatives outvoted the combined opposition 72 to 36 to pass Wilson's motion approving the Feb. 10 budget.

Legislation to implement specific budget proposals will be introduced later.

The budget was one of the leanest in recent memories and in large part focused on the economic and financial accomplishments of the Conservative government since coming to power in 3½ years ago.

It was not a budget, Liberal Leader John Turner declared during the budget debate last week.

"It was the longest single free-time political broadcast in Canadian history," he said.

Opposition MPs spent much of their time during the budget debate listing Tory tax increases contained in previous budgets, the only limited success the government has had in reducing the federal deficit, and the still wide gap between Central Canada and the more economically depressed regions of the country.

Michael Cassidy, New Democratic Party finance critic, labelled the budget "a budget of lost opportunities" for failing to provide more funding for regional development.

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MUC drivers may be investigated

MONTREAL (CP) — The Quebec cerebral palsy association is asking Montreal police to investigate the union representing the island's bus drivers and metro operators.

The drivers kept $21,964 of the $52,702 they raised for the association in six days in early February to pay the salaries of the 34 drivers who collected the money.

Association president Richard Champagne said in a statement after the two sides met Monday night that the union had refused to honor its public commitment to give the charity all the money raised in its name.

Union president Maurice Vezina said earlier that his organization had been paying salaries to members who raised money for cerebral palsy for the last four years, because "we can't ask individuals to work 12 hours for nothing."

Wilson accuses NDP

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Michael Wilson accused the NDP on Monday of talking out of both sides of its mouth in a bid to mine votes in the resource sector.

In an uncharacteristically harsh rebuttal in the Commons, Wilson said the NDP on the one hand favors cutting out corporate tax relief while on the other hand now wants retention of so-called flow-through shares for the mining industry.

"If this isn't the clearest example of the leader of the NDP talking out of both sides of his mouth I don't know what is," Wilson said in response to a question from Ed Broadbent. "Give the NDP a little sniff of power and their principles go right out the window."

Man wrongfully suspended

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government was wrong when it suspended a Vancouver public servant who had been charged but not yet convicted of killing his estranged wife, the Public Service Staff Relations Board has ruled.

John Cotter was suspended indefinitely from his job at Revenue Canada where he answered tax questions on the telephone after his boss learned Cotter had been charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of his wife on Oct. 8, 1985.

The boss told the staff relations board that the suspension was justified to protect the department's public image. However, a representative of Cotter's union argued that a person has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Hyundai sells cheap

OTTAWA (CP) — A hearing into charges that South Korean car maker Hyundai Motor Co. is dumping cars in Canada at unfair prices went back behind closed doors Monday.

Lawyers for Hyundai and the federal Bureau of Competition Policy will continue cross-examining executives from Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. in private today to protect trade secrets.

The hearing before the Canadian Import Tribunal is now in its third week and has been in camera for about as much time as it has been open to the public.

Ford, along with General Motors of Canada Ltd., say their manufacturing operations in Canada have been hurt by Hyundai selling cars at prices below the cost of production.

No embassy on parkland

OTTAWA (CP) — The new U.S. Embassy will be built on RCMP property, not the parkland known as Mile Circle which nearby residents fought long and hard to protect.

The 10-acre site is barely a stone's throw from the parkland but those who fought to save Mile Circle are ecstatic with the decision, announced Monday by National Capital Commission chairman Jean Pigott and U.S. Ambassador Thomas Niles.

"The issue is not how far the site is from Mile Circle," said Joan Frommer, a spokesman for the residents. "The issue was the use of federal parkland.

"You don't just willy-nilly throw up buildings in areas designated as parkland, because where will it stop?"

DAILY NEWS/PERRY BEATON

DAILY NEWS: Getting ready for big one

Québecor owner Pierre Péladeau, publisher George MacLaren and managing editor James Duff were all smiles at a Montreal press conference Monday annnouncing that the Montreal DAILY NEWS will begin publication March 15. Behind the smiles the trio are all nerves as they hurry to complete preparations for the big day. Equipped with the latest technology and a staff of about 50 journalists, the DAILY NEWS will start off printing 80,000 copies a day. Advertising sales and reader interest are beyond expectations so far.

Jewett won't run

OTTAWA (CP) — New Democrat MP Pauline Jewett said Monday she will not run in the next federal election.

The British Columbia MP said health problems, including arthritis, led to her decision to leave federal politics after 12 years in the Commons.

"I've enjoyed being an MP enormously and I do this regretfully," the New Westminster-Coquitlam MP said in an interview.

Jewett, 65, the NDP critic on disarmament, said she had planned to run in the next election until her recent health problems.

Seatbelts on buses

KENORA, Ont. (CP) — Transport Canada will likely re-examine the need for seatbelts and other safety precautions on passenger buses travelling on highways, in light of a fatal bus crash Sunday, a spokesman for the agency said Monday.

The Greyhound bus spun out of control, possibly because of wet snow, and slammed into a rock wall about 30 kilometres east of Kenora on the Trans-Canada Highway.

All but four of about 20 passengers were thrown out the front window. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

No military aid to Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is indicating he will sign a bill giving only humanitarian aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua — if it preserves his option to seek military funds quickly later.

Reagan told an American Legion convention Monday that "preventing the consolidation of a pro-Soviet regime on the American mainland is a crucial test of national security."

He seemed to accept that the Democrat-controlled Congress will make no immediate provision for military aid to the Contras.

Waldheim barred from U.S

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — While serving in the German army, Kurt Waldheim forwarded a request for the mass deportation of Greek civilians to labor camps in 1943, according to a key Nazi document.

The authenticity of the document, found in the U.S. National Archives and made public Monday, was confirmed by U.S. Justice Department spokesman John Russell.

Russell said it was among the crucial documents on which the U.S. government based its decision to place Waldheim, now Austria's president and formerly UN secretary general, on a list barring him from entering the United States.

Don't touch PLO

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Allies are urging the United States not to violate its treaty with the United Nations by closing the Palestine Liberation Organization mission in New York.

Canada, the European Community, the Nordic countries, Australia and New Zealand were among more than a score of countries or groups that criticized the U.S. position during an emergency session of the General Assembly on Monday.

France wants to settle dispute

PARIS (AFP) — Canada "has taken no steps toward a fair solution" to the fishing dispute between the two countries, the French government said in a communique Monday.

The statement called for a quick settlement of the dispute "which has no really significant impact on the interests of Canadian fishermen."

The communique was in reply to one from External Affairs Minister Joe Clark last Feb. 25 which accused French ships of over-fishing the disputed zone around the French islands of St-Pierre-Miquelon off the southeastern tip of Newfoundland.

New president in Panama

PANAMA CITY (Reuter) — About 2,000 people cheered military strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega and the new man he has installed as president of Panama on Monday night, while the opposition vowed to step up a strike.

The new president, Manuel Solis Palma, lashed out at the United States for its attempts to overthrow Noriega, whom he termed a popular leader of "continental stature."

He added that Panamanian democracy is superior to that of the United States.

"That country which beats its breast has all the problems of the world," Solis Palma said, "but it hides them with money."

Duke left holding baby

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) — The Duke of York, on a shopping outing with the duchess, looked at his pregnant wife and gently asked in mock indignation, "Why do you always leave me holding the baby?"

The "baby" was a bouquet, promptly handed over by the duchess to her husband when they went on a shopping expedition Monday in pouring rain to promote British goods in Los Angeles.

The duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, is expecting her first child in August.

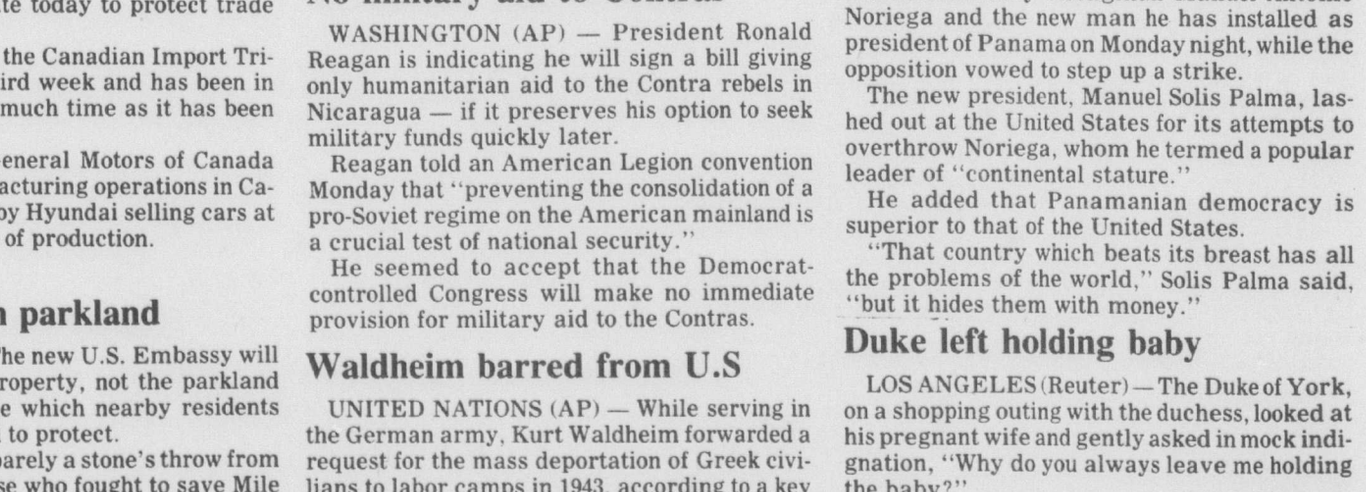
The couple, often exchanging glances, kept up a stream of chatter as they walked through a department store, and then drove 32 kilometres to a supermarket.

Weather

Cloudy with snow flurries and a high of **-7**. Clearing overnight with a low of **-20**. Wednesday, clouding over in the afternoon with flurries and a high of **-5**.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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'It was discussed within the police station'

Brome Lake police trial: Case marred relationships between accused

By John McCaghey

COWANSVILLE — Six years to the day after an alleged police beating, a Brome Lake policeman has told a jury that the case caused internal disputes on the force to burst like a swollen boil.

David Allen Gauthier was picked up by the Brome Lake police six years ago today for questioning about his part in a burglary and theft of a safe from a house in Foster, on Feb. 26, 1982.

Gauthier, 29, of Dawson Creek, B.C., alleges he was beaten and tortured by arresting officers when he refused to confess the crime.

Alyre Thireau and Mario Beaumont are charged with assault causing bodily harm and unlawful confinement of Gauthier on March 1, 1982. Thireau, 35, was then Brome Lake town police chief. Beaumont, 33, was a constable.

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"The Gauthier affair was being discussed among the policemen a year after the incident but it did not become public knowledge until the Quebec Police Commission held a public inquiry in May, 1985," the five-woman, six-man jury was told Monday.

Brome Lake Cst. Peter Stone made the disclosure to Mr. Justice Jean-Louis Péloquin, who asked the question on behalf of the Superior Court jury.

Stone was cross-examined by defence lawyers Robert Flahiff and Ronald Picard. Stone told Flahiff he had been at a police fraternity meeting but he could not remember Cst. Gilles Laporte saying in a loud and assertive voice that if it cost $5,000 or $10,000 he would have Alyre Thireau and Mario Beaumont's heads.

"I heard a rumor, but with his own voice, no," Stone said. "It was discussed within the police station."

'CAT AND DOG'

"To your knowledge, the relationship between Thireau and Beaumont wasn't the best?" Flahiff asked.

"Cat and dog," Stone said.

Laporte was fired by Thireau following an incident involving Sutton resident Brian Hoyt in Oct, 1982. Laporte sought recourse before a labor tribunal and was later reinstated in the force.

Flahiff went over the declarations Gauthier made to Stone and Stone said that when he made the first declaration, about 8:30 on March 1, Gauthier told him he was injured in a fight with Richard O'Brian and Stephen Page. Stone said Thireau did not ask him to investigate the fight.

Stone confirmed that he and Thireau went to Roger Thompson's house on March 1. Stone said all he wanted to know was whether Gauthier had shaved his beard after the burglary. He said he could not recall Thompson asking about the whereabouts of his brother-in-law.

"How can a person with ten frozen fingers give you a free and voluntary declaration?" Flahiff queried.

"I did not threaten him or promise him anything. If he felt like it he did not have to make one. He felt relieved to be with me," Stone said.

"If in your mind your colleagues had had anything to do with the injuries to Gauthier why did you not go any further after what Gauthier told you?" Flahiff continued.

"About two weeks after the incident I went to Alyre Thireau's home and talked it over with him," Stone replied.

"What came of it?" Flahiff asked.

GOOD FRIENDS

"He said he would try and restrict himself from working with Beaumont. After I had knowledge and that didn't come out in fifteen minutes, I went to see Thireau. I had known him for a long time, and I confided myself in him. We were good friends and I hope and think we're still friends today. If you hadn't asked that I wouldn't have said anything," Stone explained.

Stone told Picard he had known Gauthier from childhood and Gauthier was hard to handle. He told Picard it was possible he entered the notes concerning Gauthier's condition in the station log book one or two days after March 1, 1982.

Laporte is expected to take the stand when the trial resumes today.

Federation: Some small farmers could be wiped out

Milk quota battle boils over into courtroom, Blais says he'll stand and fight

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — A Superior Court fight over milk production quotas by six area dairy farmers is at the centre of a controversy between the *Fédération des producteurs de lait* and the local *Union des producteurs agricoles* (UPA).

Jacques Blais, president of the Sherbrooke branch of the UPA and five other local dairy farmers are taking their challenge against the legality of milk quotas to the Superior Court. "Right now there are two prices and two different ways of paying," said Blais. "This makes too many disparities for farmers."

Dairy producers sell their milk through two dairy pools.

Milk quotas are divided into fluid milk, the milk we drink, and industrial milk, the milk we eat in dairy products such as butter, cheese and yogurt.

Farmers who produce "fluid" milk for consumption get higher prices for their product than those who sell "industrial" milk for processing.

SIX IN SUIT

Blais, of La Patrie, along with Roger Couture, Léonard Maheux and Jeannot Caron of Windsor, Jacques Dion of St-François-Xavier de Brompton and Réjean Théroux of Ste-Edwidge, are suing the dairy farmers' group *La Fédération des producteurs de lait* in the case. The *Fédération* is responsible for applying the quota system among dairy farmers.

The *Régie des Marchés Agricoles du Québec*, (the provincial farm-products marketing board) and the Quebec government are also named in the suit. Blais said this is because they should be the federation's watchdog.

The six farmers are seeking a single category of milk and the same price for everyone.

"Its all the same milk, managed by the same organization, and there should be a way for people to be paid equally," Blais said.

SMALL FARMERS THREATENED

Fédération president Roger Daoust says he would prefer to solve the dispute within the union.

One federation official also warned that if a single category and price were established it could mean dozens of small farmers who do not meet the quality standards for fresh milk could go out of business.

According to recent *Fédération* figures, milk producers who are part of Pool 1 — fluid milk — get $51.30 per 100 litres of milk. Producers for Pool 2 — industrial milk — get $40.92 per 100 litres of milk.

Prices for fluid milk are set by the *Régie des Marches Agricoles*. Prices for industrial milk are set by the Canadian dairy commission.

The figures were part of a study dated February 11, 1988 on the impact of a single price for milk in the Sherbrooke area.

STATISTICS

The study revealed that 112 farmers selling 50 per cent or more of their milk in Pool 1 produced 11,056 kilos of milk. Another 73 farms which sold between 30 and 50 per cent of their milk to pool 1 produced 11,000 kilos of milk.

Meanwhile 587 dairy farmers who sell less than 30 per cent of their milk to Pool 1 produce 545,000 kilos of milk. The remaining 546 dairy farmers do not sell any milk to Pool 1. They produce 300,000 kilos of milk.

Farmers who sell to Pool 2 get subsidies from the federal dairy board of $6.03 per 100 litres but they also pay "guarantee of payment" fees of $4.17 to insure the sale of 100 per cent of their quota.

The study determined that if one single category of milk were created the price per 100 litres would be $44.72.

The economic impact of that would be felt mostly by the 112 producers who are selling 50 per cent or more of their milk to Pool 1. They would lose 2.92 per 100 litre.

The winners would be the 546 farms who sell only to Pool 2 who would see their price per 100 litres rise $1.94, if they meet the quality standars required for fluid milk.

PROTEST MARCH

Last month Blais came under fire by 200 angry farmers who marched on the Rock Forest UPA office to protest Blais' use of $10,000 of union funds in the private court case. They accused him of destroying the union and of using union funds for his own ends.

A UPA information meeting last Friday attracted 500 Sherbrooke-area dairy farmers who didn't mince words as they loudly debated the dairy quota issue. Blais later estimated that about 50 per cent of the farmers at the meeting are behind him on this issue.

But Blais said he already has a mandate to go ahead on the issue after 80 per cent of union members at last year's general meeting approved a resolution to solve the milk quota problem.

"We have been discussing doing something about milk quotas for 15 years without support from the (provincial) UPA," Blais said. "Now is the time to act."

"We don't want to destroy the system," Blais said at last Friday's raucous meeting. "We want to improve it."

The case is expected to reappear in the courts in May.

CHARMES, SPA, Townshippers get lucky

Charest brings employment chequebook to town: 109 temporary jobs

Jean Charest... 'Priority on all environmental projects.'

By Melanie Gruer

SHERBROOKE — More than 109 people have new jobs thanks to government grants to 50 projects in the Eastern Townships, Sherbrooke MP Jean Charest announced Monday.

Under the federal employment development program the government has awarded a total of $1.2 million to create 109 jobs in the public and private sector.

Charest said most of those jobs are in culture and environment-related fields.

The Sherbrooke-based *Comité d'hygiene et amenagement des rivières Magog et St. François* (CHARMES) received the largest grant at $117,600. The non-profit organization will use its money for a publicity campaign to educate the public on environmental protection.

PRIORITY

Charest said grants to environmental groups like CHARMES "reflect the government's priority on all environmental projects."

"Investing in the environment is important to us," Charest said. While deciding where the grants should go, the government decided to concentrate on environmental matters because it is a priority, the MP said.

"And CHARMES is an organization that works well."

A total of four Sherbrooke-area environmental projects benefited from the grants. Ten arts-related projects got grants.

Charest said the majority of grants went to the two fields because of the government's emphasis on environmental concerns and because the arts is a labor intensive field. "Culture, in the Townships, is like the rest of Canada. It creates a lot of jobs."

ARTS HAS JOBS

Charest said that during the 1982 recession, while many people were out of work there were many employment opportunities in the arts.

The *Société protectrice des animaux de l'Estrie* (SPA) received a $10,600 grant. SPA director Paulina Grant said the money will enable the animal shelter to hire an employee to means of self-financing for the shelter.

"We'll hire someone with the skills needed to look at financing means we've neglected," she said.

"We've also hired a person to be an educator or goodwill ambassador. She meets with children at schools to prmote humane education."

"It's a program developed by our society that is unique in Canada," Grant said. "By June she estimates she will have met with 12,000 kids."

The SPA has also hired a adoption councillor to give people adopting pets a little healthy advice, Grant said.

TOWNSHIPPERS

The Townshippers Association also received a grant under the job creation program. Townshippers executive director William Floch said the English-speaking people's-rights group have used the $7,600 grant to hire a temporary worker with computer skills.

"She'll do the processing of returns for our fundraising campaign," Floch said. "We're quite pleased to have her."

MP and Minister of State for Youth Charest also said the deadline for applying for Challenge '88 grants has been extended until March 4. Charest said the purpose of the Challenge grants to hire students as summer employees, was to create a job that did not previously exist. "And it has to be a job that offers training for the student."

Last year the Challenge '87 program gave 140 million Canadian students jobs, Charest said. He estimated 35 million of those jobs were created in Quebec.

Plan for old folks' home sparks zoning debate: 'Is Ayer's Cliff on Earth?

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ty" zone. That means residences with a maximum of 30 rooms could be built in the area, town lawyer Michel Poirier explained.

Homeowner Lazard Allard said residents voted against a similar project last year and want to know why the proposal is being reintroduced.

Poirier explained that last year's referendum was on a combination of industrial development, a home for the elderly and a condominium project.

'WE DIDN'T KNOW'

"We didn't know what people were voting against," Poirier said.

This year the town council will hold seperate referendums for the home for the elderly, industrial zoning, and the condominium project.

Mayor Hayward said this will give town council a better idea of what residents want. Only people living in the affected areas will be able to vote in any given referendum.

Hugh Damak thinks Ayer's Cliff residents have to defend themselves against both council and promoters. "When is the mayor going to start listening to us rather than the promoters?" he said.

Hayward said town council cannot impose anything on the village. "All we can do is support the project, but the residents will decide."

ECONOMIC BOOST

"The development would be an economic boost for Ayer's Cliff," Hayward said. And that, he said, is in the town's best interest.

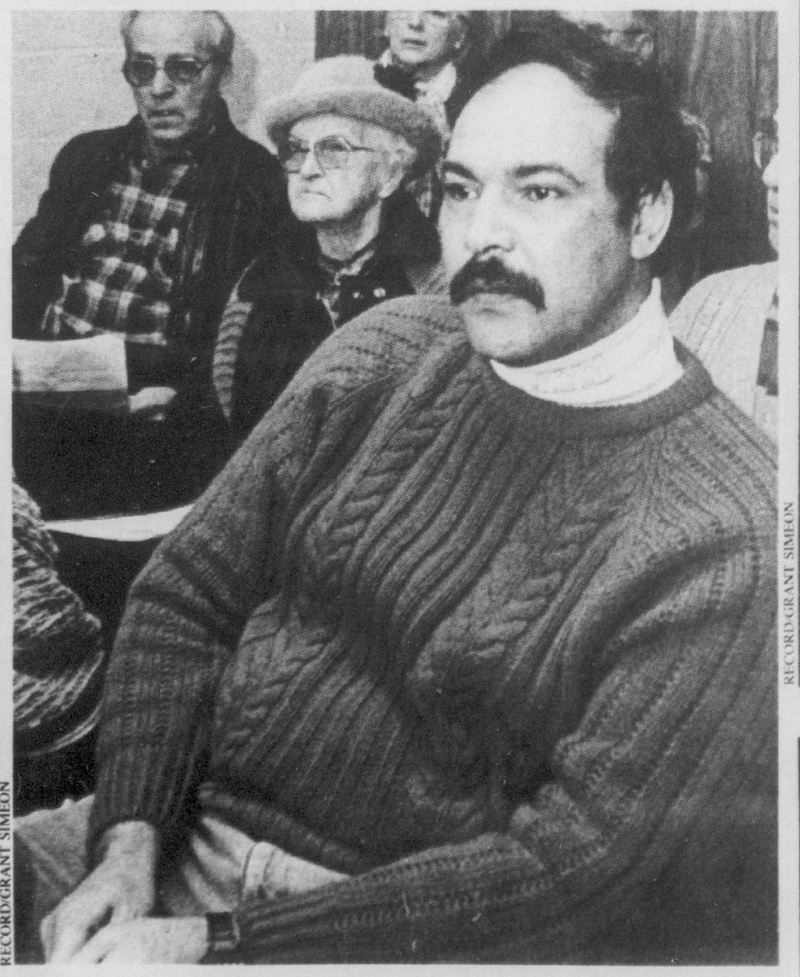
Then it was Vanasse's turn to speak. "Is Ayer's Cliff on earth?" he asked.

"There are old folks' homes everywhere else," Vanasse said. "What do you have against old people's homes? It will be a residential zone with old people who are residents just like you."

"We are not against old people," Damak replied. "We are against any changes in zone 54 (the area in question) for any project, either condos, old folks' homes or industrial development," he said.

A date for the zone 54 referendum has not been set.

Zoning changes in Ayer's Cliff have been separated to see which ones residents want, say Mayor George Hayward and lawyer Michel Poirier.



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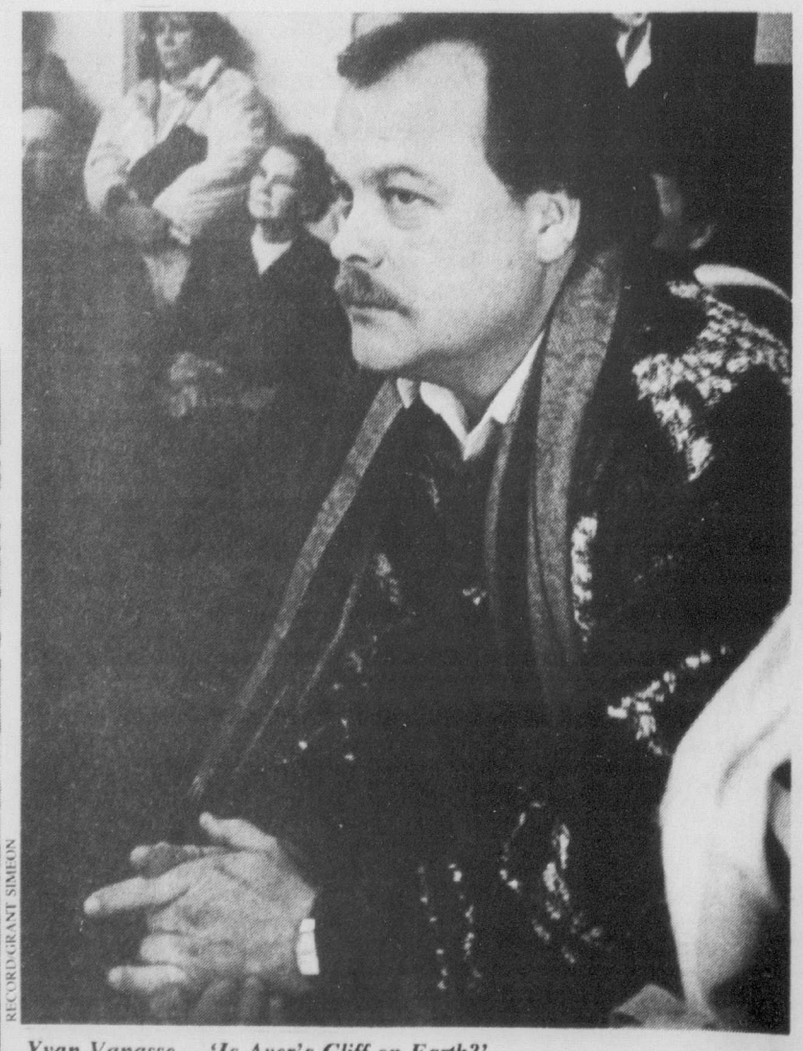
Hugh Damak... 'When is the mayor going to start listening?'



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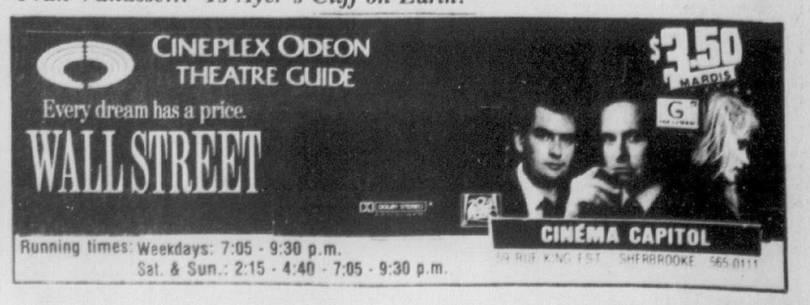

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Editorial

Let's work on a solution together

It's good to see the Ontario government taking steps to actually care for AIDS patients in a dignified way in Canada. Now it's Quebec's turn.

The long-awaited Casey House in Toronto opens to its first patients Wednesday. Let's hope the opening also ushers in a new, more conscientious era of understanding towards AIDS victims in this country.

The hospice for victims of aquired immune deficiency syndrome won't be a treatment centre as much as a comfortable hostel in which to quietly await death. Still, Toronto's Casey House should be a model for the rest of the country which generally neglects unfortunate victims who not only have to face an unavoidable AIDS-related death but must cope with being shunned from society.

No innocent human being should be subject to a lonely, humiliating death like those who have already succumbed to the deadly disease of the '80s. Thanks to Casey House, at least some sufferers will experience a comfortable ending — one where they still feel welcome in society.

More money, of course, should be filtered into AIDS research. That goes without saying. But something should also be done about changing the attitude of Canadians from one of fear and resentment towards AIDS patients to one of sympathy. The new haven in Toronto is at least a start.

But it's shamefull that after all the publicity AIDS has received the last few years, and after more than 800 people have died in Canada from the disease — spread through bodily fluids uncluding blood and semen — that Ontario is the only provincial government so far to help its citizens in this way.

We've come a long way from the initial panic and cries for banishing AIDS victims to far-off islands when the deadly disease first started spreading rapidly as little as two years ago.

But we can't stop now. Quebec should create its own Casey House. In fact, Quebec should lead other provinces with increased research spending. The stigma attached to AIDS will be as hard to wipeout as breaking down a brick wall with a hammer. But the sooner it's done, the sooner we can get on to protecting our fellow human beings.

CRAIG PEARSON

Ontario wants trumpeter swans back

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario naturalists have launched an attempt to bring back the trumpeter swan, driven out of eastern Canada 100 years ago by overzealous hunters.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has been trying for two years to reintroduce the largest member of the swan family by placing its eggs in the nests of mute swans along Lake Ontario.

However, the program has been plagued with poor hatching and an egg shortage. Only five young trumpeter swans hatched in the past two summers survived.

But a co-operative program this summer between the ministry, the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre near Midland, Ont., and two volunteer families may ensure a steady supply of eggs for mute swan nests.

Trumpeter swans will be raised in captivity at Wye Marsh and at the farms of the two families, who live near Port Perry and Cambridge, Ont.

To further bolster the repopulation effort, four trumpeter swans from Western Canada were released directly into the wild Friday. They were set free in the marshes at Long Point on Lake Erie, where they are expected to live without migrating because of the area's moderate climate.

Harry Lumsden, a research biologist with the ministry, said scientists hope the swans' release and the hatching program will lead to an Eastern Canadian breeding population within the next nine years.

KILLED OFF

The last trumpeter swans in eastern North America were killed or migrated west in the 1880s.

The birds were hunted almost to extinction for their skins, which were dried with the down attached and used to make powder puffs. Larger feathers were used for quill pens.

"The Indians were unable to kill many of the swans with bows and arrows, but with the arrival of guns supplied by the Europeans, the trumpeter swans were hunted out of Eastern Canada," Lumsden said. "Now, about 600 trumpeter swans live in British Columbia and Alberta."

The captive swans at Wye Marsh will be allowed to raise young birds that will eventually be freed, he said.

The wildlife centre has raised $22,000 through donations for the reintroduction program and is trying to find a compatible pair of swans.

"We've been planning for them for more than a year," said executive director Robert Whittam. "There's a lot involved in finding the birds, preparing a compound for them and looking after them year-round, but we're really looking forward to them coming."

The marsh was historically an important swan nesting ground, Lumsden said.

Hundreds of trumpeter swan bones have been found at the nearby 17th-century French mission of Ste. Marie Among the Hurons.

LOSE UMBRELLAS

Approximately 25,200 umbrellas are lost each year on London buses and subways.

LOTS OF CATS

Australia has the world's highest per-capita cat population: one cat for every person.

Letters *Decision to acquire nuclear-powered subs disturbing*

An open letter to
Jean Charest, MP
Sherbrooke

Dear Mr. Charest,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Citizens For Nuclear Responsibility about our opposition to the purchase of nuclear submarines. We are a group of voters concerned about the arms race. We support legal and peaceful means to prevent nuclear war.

As you know in June last year the government published the Defence White Paper (*Challenge And Commitment, A Defence Policy For Canada*) in which the government proposed to purchase nuclear submarines.

We found the government's decision, to acquire a fleet of nuclear-powered attack submarines, most disturbing. The main topic of discussion appears to be which sub to buy: British or French.

We agree with the journalist Gwynne Dyer, an expert on the nuclear arms race, who spoke recently at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, that seeking out Soviet strategic submarines is not a traditional NATO strategy. It is the centrepiece of a relatively recent U.S. Navy doctrine the so-called "Foreward Maritime Strategy" which, in times of crisis, would increase the risk of nuclear war.

Furthermore, in obtaining the nuclear weapons-grade nuclear material needed to fuel the subs, we will become the first non-nuclear weapon state to use highly enriched uranium for military purposes. This will seriously undermine Canada's credibility in the international effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

A study by the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament estimates the cost of the subs at $8 billion as opposed to the government's estimate of $5 billion. Others reckon the total package as close to $12 billion. We believe that this wild spending of our tax money will have a very detrimental effect on our economy.

Recognizing the challenge posed to Canada security and sovereignty arising from developments in the waters and in the airspace of the Canadian Arctic, we respectfully request that the government:

1. Oppose the further militarization of the Canadian Arctic, which would include opposing the establishment of a joint Canadian-American continental naval defence accord. Worthy of support is the recommendation of the special Joint Committee on Canada's International Relations that: "Canada, in cooperation with other Arctic and Nordic nations seek the demilitarization of the region." It is particularly important at this time that we not only assess the full range of viable arms control options, but that a serious attempt be made to implement non-military security measures prior to the acquisition of new military technology. The deployment of nuclear-powered submarines would be ineffective in countering any security threat arising from the region;

2. Declare the Canadian Arctic a nuclear free zone. We could enhance strategic stability and international confidence by creating a nuclear-free "buffer" zone between the opposing forcesin the region. Having identified and established a straight baseline across the perimeter of the Canadian Arctic, Canada is well positioned to seek international support for the creation of a Canadian nuclear weapons free corridor;

3. Commit itself to the development of an International Satellite Monitoring Agency (ISMA) under the auspices of the United Nations in order to verify disarmament measures. In addition we could provide sea and aerospace surveillance of the Arctic region with a Canadian Satellite and Sonar Monitoring Agency. Such an agency could be linked to ISMA and could play a key role in promoting Canadian security within the context of international or common security.

4. Patrol the Canadian Arctic and the nuclear free zone with an upgraded Canadian Coast Guard.

There is reason to believe that the Canadian government could implement the proposals outlined above with the support of the vast majority of Canadians. These initiatives would be regarded by Canadians as following in our tradition of commitment to peacekeeping and to arms control vertification. As they would enhance international security and strengthen Canadian claims to security in the Arctic, these initiatives are worthy of the Government's consideration. Moreover, this innovative approach would likely be seen by other states as providing a model of independent arms control and confidence building that might be emulated to resolve conflicts in other regions.

We trust that you share our concerns and we ask you as our member of Parliament, to intervene with the prime minister and the minister of defence to inform them of our concerns and to urge the cabinet not to purchase nuclear-powered attack submarines. We thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Yours respectfully,
MARGARET MEDLAND
Lennoxville

We want and need our babies

An open letter to
Madame Gagnon Tremblay,
MNA for St-François

Re your recent visit to Sherbrooke. Why not put your energy and our taxes to something more constructive than to the destruction of the human race?

Among the groups of women to whom you cater, surely there must be some who still have a bit of "the milk of human kindness" in their veins and who will not tolerate that abortion may be more easily obtained in the Eastern Townships.

We want and we need our babies Madame Minister. Do you not know that there is a commandment which says "Thou shalt not Kill"?

Congratulations to the two judges of the Supreme Court of Canada who had the courage to stand by their connections in defence of the innocent victims.

It is to be hoped that our budding doctors will not be brainwashed into believing that abortion is part of health care and like "Judas" accept the "thirty pieces of silver" for the innocent life in its mother womb.

KATHLEEN MURRAY
Lennoxville

Glick took gold in an overlooked Olympic event

Now that Calgary's population has dropped back to normal and the airlines have lost their last Olympic bound suitcase, we should take a moment to discuss some of the performances that we didn't see. The winter Olympics are not just skating, bobsledding, hockey and sliding down hills. There are hundreds of people who's finest performances went undetected and for whom the judges never held up their score cards.

Fred Glick was awarded a gold medal last night for the Stadium Popcorn Toss. At the beginning of the second period of intermission during the hockey game between Finland and Russia, Fred tossed a full package of popcorn 176 meters to a waiting customer in aisle G. This toss broke his own record of 174 meters and established a new Olympic Popcorn Record. The silver was awarded to G. Ralph Mert for tossing a hotdog 136 meters. The bronze went to Mr. Mert's son who tossed the bun only 135 meters.

In the Sand Scraping Competition at the top of the bobsled run. The gold was awarded to John Brook for 18 pounds six ounces in seven minutes. Silver to Max Field for seven litres. The bronze was also awarded to John Brook for he scraped a lot on his second try.

Slalom Pole Repair was won by a team of seven workers who scored a perfect seven. The judges were unanimous in their marks for this team that featured one man digging, one man chopping, one man holding the new pole, and four men waving to the crowd. The silver and bronze medals were not awarded as they could not be found before the presentation.

The Figure Skating Judging Awards were made following the pairs competition. The Italian judge got the gold for marking all the skaters at 5.4. The Russian judge received the silver for awarding perfect scores only to skaters under 5'4. The Canadian judge got the bronze medal, and tarred and feathered.

The gold medal for the Silliest Comment By A Broadcaster went to the interviewer who asked Brian Orser how he liked his marks. The silver was awarded to the man who asked Eddie the Eagle if he any thoughts of winning. The bronze went to Johnny Esaw for his years of competing for this award and for every other thing he said over the entire 15 days. The runner-up in this category was the announcer who spent at least 10 minutes talking to the drunks at the Australian pub even though their sound was not working.

The Good Sport of the Week gold went to the American lady skater who was clearly seen to say S--- after watching her competition skate. The silver medal went to the Canadian girl skier who was clearly seen to say F--- after she was disqualified in the slalom. The bronze went to the Canadian men's ski team for comments made when they discovered their ski suits weren't approved. Runner-up, and

Where the pavement ends

JIM LAWRENCE

tied perhaps, was the Finnish goalie who said many things when the Canadian team had his mask disallowed — which resulted in a two minute penalty.

One of the most popular events was the Uninterruped Olympic Television Watching Marathon. The gold was won by bug-eyed Billy Baxtrom, an unemployed aluminium bleacher in Moncton who watched all the events live and then again on VCR tape, hoping the Canadian hockey team could win if they had a second chance. The silver was won by Little Debbie Dorn, a six-day-old baby in the Sherbrooke Hospital, whose basinette was mistakenly left under a television set in the lobby. The bronze was captured by a team of eight boy scouts who watched every minute, including the opening and closing ceremonies, in shifts.

The gold medal for painting "Calgary Sucks" on washroom walls, was captured by an unidentified man who was mugged at the airport and went home immediately. The silver was presented to the mayor of Toronto, who spent most of his time walking around talking about the CN Tower. The bronze medal was mistakenly slipped into a condom dispensing machine by a near-sighted judge who thought it was a "looney".

Other fantastic performances that should be mentioned include: the Zamboni operator who ran over and killed four speed skaters, the fast moving team of shovellers who worked out following the rodeo events, the policeman who gave Otto Jelinek a parking ticket, the beer drinker who was outstanding in the 100 yard Urinal Dash and of course the Alberta dairy farmer who was outstanding in his field.

Highlight of the entire extravaganza was the gold medal performance in flag raising by a team of Canadian cadets. Only in Canada, at the closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games, watched by countless millions of people around the world, during the playing of the national anthem, could something as simple as a flag pole refuse to work. This of course gave birth to the slogan... "Come to Canada, where they can't get it up!"

P.S. — for those who hoped I had been eaten by a gigantic venus flytrap, tough luck. I was regurgitated immediately the plant recognized my flavour — I can only assume it was looking for a columnist that tasted good, not one with good taste.

Farm and Business

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Local consulting firm gets subsidy

By Rossana Coriandoli

SHERBROOKE — After only one year and a half of existance, Thibeault Experts-Conseils inc., the province's only francophone engineering firm in its field has landed a $50 750 government subsidy.

Quebec external trade minister, Pierre MacDonald awarded Thibeault Experts the money as part of a program to encourage employment in the scientific field.

Thibeault Experts specializes mostly in the modification and enlargement of pulp and paper industries, chemical plants and textile manufactures.

Thanks to the subsidy, the first since the firm's inception, the company was able to hire chemical engineer Joseph Mario Moffat as chief of operations.

The company has also been able to open two new departments, structure and bio-chemistry, and more recently a business office in downtown Montreal, which the company shares with another firm.

But Jacques Thibeault, company director and founder, says that although the company needs their office in Montreal he does not expect to move there, and says he does not want to, either.

"It's easier to find competent staff in Montreal, in this area the number of skilled people is very low," Thibeault said.

Thibeault, a mecanical engineer, said he began the company alone, and presently employs from eight to ten people.

He has already finished several major projects, among them the conception, design and construction of pipe and tube works for Cascades, in Port-Cartier.

The company has also worked on part of the pipe and tube works at a pulp processing plant in Alberta.

Thibeault is now hoping for another subsidy from the provincial government, as part of the governments aid to small business.

Most of the firm's competition comes from Montreal and Vancouver. There is no competition in his field in the Townships, Thibeault said.

"As for francophone companies in this field, there are none at all," Thibeault said.

Product standards regulations will complicate free trade deal

By Mario Possamai
CP Business Editor

TORONTO (CP) — For a lesson in free trade, consider toothpaste.

If sold in the United States, it's sweetened with saccharin. In Canada, cyclamates are used since federal rules prohibit saccharin in toothpaste.

At first blush, this may not appear significant, but it will be important if, as widely expected, the Canada-U.S. free trade deal takes effect next January.

As tariffs are eliminated, an American firm couldn't just extend its production line to supply the market north of the border. Toothpaste would still have to meet Canadian product standards.

"Regulations affecting the standards, quality, formula or whatever of products — those regulations will tend to work against easy movement of product from one side of the border to the other," says Barry Pipes, manager of external affairs at Procter and Gamble, the Toronto-based producer of Crest toothpaste.

Toothpaste isn't the only product affected.

"These obstacles are most obvious in packaged products, consumer products, what people buy in grocery stores and drug stores," says Pipes.

And this has broad implications for Canadian firms gearing up for free trade, suggests Joe Buckley, a consultant with Woods Gordon in Toronto.

Companies should not look solely at the elimination of protective tariffs in assessing their prospects under free trade, he advises.

Other factors — including packaging and product standards regulations — will also play important roles in determining how competitive Canadian companies are.

MISLEADING VIEWS

"What might be good for one company in an industry might not be as good for another company in the same industry," he says. "The impacts are going to vary with each and every company."

A case in point is the Canadian subsidiary of an American consumer-products firm.

Without tariffs on imports, Canadian executives feared that many of the goods made at their operation could be produced much more cheaply by the parent firm.

Yet, a Woods Gordon study concluded that the Canadian company, which wasn't identified, could hold its own well into the 1990s.

A detailed analysis indicated that the unit cost of one product made at the U.S. plant was 20 per cent lower than in Canada, after adjusting for the difference in exchange rates. The tariff on this product is 17.5 per cent.

But packaging and quality differences reduced the gap to 12 per cent from 20 per cent.

What kinds of factors were involved?

For one thing, Canada's bilingual packaging rules remain in effect under free trade.

SOME COMPLAINTS

"There's already been a few complaints from packagers of consumer products in the U.S.," he says. "They're regarding that as a non-tariff barrier."

But that's not all.

"There's weights and measures," he notes. "You've got the metric situation as against the imperial or even the U.S. pound."

Noting that many consumer goods are made in machines with pre-set measurements, Buckley says: "They're either going to have to make those machines adjustable (if a firm wants to service both markets) or put in a new machine in metric measures."

Weights and measures are certainly an important consideration in the toothpaste business.

"The biggest-selling size of toothpaste for any manufacturer in Canada is the 100 millilitre size," adds Procter and Gamble's Pipes. "I doubt if Americans know what millilitres are."

FURTHER CUTS

As well, transportation costs cut the difference between Canadian and American unit costs in the surveyed product by a further five percentage points, reducing the overall gap to seven per cent, Woods Gordon found.

Although the tariff on this product would be phased out over 10 years, U.S. production costs would begin to be cheaper than those in Canada much earlier — starting in 1994.

But there's another factor in the Canadian firm's favor.

"Just to stay competitive in the Canadian market (until 1994), there was going to be a requirement to make some substantial capital investments in technology," says Buckley.

The new investment would reduce the cost of production at the Canadian operaton, narrowing the gap with U.S. plants. And it would have to be made within two years — long before 1994 when tariff reductions would make it feasible to make the products in the United States.

By improving productivity and keeping costs more in line with those in the parent's operations, the new investment would push the date when the Canadian firm stopped being competitive — what's known as the tariff cross-over point — further into the future.

"Once that investment was made, that moved the tariff cross-over point beyond the year 2000," he says.

"All indications are that for that combination of reasons, those branch plants, at least, are going to remain in operation."

As Canadian companies prepare for free trade, Buckley suggests they should concentrate on their particular situation.

"Because you're in the textile industry or the furniture industry or whatever kind of industry, don't get trapped in the media rut, saying that blanket statements like textiles are going down the tubes," he says.

"It's a company-by-company response that's going to make or break the thing."

Controversy over farm debt review boards will continue

By Alex Binkley
The Canadian Press

The controversy about farm debt review boards will likely continue for as long as they are in business. And they appear to have years of work before them.

The boards were created in 1986 to assist farmers who faced foreclosure because they had fallen deeply in debt, or who wanted to get their debts reduced while they still had a chance to remain in farming.

Up to 50,000 farmers are struggling to stay in business and many of them may eventually call upon the review boards for help. The government has decided to keep the boards going until at least 1991.

Creditors who want to start a foreclosure against a farmer must advise him that he can apply to a review board — there's at least one in every province — for assistance in mediating a settlement.

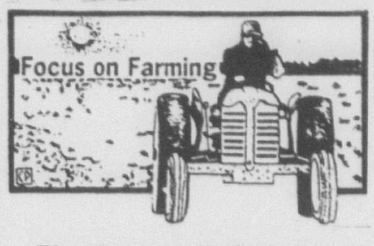
The boards have received 5,336 applications for help since they were established and will likely hear from another 4,000 producers this year, says Ken Ash of the federal Agriculture Department.

Saskatchewan has seen the greatest number of applications with 1,799, while Ontario has had 1,196 and there have been 862 from Quebec.

CAN'T CUT DEBT

Some farm groups have long attacked the boards because they can only serve as a mediator between farmers and creditors and cannot order a writedown of a farmer's debts.

And through much of 1987, the boards were under criticism because few of the deals they had worked out between farmers and creditors had actually become signed legal agreements.



The Ontario Federation of Agriculture still wants the boards to be given the power to impose settlements because they now aren't strong enough to help farmers negotiate with bankers.

Spokesman Doug Garniss says the federation has become so frustrated it may withdraw its support for the boards.

But Garf Stevenson, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, said in an interview that "while it is hard to get a feel about how the boards are doing, I've not heard a lot of criticism about them."

ONLY MEDIATE

Stevenson said he has seen little opposition to the boards' having only a mediation role.

The real solution lies with a strong recovery in farm prices, said Stevenson. "We would need a doubling of present grain prices to see any real help to farmers."

Doug Neil, a former Conservative MP who now heads the Saskatchewan board, says it would be a mistake to give the boards the power to order debt reductions.

Neil played a major role in derailing an attempt in 1983 by former Liberal MP Ralph Ferguson to revive the Farmers-Creditors Arrangements Act, a Depression-era law that allowed a producer facing bankruptcy to seek a court-ordered cut in his debt load.

Such authority would drive the banks and other financial institutions out of farm lending, Neil said at the time. Nothing he has seen since has changed his mind.

SOME MONEY LEFT

Ash says the boards have been able to complete 3,101 of the applications received and produce arrangements in 1,600 cases. About 20 per cent of these are so-called exit packages designed to get the farmer out of his business with some money left over.

Of the rest of the cases, the board either couldn't work out an arrangement between the farmer and creditors or the applicants withdrew their request or had it rejected because they didn't qualify.

While only 1,061 of the arrangements have become signed legal agreements, many of the remainder will likely be signed during the next few months.

Ash said it can take up to the four months provided by the law to work out an agreement between a farmer and creditors, and up to four months more to get all the details straightened out so the agreement can be signed.

"Once we get a solution, the farmer and the creditors may want to get legal advice before they sign anything, and creditors may want to refer any deals back to their supervisors. There could even be some counter-proposals."

Ash said about 18 per cent of those who apply to the boards are more than $100,000 in the hole, while 27 per cent are up to $100,000 in the red. About a third of the applicants have between zero and $100,000 in equity left in their farms.

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Magog awards thank library's supporters

MAGOG (LS) — A baker's dozen of local personalities had their moment in the spotlight last February 5th, when they were awarded *Célébrations 88* certificates during a break in the hockey game at the arena.

The federal government created the Celebration awards to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the development of sports or cultural activities in their communities. The awards are designed to coincide with the winter Olympic games.

For Kathleen Milne, president of the Memphremagog Library's board of directors, the award was really not for her, but for everyone who works to keep the library going.

"It's a thank-you from the community to all the people who have worked for its success all these years," she said.

Lloyd Styan, a member of the Magog Social and Curling Club, also belittled his own accomplishments. "I'm just an old-time curler trying to get some exercise," he said.

Styan has been always been involved in sports such as boxing, hockey and curling and has worked to promote sports among young people.

Other winners were:
—minor hockey organization founder Gérald Lacasse,
—*Loisirs de Magog* founding member Gaston Charland,
—figure-skating promoter and founder of *Les Libellules* skating club, Pauline Bachand,
—softball coach Alain Duranleau, who led his team to the championship in the 1987 Quebec games,
—George Corbiere, a well-known sportsman in many disciplines, including baseball, tennis, curling and golf,
—Mount Orford downhill skiing pioneer Conrad Gaucher,
—Pee-Wee Intercity coach Roger Garneau,
—Raymond Vachon, founding member of the Memphremagog Fish and Game Club,
—Fish and Game Club president Jean Dezainde,
—La Providence hospital volunteer Irène Jacques,
—Atom Pee-Wee tournament founder Lucien Therrien.

These people were the recipients of the Celebration 88 awards last February 5th. The awards, created by the federal government to honor those who made outstanding contributions to the development of sports and cultural activities in their communities.

Manic depressives and their families get help

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — For Gail Chaulk, it was a 14-year journey into hell. But now she's back.

During those years of anger and confusion, she struggled desperately to understand her husband's wild mood swings. Neither Chaulk nor her husband — no one — knew he was a manic-depressive.

Today, Chaulk is trying to help others avoid what she went through. Last summer, two years after her husband was correctly diagnosed, she formed a self-help group for families and sufferers of manic-depression.

She was intent on helping "just one person.

"I thought if I could do that, then there's one person less in the world who has to go through the hell I went through all those years," says the mother of two. "I just didn't want other people to have to go through all that."

Wayne Chaulk was hospitalized twice for severe depression during the couple's first 14 years of marriage. Many other times he was so ill, Gail Chaulk was left alone to raise their children, now in their teens, and explain to them that their father's illness was not their fault.

WORK NON-STOP

There were periods when he would not get out of bed and others when he would stay up for days working non-stop. He would not say good-bye to his children when they left for school in the morning and he would be in bed when they got home in the afternoon.

"I would come home from work, get supper and then visit him at the hospital and that was my life," she recalled recently. "There was nobody to give me a break."

Wayne Chaulk is now on medication to counter the mood swings. His wife says the difference is like night and day, and for the first time in a long while her husband is getting up in the morning and going to bed at night.

Her self-help group meets monthly in a church rectory, drawing more than 20 people from every walk of life since beginning in July. Chaulk gives advice on coping with manic-depression, but mostly she just listens.

She says most people find the chance to talk for an hour or so about what is bothering them a big help. Many families and friends of a sufferer come to try to understand why the sick person is the way he is.

CHILDREN HURT

"Many people don't have the information I had and they wouldn't know what was going on," Chaulk says. "The children could grow up thinking, 'My daddy never liked me.'"

The former nurse says mental illness is particularly difficult for families to deal with because it's not visible, like a broken leg.

Sometimes it is difficult for family members to accept that someone who is mentally ill is still a person, says Chaulk. One man in the group told her that members of his wife's family would ignore him whenever they visited his home because they thought he was crazy.

Chaulk, who brings a big box of tissues to every meeting, urges manic-depressives to stay on their medication and seek a sympathetic psychiatrist.

"If you go to a psychiatrist's office and you can't cry or swear or throw things through the window, then your psychiatrist is no good and you'd better go somewhere else," she says.

Feel like splurging? Bake a cheesecake

Kay's kitchen korner

BY KAY TAYLOR

For a special occasion or when you feel like splurging — why not choose a cheesecake? (If you are penny counting - don't). Among my numerous clippings here are two recipes that look super (I admit to not having made myself). The first one calls for pineapple-packed in syrup or its own juice. It also allows for an extra ½ package of gelatine for summer time. If made in the heat of summer or if being used for buffet service that is the answer.

Pineapple Cheesecake

6 tablespoons butter, melted
1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
6 tablespoons granulated sugar

Combine these ingredients and reserve one quarter for the topping. Press the remainder on bottom and sides of a buttered 9-inch springform pan. Chill.

Filling:

1 (9 oz.) can crushed pineapple packed in its juice (or syrup)
1 or 1½ tablespoons unflavoured gelatine (see note above)
⅔ cups granulated sugar
3 eggs separated
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons lemon juice
12 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup whipping cream

Drain pineapple; measure syrup and add if necessary enough water to make 1 cup. Pour into top of double boiler and sprinkle gelatine and salt over top. Beat egg yolks slightly and stir in; cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

Combine vanilla, lemon juice and cream cheese in a large bowl. Gradually stir in the gelatine mixture and blend till smooth. Chill until thick but not set. Beat egg whites stiff and fold in along with pineapple and whipped cream. Pour into crumb lined pan, top with reserved crumbs and chill overnight.

Admitting most cheesecakes are expensive and sinfully high in calories this next recipe respects these points as far as possible.

Simple Cheesecake

1¼ cups graham cracker rumbs
¼ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup butter or margarine (softened)
1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 (19 oz.) can cherry pie filling or other fruit topping or filling

Mix first three ingredients, reserve four tablespoons and press remainder on the sides and bottom of 9-inch pie plate. (Tip-press with 8-inch pie plate.) Bake in 375°F oven until set (about 7 minutes).

Blend cheese and milk until smooth. Whip in lemon juice. Turn filling into crust and chill for three hours. Spread fruit on top: sprinkle with remaining crumbs and chill until ready to serve. This recipe was originated by a McGill chemistry student.

Other woman only sees charming side

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand another response to "No Dolly in Conn." who is the Other Women?

She knows only one side of the story. Here's the other side:

Almost always the wife has the responsibility of the children, the home, the dog, her job, and she is the central emotional prop of the entire family. As if this isn't enough, she has to put up with in-laws, her husband's obnoxious buddies and his character and personality flaws that he works overtime to conceal from others.

The Other Women has only herself and someone else's husband to think about. She sees only the charming and delightful side of him. What he is like when they rendezvous is a far cry from what he is like at home.

There is no legitimate excuse for a spouse to have an affair. Marriage is a partnership. Neither has the right to cheat on the other. If one feels abused or taken for granted, he or she should talk it over with the errant partner and work things out. — **A Faithful But Neglected Wife in Fort Dodge**

Dear Neglected: I'm sure you know the options that are open to you, but for reasons of your own you choose to hang in there. I'm not being critical, just making the point. Here's another view on the subject.

Dear Ann Landers: This message is to "No Dolly in Conn."

Dear No Dolly: So you fell for that line, too? Apparently, Other Woman never learns.

How do you know his wife is demanding, self-centered and inconsiderate, and that she is a miserable flop in both the kitchen and the bedroom? You know what he fells you, and he tells you what you want to hear. This enables him to keep things exactly the way he wants them.

I am one of those "lousy wives". He strung the Other Women along for three years, making her believe that he would be leaving me as soon as he could get a divorce and that they would live happily ever after. (This is the oldest line in the world.)

When I found out about her I tossed his belongings on the front lawn. He meekly brought them back inside. It has been four years and he has not mentioned her name since. I feel sorry for the woman. She got a rotten deal. — **No Gloater in N.C.**

Dear No Gloat: Stay tuned for the testimony of another sorority sister.

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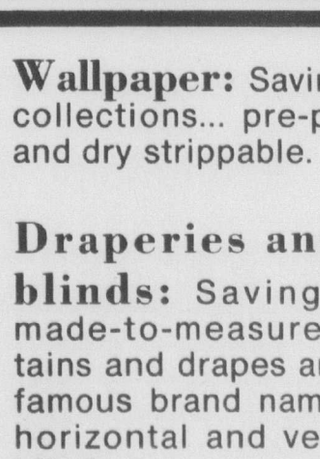

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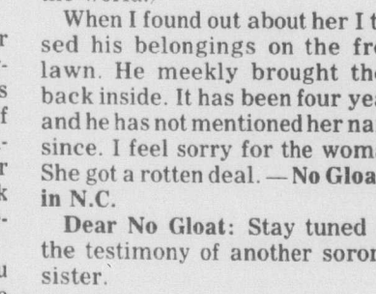

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United Church Women hold meetings around the Townships

SAWYERVILLE — The UCW met on Feb. 17 with 18 members present and the President Bonnie Fowler presiding. Devotions opened with the hymn Come Holy Spirit. Phyllis Smith read the scripture from John 14. Hilda Morrison gave a reading taken from the Observer ending in a prayer and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

The President welcomed the members, also a new member Alphia Lowry.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held in the Anglican Church.

Several letters were read, some thank-you notes, some asking for donations and one on Films. 13 cards were sent and 87 visits made.

A Workshop would be held in Magog Feb. 23 and some planned to attend.

Church in Society - Mrs. Phillips mentioned the Exchange Magazine, also the Observer is due and gave a reading by Ileana Burns which had been in a newsletter. The allocation to be sent. The Observer to be given to newlyweds.

Donations were made to help students going to Germany, also for the class trip of Grades 5 and 6 of the school here in May.

The Snow Shoe Club choir are to come here on April 17.

Our guests had arrived and Bonnie welcomed them. Hilda Morrison introduced the guest speaker Vera Todd who spoke on her recent trip to Nairobi and Kenya telling of the country, land, people and the many kinds of animals to be seen there, which was very interesting. She was thanked by the President on behalf of all and presented with a gift.

Supper was served by the hostesses Bertha Smith, Ruth Statton and Rena Lassemba, assisted by others.

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KINNEAR'S MILLS — The members of the United Church Women gathered at the home of the President Alma Reid on Thursday, Feb. 11 for their regular meeting.

The president called the meeting to order and asked Beth-Anne Yando to lead in the devotions. She chose "Our Lenten Journey." Prayers and readings followed.

At noon two men folk joined the ladies for a delicious dinner and all enjoyed a social hour.

At 1:30 the President opened the business meeting by all repeating the UCW Purpose and prayer.

The business was carried out in usual form with the Secretary Joy reading the minutes and the Treasurer Audrey giving the report.

Several notes of thanks were read and CBIM magazine passed around. The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday March 4 in the Roman Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome.

After discussion it, was moved the Secretary write for information on church plates. Plants will be bought for te church on Easter Sunday.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned and Rev. Yando joined the ladies for a cup of tea and sweets before all returned to their homes.

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DANVILLE (JE) — The UCW meeting was held on February 10, with eleven members present. The President Dorothy Evans opened the meeting with the Purpose. Dora Dubois conducted the Worship service with a reading honoring "Valentine's Day". The scripture reading was from First Chronicles, Chapter sixteen, followed by prayer and the hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus".

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer gave a favourable bank balance.

Correspondence consisted of thank-you notes for flowers received while ill and a memorial donation to the Cancer Society.

Lunch had been served at the Golden Age Club and following two funerals.

A donation was received to purchase "Songs of the Gospel" and also music for the choir.

UCW pins have been received and if interested in buying one, please contact Evelyn Leet.

A rummage sale will be held on Friday, April 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction and lunch was served by the hostess Eleanor Besmargian.

Next meeting on Wednesday, March 9.

Obituaries

DONALD SHERRER
of Mansonville, Quebec

On February 3, 1988, Donald Sherrer passed away after a lengthy illness, at the B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville.

He leaves to mourn his loss, wife Norma Smith, son Marvin (wife Mable Hastings), daughter Lois (husband Reginald Landry), and two granddaughters, Donelda and Allison. Don had ten brothers and sisters, two of whom predeceased him.

Donald was born on September 9, 1917, son of Clinton and wife Ruby Young. He enjoyed his farm life and had a special interest in horses.

The funeral service was held in Mansonville United Church conducted by Baptist Pastor Walter Stairs. The eulogy given by the pastor was written by a friend and a special message was read by his daughter-in-law Mable.

The bearers were nephews of the deceased: Kenneth Sherrer, Randy Smith, Blaine and Bryon Sherrer, Ward Sherrer and Neil Smith.

Interment in Ruiter Brook Cemetery.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

MRS. VERA SMITH (Merrill)
(formerly of Richmond, Quebec)

Vera Smith of Vaudreuil (formerly of Richmond, Quebec) passed away at the Valleyfield Hospital on February 8, 1988 at age 66, after a long illness.

She was born in Compton, Quebec on March 29, 1921 and moved to Richmond at an early age. She married Sydney Smith on December 22, 1941, who predeceased her in 1963, survived by their six children, Albert of Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, Ken of Binbrook, Ontario, Olive (Mrs. Denis Robinson), Gadshill, Ontario, Florence of Pincourt, Quebec, Shirley (Mrs. Gerald Heathcote), Prescott, Ontario, Barbara (Mrs. Stanley Sargent), Greenfield Park, Quebec and fourteen grandchildren; one brother, Arthur Merrill (wife Jeanne D'Arc), Richmond, Quebec and sister-in-law, Dorothy Sloane, also of Richmond, brother-in-law, Harry Smith of Cookshire, also many nieces and nephews.

She was a lifetime member of the Richmond Hill Women's Institute.

The bearers were the grandsons, Michael Smith, Christopher Smith, Chuck Robinson, Greg Robinson, Marc Heathcote, Kevin Sargent.

Funeral service was held on February 10 at St. Anne's Church, Richmond. Interment in St. Anne's Cemetery.

MRS. ELWIN SARGENT
of Waterloo, Quebec

On Thursday, January 28, 1988, Rachel Courchesne, beloved wife of the late Elwin Sargent passed peacefully away at the Côté Nursing Home, South Bolton, Que.

Born in Glen Sutton, Que., on June 7, 1903, she was the daughter of Gilbert Courchesne and his wife Rosalie St. Laurent.

She was united in marriage to Elwin Sargent on October 5, 1935, and settled in Waterloo, Que., where Mr. Sargent was employed at the Atlas Plywood Plant for many years before his passing on June 24, 1976.

Rachel's funeral service was held on January 31 at the Chapel of Leo-Paul Ledoux with the Rev. Gayle Chouinard officiating. Burial will take place in the spring in Waterloo Cemetery.

She is survived by an only sister, Mrs. Irene Turgeon, West Brome, Que., and several nieces and nephews, also one sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Cushion, Rimbey, Alta. She was predeceased by three brothers, Louis, Ernest and Romeo Courchesne.

Although handicapped since birth she was able to carry out her household duties and became very efficient in making her fruit pies, with one always being on the table at the noonday meal. Lunches were much heartier than they are today.

May she rest in peace after living a good long life of helping others.

St. Paul's Guild and ACW hold joint meeting

BURY (NR) — The regular meeting of St. Paul's Guild and ACW was held in the Parish Hall with a good attendance of members and visitors, and was conducted by the president, Violet Ross (in spite of her broken ankle), Irene Fisher led in the devotions with others participating.

Correspondence included several thank-yous for remembrances. A sum of money was voted to the wardens to help with their expenses.

Plans were made for the lunch following the annual vestry meeting on Sunday, Feb. 7, also for the World Day of Prayer to be held in St. Paul's Church on Friday, March 4, and for an afternoon card party and casserole supper on March 14.

Audrey and Irene reported visiting St. Paul's Home in January.

A large quantity of articles were brought in to the sales table, i.e., blankets, cushions, placemat sets, aprons, etc., by members and others and a number of sales were made. A drawing was held with Fay Coleman's name the winner.

One new member, Helen Taylor, was welcomed to the group.

The meeting closed in prayer, followed by a hearty lunch of soup, sandwiches and cookies served by the hostesses, Helen Groom and Geraldine Murray.

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COWANSVILLE

"World Day of Prayer" service on Friday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Rose de Lima Church, Principale Street, Cowansville. Everyone welcome to the service and reception which follows.

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COWANSVILLE

Massey-Vanier High School, Cowansville, the office specialist students and staff are extending an invitation to an Open House on March 2 between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. There will be guided tours throughout one of the most modern automated simulation office set ups in Quebec Schools, demonstration methods of learning on the job, any further information with regard to the program, registration, etc. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

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PHILIPSBURG

Saturday evening, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Bedford Arena, the Pee-Wee hockey team, sponsored by Philipsburg Branch 82 of the Royal Canadian Legion, will play against the Prince Edward Island All Star Pee-Wee hockey team. This being the 20th year of this Cultural Exchange, following this game, the Old Timers (the original teams of 20 years ago) will match off against each other. Very moderate admission with students at half price. This should be an interesting evening.

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DANVILLE

"World Day of Prayer" service will be held at St. Augustine's Church, rue du Carmel in Danville, on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The theme is "Open Doors", an ecumenical bilingual service at which men, women and children are welcome.

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The following is the schedule for the New Born Care and Immunisation Clinic for the month of March.

ASBESTOS: On Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at the CLSC from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

DANVILLE: On Monday, March 7 at Centre Mgr Thibault from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ST-ADRIEN DE HAM: On Wednesday, March 23 at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ST-CAMILLE: On Wednesday, March 9 at Salle l'Equerre from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ST-GEORGES DE WINDSOR: On Wednesday, March 23 in the Church basement from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WOTTON: On Wednesday, March 9 at the Centre Communautaire (CLSC) from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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SHERBROOKE

Shamrock Salad Bar Tea and Sale of home-baking, handicrafts, etc., by the United Church Women, in Plymouth-Trinity Church Hall, 380 Dufferin Street, on Saturday, March 12 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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STANSTEAD

Pat Hurley and Dave Donnachie with "Music from Yesterday" will be at the Robertson White House on March 5 at 2:30 p.m.

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WATERLOO

500 card party at St. Luke's Church Hall, Court Street, on Saturday, March 5 at 7:45 p.m. Sponsored by St. Luke's Men's Group. Prizes and refreshments. Admission charged. All welcome. Please note change of time.

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MAGOG

Joujoutheque de Magog will present Mrs. Danielle LeNoir (M.A. - Early Childhood Development) at 1 p.m. at the Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, projection room 104A, on Tuesday, March 8, 1988. Topic: Value of Children's Play, 1st; The Importance of Play in the Child's Development, 2nd; How Play Contributes to the Motor Skills, Intellectual Capacity, Emotional and Social Aspects of the Child's Personality, 3rd; How as Parents we can use Play to Stimulate the Child's Development. A question period will follow. If interested, please call S. Petraki at 843-9402 or A. Buck at 843-9225 as soon as possible. The number of calls will determine as to whether this speaker will be presented.

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LENNOXVILLE

Citizens for Nuclear Responsibility monthly meeting will be held on March 2 at 7 p.m. in the C.L.S.C. building, Lennoxville. Everyone welcome to attend.

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SUTTON

"World Day of Prayer" will be held on March 4 at 3 p.m., sponsored by the Catholic, Anglican, United and Baptist Women of Sutton, at St. Andre's RC Church. The theme is "Open Doors" and the service was prepared by Brazilian Women.

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COWANSVILLE

A Tutor Training Workshop will be held at Massey-Vanier High School on March 15 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. If interested, please contact the Adult Education Services at 263-3775.

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WAY'S MILLS

Bilingual "World Day of Prayer" service will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Way's Mills Union Church. Special music by Mercia Church and small group of St. Francis Singers; drama with Therese Roy, Stephanie Quirion and Lisa Martin. Everyone welcome. Social hour, coffee and cookies.

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BOLTON CENTER

"World Day of Prayer" service will be held on Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Bolton Center. If weather is very cold the service will take place upstairs in the Bolton Center Town Hall, same time. Refreshments served after the service. Everyone welcome.

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GRANBY

Ladies Auxiliary Flea Market will be held on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Legion Hall, 172 Court Street, Granby. Tables for rent. Everybody welcome.

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COWANSVILLE

Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Friendly Society, will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Trinity Church Hall, 409 South Street, Cowansville. Coffee and doughnuts will be sold, also home-baking. Everyone is welcome.

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This column accepts items free of charge announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to THE RECORD, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number of person forwarding the notice. Telephone requests cannot be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted.

Women's Institute meet

LENNOXVILLE — The January meeting of the Lennoxville W.I. was held at Uplands, the new home of the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society. The president, Mrs. Gwen Parker welcomed the members and four guests. The meeting opened by repeating the Collect. Motto: "Example is the school of mankind and they will learn at no other." Roll call, Name a book and author you have enjoyed, was answered by both members and guests.

Forty-four knitted articles were received in this area for the CBC Wool Gathering project which were distributed to various centres. It was thought this could be an ongoing thing. Margaret Williams offered to be in charge of collecting knitted articles from anyone who wishes to donate.

It was decided to order a dozen Safety Reflectors. The treasurer's report was given by Joanne Andrews. The ACWW magazine will be renewed, also the Federated News.

Correspondence included a letter of thanks from the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society; a letter from the Status of Women and various thank-you notes from the recipients of Christmas cheer baskets.

Conveners' annual reports were read.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses, Muriel Brand and May Povey. The buffet table was centred with an arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums.

After dinner the guest speaker, Suzanne Valéry, regional representative of the Quebec Human Rights Commission who was introduced by Joanne Andrews gave an informative talk on the services provided by the commission of human rights with special reference to discrimination against women in the work place; age discrimination and discrimination against the handicapped. The speaker was thanked by Muriel Brand, convener of Education and Cultural Activities.

At the close of the meeting the members and guests were taken on a tour of the house by Mrs. Brand.

The next meeting will be held in the Club Room of the Town Hall on Thursday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Social Service Club holds regular meeting

MAGOG — The regular monthly meeting of the Magog Social Service Club was held on Tuesday February 16, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Flo Cross with eleven members present.

The President Gladys Spencer being unable to attend, Vice-President, Irene Phaneuf presided, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Thank-you letters were read for donations given and also letters of thanks from former residents of Magog who are now living at the Wales Home, Richmond, for remembering them at Christmas.

The Treasurer Joyce Broadbent reported our bank balance as of February 8, with one outstanding cheque.

Plans were made for our St. Patrick's Tea and Food Sale to be held on Thursday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Magog. A novelty table and raffle will also be featured.

Collection was taken.

Gloria Broadbent thanked Irene Phaneuf for the box of Get-well cards she had donated.

Next meeting at the home of Agnes Heckley on Tuesday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

The hostess Flo Cross served delicious refreshments, assisted by Irene Phaneuf and Joyce Broadbent. A pleasant afternoon was spent.

Submitted by
Mary Flanders
Secretary

Beebe

Eunice Aulis

Friends of Mrs. Madge Miller will regret to hear she is a surgical patient in the Sherbrooke Hospital.

Mrs. Alain Bedard and infant daughter, Connie, have returned to their home. Connie is the new addition to the Bedard family being born Feb. 17 in a Sherbrooke Hospital.

World Day of Prayer service

SHERBROOKE — People of all churches are invited to participate in the World Day of Prayer service, prepared this year by women of Brazil. The theme is "Open Doors" and this is the 101st year that, together with people in more than 80 countries, we pray for peace and justice in the world.

The bilingual and ecumenical service will take place on Friday, March 4, at Plymouth-Trinity United Church, 380 Dufferin Street, Sherbrooke at 7:30 p.m. The time has been changed to allow more people to participate. The guest speaker will be Sister Madeleine Guergin of Our Lady of the Angels community. Members of Anglican Baptist, Grace Chapel, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches will take part in the service.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall.

Deaths

AMES, Lorne I. — Peacefully at the CHU on February 28, 1988, at the age of 73, beloved husband of Muriel Miller. Brother of Elwin Ames of Richmond. Also survived by 4 sisters-in-law, cousins, nephews and nieces. Resting at J.H. Fleury, Stuart Lockwood Funeral Home Inc., Danville, Que. Visitation Tuesday, March 1, 2-4 and 7-9, Wednesday 12 noon to 1:45. Funeral at Trinity United Church, Danville, Wednesday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Rev. Watson Glover officiating. Donations to the charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged. Spring interment at Danville Protestant Cemetery.

CRAWFORD, Cyril (Cy) — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on February 28, 1988, in his 68th year. Beloved husband of the late Pearl Ritchie. Dear father of Robert and his wife Terry, William and Cecile, Timothy and Jessie, Jean (Mrs. Parvis Eshmoili) and Jayne. Survived by several grandchildren. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 39 Dufferin Road, Stanstead. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at the Stanstead South United Church, Rock Island, Que., Rev. Keith Eddy officiating. Spring interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

FORD, David Charles — Suddenly at his home in Frelighsburg, Saturday, February 27, 1988, beloved husband and dear friend of Margaret Almond, and loving father of Colin and Robert. Survived by his parents Charles and Beatrice Ford of England and brothers John and Michael, and many relatives and friends. Resting at Dion's Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford, with visitation Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-10, and from where funeral service will be held Thursday, March 3 at 11 a.m. Interment in the Frelighsburg Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Montreal Children's Hospital Fund would be gratefully acknowledged.

FULLER, Gordon — At the Cote Nursing Home, South Bolton, on Monday, February 29, 1988, Gordon Fuller, husband of the late Sadie Brown and dear father of Irene, Betty, Bud, Gordon Jr., June, Joyce, Wayne and Lawrence. Also survived by several grandchildren. Visitation on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 from the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, Knowlton. Funeral service Wednesday, March 2 at 11 a.m. from the funeral home. Interment South Bolton Anglican Cemetery.

McLELLAN, Stewart — Suddenly at his residence on February 27, 1988. Stewart McLellan, in his 63rd year. Beloved husband of the late Amona Hollenbeck. Dear father of Douglas and his wife Andrea of Montreal, Danny of London, Ont., David and his wife Lois of Montreal, Joanne and her husband Dean Martin of Pigeon Hill, five grandchildren, Dayna, Tracey, Krista, Melissa and Krystal. Son of Mrs. Myrtle McLellan of South Stukely. Dear brother of Donald and his wife Norma of Scarborough, Ont., Celia and her husband Ovila Gamache of Waterloo, the late Malcolm and his wife Cathy of Sherbrooke. Survived by nieces and nephews. Resting at the Ledoux Funeral Home Inc., Bessette and Sons, prop., 5034 Foster St., Waterloo. Funeral service will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Tuesday, March 1 at 2 p.m., Rev. W. Davidson officiating. Interment at South Stukely Cemetery (in the spring). Visitation Monday from 2-4 and 7-9. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Matthew's Church, c/o Mr. Clifford Wright of South Stukely, would be appreciated.

SYKES, Vivian — Peacefully at the Grace Christian Home on Saturday, February 27, 1988, Vivian Sykes, in her 93rd year. Daughter of the late William Sykes and his wife the late Ellen Beattie. Rested at L.O. Cass and Son Ltd., 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where a private family service was held on Monday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Francis Hatch officiated. Interment in Windsor, Que.

Card of Thanks

DAVIDSON — Many thanks to all who made my 80th birthday a day to remember. To my family for arranging a surprise dinner at the Elite Restaurant. All those who sent cards, letters, flowers and gifts. And to Allison Lynn for the nice visit. Your thoughtfullness will always be remembered.

VIOLET DAVIDSON
Granby, Quebec

SMITH, Vera (Merrill) — The family of the late Vera Smith wishes to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends, associates and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy received during their recent loss of a dearly beloved mother and grandmother. With a special thank you to Reverend Salt, the Richmond Hill Women's Institute, St-Anne's ACW and Lillian Johnston and Annie Healy for their kindness.

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To the owners and tenants of buildings in the Municipality

IS GIVEN, by the undersigned, secretary-treasurer, that at the February 22, 1988 meeting, the council adopted zoning by-law project 554-7 in order to amend the uses being part of the "public and institutional class A" class as well as the uses allowed in the "public and institutional zone "PP".

That a consultation meeting will be held at the Town Hall on March 14, 1988, at 7 P.M. At this time, the Mayor will explain the by-law project and the consequences of its adoption and will hear those persons and organizations who wish to speak.

That the said project is available for consultation at the Town Hall at 1955 Belvedere South, suite 100, Ascot Township.

GIVEN AT ASCOT, this 23rd day of February, 1988.

Jean Tremblay,
Secretary-treasurer.

Pee-Wee hockey and cultural exchange reach 20-year tradition

Since 1968 there has been an exchange of Pee-Wee hockey teams between the District of Bedford and Kensington, Prince Edward Island. Quite rightly so, this has been called a cultural exchange, the Quebec players being billeted in P.E.I. homes, with the P.E.I. players in Quebec homes.

This exchange was originally organized by Ray Orr of Bedford and Paul Chessman of P.E.I., both working for Seabrook Farms, also with Eric Jessome of P.E.I. The earlier trips were by train, but due to the length of travelling time, air travel was soon utilized. The original hockey coach of our team was Eric Jones, who has the distinction of being the only one who has never missed making this annual trip. Clare Mahew of P.E.I. also holds the distinction down there, not having missed in 20 years. Although not the first year, from the beginning, Philipsburg Branch 82 of the Royal Canadian Legion has been the sponsor of this team.

1988 being the 20th anniversary of this exchange, an effort was successfully made to organize the original team. During the afternoon/evening of Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5; 70 hockey players and supporters descended on the Island, but not without a few interesting incidents.

After a two hour wait at Halifax, on the flight to Charlottetown, there appeared to be a shortage of food, and we all know how Hughie Symington lives to eat (whereas most of us eat to live) he being one of the ones on the "Short End."

At Charlottetown Airport, the aircraft landed in a snowstorm, severe enough for the roads and highways to be closed. Nevertheless, the Mayor of Bedford, Mr. Marcel Bechard with his wife and another couple, struck off for Summerside, being driven by Lloyd Profit, spending six hours on the road instead of the usual 40 minutes. The remainder of the group were accommodated at a motel near the airport, not arriving at Summerside until 3 p.m. next day.

The group were well entertained, being treated to banquets, one by the Legion Branch and the other by the Kensington Recreation Association. The Pee-Wee team (with two girl goalies, who proved to be oustanding) won both games, the official one as well as an exhibition game. The "Old Timers" team (20-year veterans) won the official game, then in the two exhibition games, won one and lost one.

The local team coaches are Jackie Gnocchini and Andy Patenaude. The representative making the trip for the Philipsburg Legion Branch was Laura Symington, also last year's Queen of Bantam Hockey, Annie Marziali accompanied the teams.

The return visit will be March 4, 5 and 6 with plans well underway to accommodate them. We have been informed the member of parliament for P.E.I., Mr. Mel Gass, M.P. will accompany their teams.

The big events, for which we encourage local support, are the games on Saturday, the 5th, to be played in the Bedford Arena, Center Ice Ceremonies are scheduled for 7 p.m., followed immediately by the Pee-Wee game. The "Old Timers" is scheduled for 8:45 p.m. One ticket ($2.00 - students $1.00) entitles a person to both games. The following day, Sunday the 6th, there will be two exhibition games, Pee-Wee at 2 p.m., with the "Old Timers" at 3 p.m.

This 20-year program, over the years has helped many of the younger generation to develop an awareness of competitive sport, at the same time observing the living habits of those in another province. Throughout the years, many lasting friendships have been made, by both players and parents. This alone has made the program worthwhile.

Submitted by
J.W. Gage
Stanbridge East

New Chums Night held and 11th Annual church service well-attended

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SHERBROOKE SNOW SHOE CLUB INC.

February 12 was New Chums night and the White Knights were due to entertain us. The Blue Party muscled in and advertised it as Tie Night. (Not to be confused with Pie Night). The notice in **The Record** said "bring your least wanted and weirdest tie". When he arrived at the Club the Secretary discovered a large black post in the front hall and asked if it was the Last Post. Don Lyon in his railroad engineer's outfit explained, "They said to bring a tie". It took two of the Club's finest to carry it in!

By supper time we had 91 members and 71 ties and the display of patterns and colors on the rack was blinding. Who would dare wear some of those creations? We will find out next ladies night.

Rev. Jim Jack said grace and the soup was on the table. Robert was lucky there was an empty place beside him and he had an extra napkin to help mop it up. The other Robert on the other side of the table kept a wary eye on the proceedings.

With only 91 at the meeting there was a great deal of competition among the White Knights to sell second helpings. Kenny (he's just a growing boy according to Mac) had two of everything.

With supper out of the way, Art Wright, The Big Blue, asked the President and the two Vice-Presidents to go to the rack and pick out what they thought was the loudest tie. The thunderous applause said which one was the worst and Carl Gustafson admitted to being the owner. Somebody must have given it to him.

Secretary Fred was so dazzled by the display that he read the wrong minutes. Now we know that no one pays any attention to the reading of the minutes.

Building Committee- Lyall says the roof leaks as usual and he needs a snow shovelling crew for Saturday at 10 a.m. Fred Palmer volunteered to watch to make sure the snow falls right side up. Sick are Bob Hughes - Games, Andy Swan and Lew Jenne, all in the hospital.

At tonight's sing-song it was Fred and Irving who took off on The Darktown Strutters Ball and they really soared.

Came time for the New Chums entertainment and they put on a Fashion Show. This is impossible to describe with the Secretary's limited vocabulary. According to Fred, he laughed till he hurt, and it must have been the same for everyone, because there wasn't a dry eye in the house by the time one of the fathers arrived with a shotgun and demanded that President Rollie make an honest woman of his daughter. Rev. Dean Ross, Vice-President in charge of prayer, united them as Club members before the assembled multitude. Once again the entertainment part of the program ended all too soon for everyone except the 500 players.

ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

February 21st was our annual church service and despite the minus 19°C temperature and the 50 km wind and a parking lot that thought it was a skating rink we had a good crowd. The Secretary ran out of counting fingers at 170 which is more or less how many we had to listen to Wayne Burke's sermon. Most ministers with a congregation that size get carried away but Wayne's message was clear, interesting and short.

The choir put on a stellar performance which we all enjoyed. We only get to hear our choir once a year despite the fact that they sing for other folks all around the Townships. They and Irving in particular, miss Lew Jenne who is in hospital for a cataract operation.

Mrs. Lacroix's buffet was well received and the plates well filled which in turn produced a well filled congregation. The Secretary's downfall were those excellent doughnuts which fixed his diet for the next several days.

So another church service goes into history, this is the eleventh year and they have been so popular they are now a permanent part of our winter program.

Submitted by
Fred Hicks
Honorary Secretary

Club meets

AYER'S CLIFF — The regular meeting of the Jolly Twelve card club was held on Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. Bea Schoolcraft with two tables of 500 being played.

Winners for the evening: 1st, Pauline Standish, 2nd, Brenda McHarg, consolation, Dien Brus, special marked cup, Joe Harrison.

Guests of the club were Irene Ride, Thelma Piercy, Hilda Robinson and Mrs. E. Stone.

Following the card games delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and a social time enjoyed.

Next meeting March 18 at the home of Brenda McHarg.

CORRECTION

In our circular "At Sears You Get More", inserted in The Record of February 29, please note that on page 12, the saving on microwave-oven no. 88246 should have read: $50., the Sears reg. price being $479.99 and the sale price $429.99. On page 11 of the "Man Alive" insert, men's boat shoes ($29.99) and casual Oxford ($39.99) are not available. Sears apologizes for any inconvenience caused to its customers.

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Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 2, 1988

Several substantial opportunities are in the offing for you in the year ahead. One will pertain to something old, the other two will be new and different.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You should do well today in any arrangements where your friends are directly involved. Good things will happen for you through people who like you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Career objectives should be your primary focal points today. Advancement or unique benefits are now within your immediate reach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a definite market for special knowledge you possess, but you'll have to get in touch with the right people to make them aware of what you have to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A joint venture in which you are presently involved is beginning to look more promising, owing to some new changes that are now taking place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Special written arrangements that you negotiate today, such as contracts or agreements, should work out well for everyone concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in a favorable financial trend for work or service that you personally perform, even though there will be an intermediary of sorts in the background.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Opportunities that develop for you today will have to be acted on promptly. Don't hem and haw if something fortuitous suddenly pops up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A situation that has been a trifle frustrating because you couldn't handle it the way you wanted is still going to work out; it will seem as though you masterminded all the moves yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Several hopes and dreams that you presently entertain are not flights of fancy. Measures can be taken at this time to make them realities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take a hard second look at all of your profitable possibilities at this time. They are much better than you believed them to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you have been contemplating launching a new venture, this is the right time to get it under way. Start now, even if it's just a small step.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are now in a cycle where a secret ambition you've been harboring can be achieved. Today's happenings could be instrumental in moving you closer to your goal.

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BRIDGE

James Jacoby

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Opening lead: ♦ 2

Anticipating the end position

By James Jacoby

In today's deal the principle of taking advantage of favorable vulnerability is illustrated by South's very weak jump overcall to two spades. His partner had him covered and quickly bid game. It was a nice contract, but watch how South chopped up the play. The deuce of diamonds was an obvious singleton. Declarer won dummy's ace, cashed A-K of hearts while shedding a diamond, and led a club. East won the king and played two diamonds, on which West discarded two hearts. Declarer ruffed the second diamond with the spade 10. Another club was played and East took the ace to play still another red card. Declarer ruffed with his jack, ruffed his last club in dummy with the spade deuce, and cashed the A-Q of spades. That left the lead in dummy with declarer holding the K-8 of spades. West had no more red cards but still had the nine of spades, which had to take a trick when declarer tried to get off dummy by ruffing.

So how can declarer avoid this unhappy result? Don't even grab your hat — it's not that earthshaking. After taking the A-K of hearts, declarer should simply ruff a heart with a low spade. He can then proceed about his business in the club suit, but the crucial end position, after he has taken the A-Q of trumps in dummy, will find declarer with only one remaining spade — the king, which takes the 10th trick. West still wins his spade 9, but too late.

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Huntingville

Alice Price

Get-well wishes to Mrs. Gordon Wright from all her friends.

Several from the area attended the Rock-A-Thon at St. Peter's Church hall, Sherbrooke. Some of the ladies had sales tables.

Mrs. May Beattie was visiting her nephew Raymond Morrison in Thetford Mines.

Wayne Nutbrown and Russell Rothney spent a day in Kinnear's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sparkes were visitors of Wayne and Louise Nutbrown.

Mrs. Freeda Raymond has returned home from visiting her family in Concord, N.H.

Henry Robinson was calling on Ralph and Lucy Kinghorn in Waterville.

Mrs. Laura Webb, Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Webb, Montreal, were visiting their sister and aunt Mrs. R. Hutchison, Campbell Ave.

Mrs. Gladys Mathers, Thetford Mines, spent a week with Henry Robinson and Alice Price and visited Mabel Hoy in Lennoxville, called on Mrs. May Beattie and Mrs. Martha McVetty and also visited Mrs. Greta Harrison, Maison Blanche, North Hatley.

The boys club from the area held a sleep-out at Dr. Klinck's ranch in Dixville.

Best wishes to Allan Bradley who recently underwent knee surgery.

The Hydro men helped a young lady to get her pet off the top of a Hydro pole. Laurie Bradley went to school much happier that day.

William Butler of Montreal was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Butler and family.

Sawyerville

Alice Wilson
889-2932

Miss Krista DeLong and friend of Brampton, Ont. were supper guests of Mrs. Claris Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lancaster and son Jeffrey of Richmond were recent guests of Mrs. Alice Wilson.

At the Golden Age meeting on Feb. 11 two members of the CLSC were present and gave a talk on their work. They want to start a group here to help with phoning and in other ways to reach peole in need. They left papers with questions to be answered and will return for another meeting.

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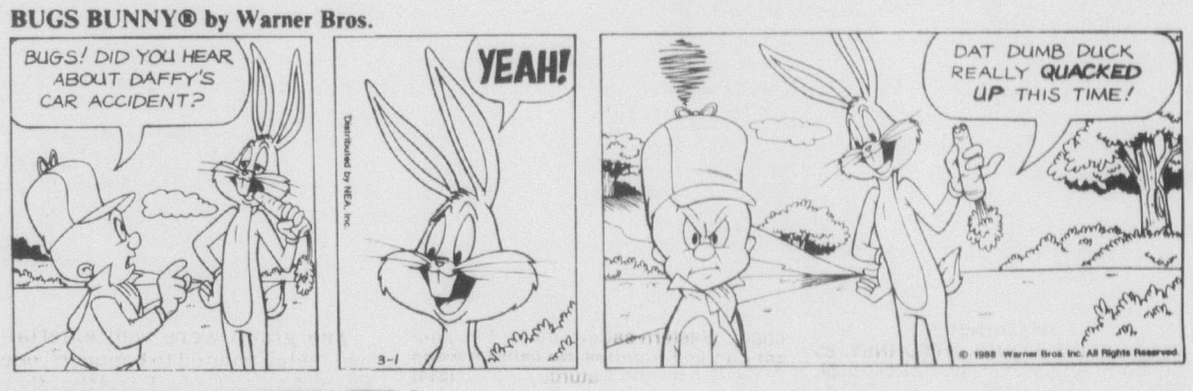

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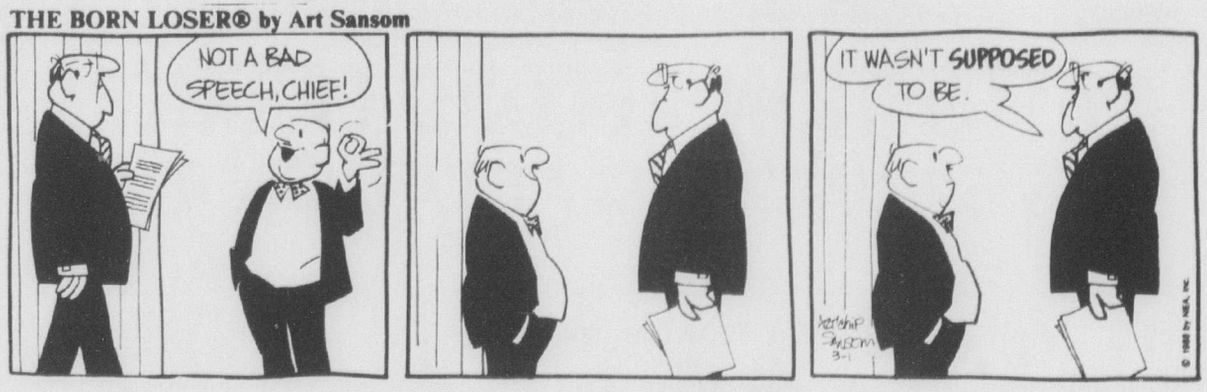

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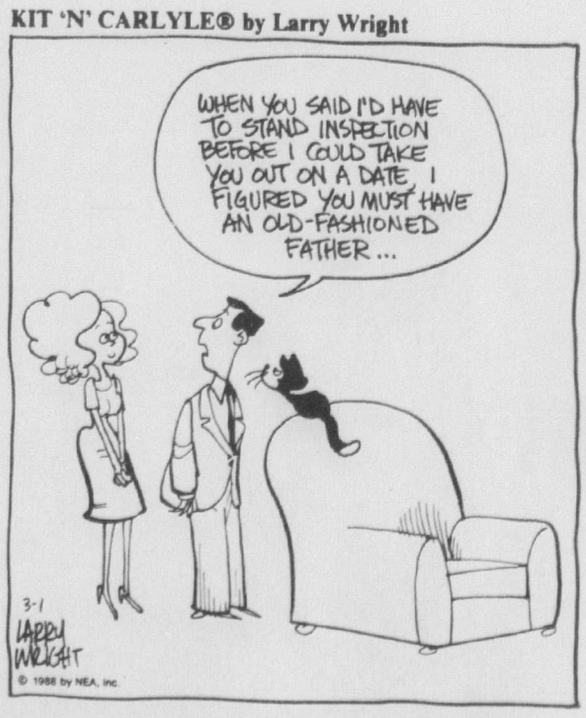

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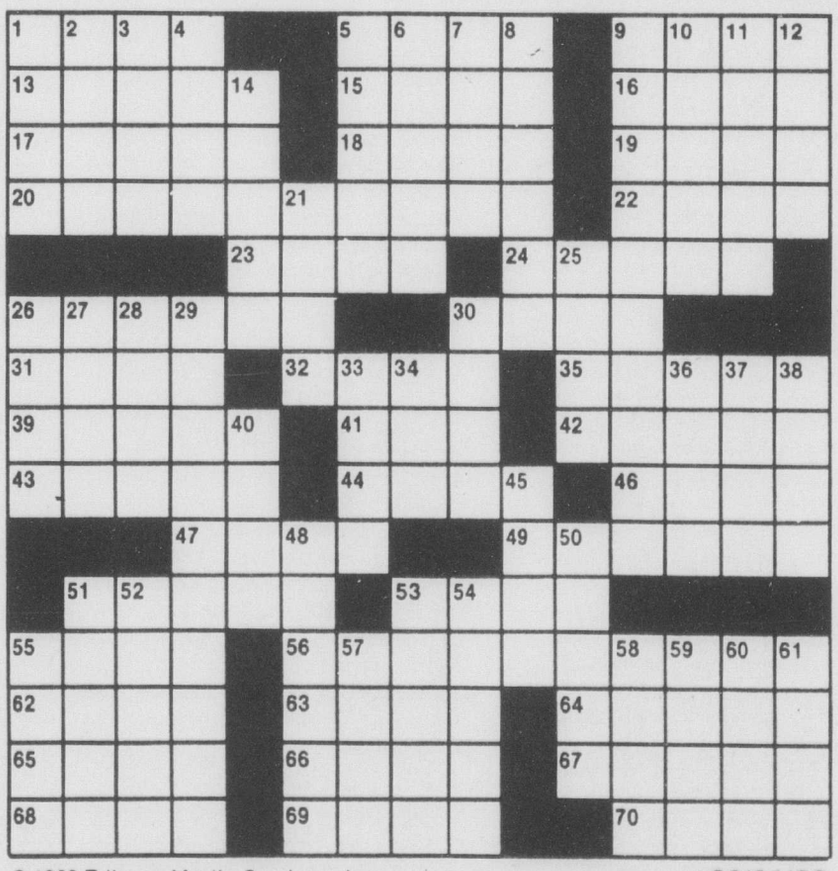
"I dreamt I was a compulsive gambler with a phobia about winning."

Crossword



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ACROSS

1 Title of respect
5 Comic Lucille
9 Gossip
13 Director Woody
15 "I cannot tell —"
16 Ohio city
17 Pool member
18 Neckwear
19 Genesis name
20 Trickery
22 Algonquian
23 Large eagle
24 Gravelly ridge
26 Dessert
30 Study hard
31 — Domini
32 Ivy League university
35 Puts on cargo
39 Descendant
41 Coal weight
42 Nimble
43 Fight
44 Aware of
46 Emerald —
47 Support
49 Chaffer
51 Usher's milieu
53 Lacerate
55 Calabria coin
56 Effective key of a kind
62 "An apple — ..."
63 Following
64 Of ships
65 Whale
66 Construction beam
67 Tests
68 Belg. river
69 Odense native
70 Part of a Confederate signature

DOWN

1 Animal food
2 Choir voice
3 Fish sauce
4 Waiter's offering
5 Wand
6 Wonderland visitor
7 Stead
8 — Antilles
9 Sorcery
10 Cuba —
11 Moslem prince
12 Bundle
14 Snouts
21 Quarry
25 Sp. room
26 Catholic service
27 Fairy tale starter
28 One
29 Haruspex
30 Penny
33 Surmounting
34 Actor Chaney
36 Record
37 She: Fr.
38 Visionary
40 Actor Coward
45 Harem rooms
48 USSR's Brezhnev
50 Good-night girl
51 Sidekicks
52 Hot under the collar
53 Lubbock native
54 — nous
55 Having frills
57 Armadillo
58 —-Coburg-Gotha
59 Of grandparents
60 "Auntie —"
61 Different

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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QFA Bulwer sector holds meeting and annual banquet

Graeme Decarie, noted radio historian and spokesman for Alliance Quebec was the speaker at the annual Quebec Farmers banquet held at Bulwer in early February.

Following a sumptuous meal catered by the Bulwer UCW he entertained the 70 or so members and families in attendance, by holding their attention with stories of his schooldays in beautiful Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. He went on to tell of the watchdog tactics of Alliance Quebec and of how they are working for a foothold of English rights in a Province trying to destroy rights of a bilingual province, such as is maintained in the rest of Canada. He described their work at Quebec and Montreal and finished with a question and answer period.

Seated at the head table were Mr. Decarie; President John Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Provincial President Warren Grapes and Mrs. Grapes, Steven Gruber, Brenda and Ross Thomas, Mary and Ross Kirby.

Other speakers were Messrs Robinson, Grapes and Gruber, bringing words of greetings and updating on farm business and events, Mac Fraser conducted the drawing of the door prizes, won by Mrs. Fraser, Peter Van Lierop, Dalton Montgomery and Neil Burns.

At the regular meeting Mrs. Lowry gave a full financial report of the banquet after President Robinson had opened the meeting. The minutes were read by Mrs. Mary Kirby. Expenses of the Christmas party had been settled and several calendars sold.

A letter was received from the Quebec Young Farmers and answered with a donation towards their Calf Rally. Also a donation given towards the expenses of Dairy Day. A bursary or bursaries are again being offered to student or students first year in an Agricultural Course. These must be from the area furnished by this Club or Bulwer-Compton area. A sleigh ride was planned for Feb. 21st starting at Albert Sylvester's and finishing with supper at the Bulwer Hall.

Daniel Phaneuf was the speaker and chose to inform the members on Mastitis sub clinical. What is Mastitis? Where does it come from? Is it spreading? How can it be prevented? He then proceeded to answer the questions he had asked. The benefits of DHS or ROP will be a warning if cell count is too high- 200,000. Older cows are apt to be higher. Environment will have something to do about this as well. Seasonal changes, dampness, wet bedding, stress. Use dry bedding, preference straw, keep it dry. Use filter cup. Find trouble. Milk teat last, disinfect, massage cause stimulation. Clean bag but milk dry. Don't kill the old herd but work on the one you have and cure the problem. A question and answer period followed. He was thanked by Brenda Thomas.

A social time followed with games and lunch. Prizewinners were Mrs. Helen Taylor, Valentine cake, Jeff French, Ross Kirby, Edward Bailey, Dr. Phaneuf and George Pinchin.

Meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute

The meeting was held on Feb. 10 in the Brompton Road Community Hall starting at 10:30.

President Evelyn Suitor opened the meeting with the Collect and Salute to the Flag. Roll call showed 20 members present.

The secretary Mrs. Dorothy Geddes read the minutes of the last meeting. A thank-you was given to Thelma Hutchison for making a sweater which was sent to Provincial.

The treasurer Mrs. Doris Cascadden reported the balance in the general fund and bonus fund, also balance in the School Fair fund. She reminded every branch to send their $2.00 to Macdonald Journal.

Correspondence consisted of letters from CLSC in Lennoxville, Status of Women, and one from the Lennoxville Women's Centre with dates of films to be shown in March and April.

Convenors reports: Agriculture, Dorothy Martin read an article on Mexicans allowed on farms; Citizenship & Legislation - Isabel Butler gave an article on Flag Day for a New Canadian.

Gwen Parker spoke for Education & Cultural Activities asking all members if they have J. & P. Coats articles for the annual meeting to let them know so they can find judges.

Home Economics & Health, Marion Annesley reported the side effects aspirin has if taken every day and read tips for back problems.

Publicity, June Westman reported all meetings to **The Record** and Macdonald Journal.

School fair convenor Marg Williams reported they would be sending for seeds and forms will be taken to the schools. Each branch to see if they can find a new secretary and phone her. They discussed holding craft class again this year in Lennoxville and Sherbrooke Schools.

The Wool Gathering for the CBC was a great success. Ascot, Belvidere and Lennoxville turned in 49 articles, there will be another in the Fall, all members are asked to make articles such as mittens, sweaters, socks, scarves and baby clothes.

Phyllis Worster will be looking after the programs again, so have them typed after the March meeting, also let her know how many you want.

The nominating committee will be Education and Cultural Activities headed by Muriel Brand and assisted by branch convenors.

Brompton Rd. W.I. served a hot casserole dinner with cake and sauce for dessert, they were thanked by Dorothy Martin.

A trip was discussed for the County, each branch convenor is to take it back to their branch meeting to discuss where to go and when, and phone the President Evelyn Suitor.

Convention at Macdonald College on May 10, 11 and 12.

Next County meeting in Lennoxville on April 27, 1988.

Submitted by
June Westman
Publicity Convenor

White House residents enjoy valentine party hosted by W.I.

STANSTEAD — A Valentine party was held in the White House Home here on Friday afternoon, February 12 when Stanstead North Women's Institute Branch observed Founder's Day by hosting the party.

The committee on arrangements were Doris Hartley, Nellie Cooper and Gertrude Ketcham assisted by other members of the Branch.

At 2 p.m. all had gathered in the solarium of the residence and Doris introduced the committee. She then read a poem "The Legend of St. Valentine", and Nellie read another, "The Valentine".

After this all gathered in the dining room for games of bingo, the lucky ones to win prizes donated by the Branch members included Delia Sangster, a five time winner; Gertrude Jackson, twice, Mildred Woodard, twice, Inez Middleton, Elsie Graves, Louise Martin, Vera Brevoort, Marjorie Walker, Marie Gaudreau, Yvonne Goodsell, Carmon Leeson.

By this time it was nearing the supper hour. Assisted by Arnold and Gabriel Leeson, managing the residence in the absence of Fred and Gardenia, the Institute ladies served. This included a Valentine cake, made and beautifully decorated by Janice Soutiere. Iced in white with forget-me-nots and green leaves in two large candy hearts with larger hearts around the sides. This was cut by Janice and served with ice cream.

Rheta Taylor, Branch president spoke a few words noting how much pleasure it gave the committee and visiting members of the Institute to join with the White House residents. She thanked her committee and the members who had assisted in various ways.

Violet Richer, speaking for the residents, thanked the Institute for the pleasant afternoon, planning committee and helpers, Janice for the delicious cake, the bingo prizes, and wished all a happy Valentine's Day. Gabriel brought in a large gift wrapped in red with a huge white bow. This was presented to the first lady in the White House when it was opened a few years back. Opening it and the beautiful card, the gift was a large heart design in gold satin, lace and flowers, containing chocolates from Fred and Gardenia. The gift was placed in the lounge for the residents to enjoy.

Prior to serving supper Arnold spoke a blessing and thankfulness for the gathering.

As the Institute members left for their respective homes they were invited back for another visit.

Submitted by
Ivy Hatch

Guild meets

FOSTER — The February meeting of the St. James Evening Guild was hosted by Mrs. Audrey Allen on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at her home. After partaking of delicious desserts the meeting convened at 2 p.m.

The president, Audrey Allen opened the meeting, welcomed members and visitors and led in prayer. Ten members responded to the roll call and two visitors were welcomed.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and with one correction were approved. The treasurer gave her report.

The corresponding secretary reported a get-well card sent to Judy Bockus and letters, asking for donations, sent to Roxton, Esmond and Burlington Mills.

Get-well cards were signed for Ernest Ladd, Eddie Lodge, and Raymond Burnham. Two memberships were received plus a donation. Members were asked to furnish pies for the Deanery supper held at St. Luke's on Feb. 22nd.

After much discussion it was decided to order mugs instead of church plates. It was also decided that we would hire someone to clean the church prior to its opening in May.

The lucky draw was won by Phoebe McBride.

The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dot de Solla at 1:00 p.m. on March 8.

The meeting closed with the benediction recited in unison.

Helping Circle members hold regular meeting

ROCK ISLAND — Stanstead South Church Helping Circle members gathered at the home of Thelma Dustin on Tuesday afternoon, February 16 for their monthly meeting.

Madelyn Curtis, president, opened the meeting with the devotional period, reading passages of scripture, "All forms of Love", and "Our Daily Valentine," and all recited the Lord's Prayer. Ten members answered the roll call.

Alberta Rolleston, secretary, gave her report from the January meeting and read the communications which included a thank-you from Mildred Lawton, to whom the Circle had given the gift of a plant in appreciation of her secretarial services to the Circle over a period of years.

Thelma was authorized to purchase ten sugars and creamers for the church kitchen, a member volunteered two, to bring it up to 12.

A quilt is being made by the ladies which will be sold by tickets and awarded to the winner at the Christmas sale.

The Circle executive will meet with the Canusa executive to plan for a summer event, tentatively in July.

A memorial for Ruth Aldrich, recently deceased, has been sent to her memorial fund at North Country Union High School in Newport. Ruth was an active member of this Unit for a few years.

All were reminded of the World Day of Prayer service at Sacred Heart Church, Stanstead, 7:30 p.m. on March 4.

The March 15 Circle meeing will be at the home of Rheta Bishop at 1:30 p.m. Another reminder was the Sunday School breakfast on March 20 in Stanstead South church hall.

The meeting adjourned, and Thelma served light refreshments as most of the group planned and did attend Centenary Church Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Grace Anglican Church vestry meeting

SUTTON — Grace Anglican Church members held the annual vestry meeting on Sunday January 31st. The 11 a.m. church service was followed by a pot luck luncheon of hot dishes, salads, dessert and coffee. About 60 were present.

The Rector, Rev. Grahame Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:30. The annual reports were handed out in time to be studied and they showed a busy year. Mr. Thompson thanked the outgoing officers with a special thanks and gift to James Robertson who retired as Rector's Warden after eleven years service. Jim has spent many hours on church duties and the Rector expressed his thanks and that of the congregation. Mrs. Jameson added her thanks saying that any time the ACW had a function, the heat was on and the tables set up. This was very helpful. Thanks also to Peter Cane, the retiring Deputy Warden.

Mrs. Harold Dando, chairwoman of the nominating committee, submitted a slate of officers for 1988 which was accepted. They are: Rector's Warden - A. Sid McCaw, People's Warden - Keith Russell, Deputy People's Warden - Ralph Davidson, Vestry Clerk - Doreen Page, Treasurer - Madeline Holmes, Auditors - Shirley Cowan and Cecil Carr, Synod Delegates, Ola Carr and Shirley McDonnell, Alternate Delegates - Harold and Marg Dando, Cemetery Appeal Fund - Joan Cane, Cemetery Maintenance Secretary and Treasurer, Marion Townsend, Cemetery Maintenance, James Robertson and Dennis Cowan, Memorial Fund Treasurer - Dennis Cowan, Co-ordinator of Sidesmen Wm. McDonnell, Organist and Choir Director - Veronica Poilly, Altar Guild Sacristan - Shirley Cowan, Envelope Secretary, Muriel Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Social notes

South Stukely

Myrtle Hilliker

Mrs. Celia Gamache of Waterloo and Mrs. Myrtle McLellan also attended the McLellan-Flemming Wedding and reception.

Rev. Wilmur Davidson, Waterloo held church service on Sunday Feb. 21st with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Myrtle McLellan and Celia.

Mrs. Kathy McLellan, Sherbrooke, was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Myrtle McLellan and Celia.

Mrs. Clifford Wright and her sister recently spent a day in Burlington, Vt.

Island Brook

Mrs. G. Spaulding
875-3671

A meeting of the Island Brook and Lawrence Youth Association was held at the Town Hall on Feb. 5 with about 25 present.

The president Terry Howell brought the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Question - what was going to be done with the school, no one wanted an eyesore in the middle of the town, as on the corner going to Bury, for several years. It was decided to put the property up for tenders, having the 28th of January the closing date for tenders to be in. The treasurer gave a short statement, he was also handed a couple of bills to be paid.

The president spoke about seeing a lawyer to require information on going about such a transaction. In this case in order to choose the right one, the association executive were the ones to look over the tenders and choose the most suitable one. The executive gathered around the table and the remainder went to the basement. After much discussion and a decision made, the two groups joined together to hear the results. The president announced that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lindell's tender was chosen, then the letter was read stating some things they were going to do. They wanted to have an Art Gallery and Photo business etc. they were going to paint the building and make repairs, also do landscaping and make other changes. The meeting was then adjourned.

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. G. Lajoie had as their visitors, Mrs. Lajoie's sister Katie and husband from Toronto.

The community wishes Mrs. Peasley continuous gaining after being quite ill. She has been with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns since before Christmas. During the holidays, several members of the Peasley family were visitors at the Burns Home, also during the winter several have called to see Mrs. Peasley and the Burns.

The community was saddened when word was received of the passing of Mr. Roy Westgate, who was born and brought up and lived most of his life in this area. He was the last of a large family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Westgate. In his retirement years he had a small trailer home on the Bedard Road, Sawyerville, and always kept busy. When he wasn't able to look after himself he moved to a nursing home in North Hatley. Sympathy is extended to Verna Westgate, his only sister-in-law, many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Pat Smith of Drummondvilles spent over a week with her mother and attended the funeral services of her uncle Roy Westgate and also visited other members of the family. She stayed a couple of days with her aunt Shirley Darker.

Robert Burns is gaining after his injuries. Mr. and Mrs. David Walker of Dorval spent a weekend with them and since then Cathy came out and spent a day.

The community was deeply shocked when word came that Mr. Lloyd Hume had passed away very suddenly in Sawyerville. He always lived in Learned Plain. He and Mrs. Hume spent many years in Ontario where they worked, then during their retirement years, they decided to return to Sawyerville, and they entered the Home their daughter was running. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hume and all her family.

Miss Cindy Burns joined a group of young folks, who all went to New Brunswick Bible College, to a conference of College and Career. Cindy was a guest of her sister Janice.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bailey, Detroit, Mich. were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Burns.

Mrs. Ileana Burns and Mrs. G. Spaulding attended the UCW Enrichment Day at Lennoxville United Church.

Mrs. Ileana Burns, Mrs. Verna Westgate, Mrs. Earl Dawson, Mrs. Ruby Banks, Mrs. Evelyn Lister and Mr. and Mrs. G. Spaulding attended the pot luck supper and bingo afterwards at the Anglican Church Hall in Cookshire.

Hatley

A very pleasant evening was spent in the United Church and vestry on Saturday, February 20 when members of the congregation gathered for a celebration in music and supper. Activities started at 5:30 p.m. in the church with hymn singing, a sing-song, poems by Kylie Cote and songs by the North Road Blue Jays, a group of young girls who meet after school once a week at the Miller home. A salad and cold meat supper with assorted desserts was enjoyed by all in the vestry. Following this, the Digital Grapefruit band entertained with several songs, after which the highlight of the evening - the burning of the bill for the new organ which was purchased late last fall was held. Dancing was enjoyed for a short time before all left for home.

Friends of Geraldine Parker will be sorry to hear that she fell and injured her ankle and foot and will be in a cast for a few weeks.

Sam Morse has returned to the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cunnington after undergoing treatment in the Sherbrooke Hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hartwell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. William Cutler to Bedford one day recently to visit their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blandford at the Miller senior home and also called on their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White.

Friends of Miss Vivian Miller of the Sawyerville Home, formerly of Hatley, will be sorry to hear she is a patient in the Sherbrooke Hospital where she will undergo surgery.

Leslie Heath is gaining satisfactorily after undergoing surgery in the Sherbrooke Hospital and is expected home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hartwell were at the Sherbrooke Hospital on Friday to visit Mrs. Bernice Townshend of Lennoxville, formerly of Hatley who is undergoing treatment. Best wishes for better health, Bernice, from your old friends in Hatley.

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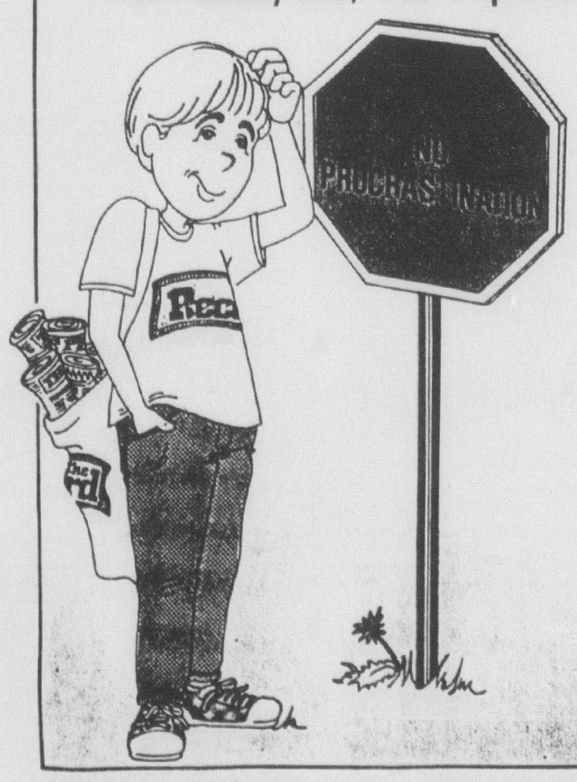

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Struggling Nordiques can't make up ground against the Habs

NHL roundup

QUEBEC (CP) — Two National Hockey League teams that are struggling to make the playoffs had varying degrees of success Monday night.

At Quebec City, the fifth-place Nordiques, who hoped to move within one point of the Hartford Whalers in the Adams Division race, had a last-second goal disallowed and suffered a bitter 2-1 defeat against the Montreal Canadiens.

But at New York, the Rangers received a substantial boost to their playoff aspirations when they beat the St. Louis Blues 5-2 for their third straight victory. The Rangers, who had two goals each from Kelly Kisio and Tomas Sandstrom, used the triumph to hurdle over the New Jersey Devils into the fourth and final playoff spot.

"I just hope the point we lost tonight doesn't become a major factor in our playoff battle," said Nordiques coach Ron Lapointe. "We got unbelievable efforts from our veterans and our youngsters."

Playing without Peter and Anton Stastny, key offensive contributors who were sidelined with knee injuries, the Nordiques outshot the Canadiens 40-25, but goaltender Brian Hayward posed a major stumbling block.

The Canadiens staked him to a 2-0 lead on first-period goals by Bobby Smith and Ryan Walter, but the margin was whittled to one when Michel Goulet notched his 36th goal, a power-play effort in the second period.

In the dying seconds, as the Nordiques worked feverishly for the tying goal, Gaetan Duchesne unleashed a slap shot from the right face-off circle. Two Nordiques, including Paul Gillis, were parked at either side of Hayward, and as the puck zipped past the goaltender, referee Don Koharski ruled that Gillis had interfered with Hayward, nullifying the goal at 19:59.

MILD PROTEST

There was only a mild protest by the Nordiques, but the crowd littered the ice with debris to display their displeasure.

"Koharski was waving at me, and I thought he was giving me credit for the goal," Gillis said. "I shook my head no because I hadn't touched the puck.

"I didn't realize he wasn't allowing the goal."

Lapointe said he watched the play on videotape, in super slow motion, and could not detect any contact by Gillis with Hayward.

Swinging his stick was costly for Montreal defenceman Chris Chelios, who speared Gillis in the midsection early in the third period. The spearing left the Canadiens short-handed for five minutes and Chelios was ejected from the game. The ejection brings an automatic review of the incident by NHL executive vice-president Brian O'Neill.

Besides Chelios, the Canadiens were without another defenceman, Rick Green, who missed the third period because of back spasms.

Hayward was equal to the task during the five-minute disadvantage, as the Nordiques tested him with at least four good shots in that span.

The Rangers, meanwhile, rolled to a 4-0 lead in the first period in extending their mastery over the Blues at Madison Square Garden, where they are 39-3-4 against St. Louis. John Ogrodnick opened the scoring by beating goaltender Rick Wamsley with a 35-foot slap shot.

Cliff Ronning and Mark Hunter were the St. Louis marksmen in the game, which marked the debut of Brian Leetch, the United States Olympic team captain, who drew an assist in his first appearance with the Rangers.

Elizabeth Manley says she's finished crying

Manley made welcome at Ottawa airport

OTTAWA (CP) — Hundreds of cheering fans were at the Ottawa International Airport on Monday evening to welcome home figure skater Elizabeth Manley, the Canadian sweetheart of the Olympic Games in Calgary.

"You've made the finale of my dream come true," said a radiant Manley, standing on a podium in the airport lobby while television cameras and an adoring public jockeyed for the best view. "I just want to say thank you.

"I'd cry right now, but you wouldn't believe the tears that have been coming out of me for two days now. There's nothing left. My body's dry."

The tiny Olympic figure skater, wearing a bone-white Stetson hat and an enormous red-and-white jacket of the Canadian Olympic team, let out a trademark giggle and raised her silver medal aloft, saluting the crowd.

"I haven't let go of it for two days now," she said. "I've been sleeping with it and everything."

Her fans, crowded into the airport lobby and lining the balconies above, let out a series of triumphant whoops and hollers in response.

"This is so hard. I don't know what to say," said the 22-year-old skater from nearby Gloucester, Ont.

"I got a glimpse of you all from the plane, and I'm more nervous now than I was Saturday night."

The airport welcome was an encore of the thundering applause that greeted Manley on Saturday after a practically flawless performance on the ice at Calgary's Saddledome.

It was a performance that captured her second place and the hearts of millions of Canadians.

Manley is the first Canadian to win an Olympic medal in women's single figure skating since Karen Magnussen won the silver in 1972.

By the time her flight touched down Monday evening, her fans were ready and waiting. The music of a solitary bagpipe heralded her as she strode through an upstairs arrival gate, flanked by RCMP officers in dress uniform.

She walked through an honor guard of young figure skaters from her home club, the Gloucester Figure Skating Club, bearing the green-and-yellow flag of their city.

Other young fans lined her route, holding up signs of greeting. One was handprinted and dressed up with red bows: "Thank you, Liz — We Love You."

COA technical director says lack of newcoming stars makes future uncertain

Will Canada do as well at Albertville Games?

By Scott White
CP Sports Editor

CALGARY (CP) — The legacy of the 15th Winter Olympics — $400 million in world-class facilities and a record number of Canadians competing — was supposed to lead to better performances and more medals for Canada at the 16th Winter Olympics.

Based on performances by up-and-coming athletes at the Calgary Games, Canada may be hard pressed to improve on the five medals it earned in Calgary when winter athletes gather in four years in Albertville, France, says the technical director of the Canadian Olympic Association.

Jack Lynch said the best young Canadian athletes are skiers and figure skaters.

That means Albertville could be a replay of Calgary. Canada won five medals at the '88 Games — two silvers and a bronze in figure skating and two bronze medals for skier Karen Percy.

Lynch said there is no indication now that Canada will win in cross-country skiing, ski jumping, bobsled or luge.

"In general terms, the next Olympics are always an absolute question mark unless you have a newcomer who has broken into the top 10 or 12," Lynch said in an interview Monday.

Abby Hoffman, director general of Sport Canada, said a strong showing by the 117-member Canadian team at Calgary — five medals and 19 top-eight finishes — could result in "eight or nine medals and 25 to 30 top-eight finishes in Albertville."

QUESTIONS HOFFMAN

Lynch questioned Hoffman's prediction.

"I don't know how she made her calculations," said Lynch, who predicted on the eve of the Calgary Games that Canada would take four to six medals. "I wouldn't make predictions like that myself."

Assuming that athletes needed a top-12 finish in Calgary to be regarded as potential medal winners in Albertville, Lynch said figure skaters Isabelle Brasseur, Kurt Browning and the women's Alpine ski team look promising.

Canadian figure skaters who won medals in Calgary — silver medallists Brian Orser and Elizabeth Manley, and Rob McCall and Tracy Wilson, who took the bronze in the dance competition — will have retired before the next Olympics.

"Kurt Browning is Brian Orser's heir apparent," said Lynch, referring to the 21-year-old Alberta skater who impressed judges at the Olympics when he attempted, but failed to land, a quadruple jump and finished eighth.

Brasseur and partner Lloyd Eisler finished ninth in pairs skating at the Olympics — their first major competition. Lynch predicted the 17-year-old Brasseur of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., could be a star at the next Games. Eisler is 24 and could be skating in the next Olympics.

SKATERS PROGRESS

So could the team of Doug Ladret, 26, of North Vancouver, B.C., and Christine Hough, 18, of Waterloo, Ont., who finished eighth in pairs, and Lyndon Johnston, 26, of Hamiota, Man., and Denise Benning, 21, of Windsor, Ont., who finished sixth.

"We have a very strong pairs program," said Lynch.

A successor to Manley, who will pursue an acting career, is unclear. The second-ranked Canadian woman at the Games was Charlene Wong, 21, of Pierrefonds, Que., who finished 13th overall.

Canada's most promising showing at the Olympics came from the women's Alpine ski team, led by Percy, 21.

In other sports, Canada's future does not look bright. The hockey team finished fourth and will likely be completely revised. At least two of the four bobsled drivers have indicated they may retire.

Lynch also said that there was no indication that young Canadians in the sports of luge, cross-country skiing, biathlon and ski jumping will evolve into top international performers.

But like other Olympic officials, he was still impressed by the overall performance of the Canadian team. "We can't compete with the Russians or the East Germans. But I hope the days of 1972, when we won just one medal, and 1980, when we took two, are gone forever."

Lions sign Gaiters' Bob Urban to fill gap

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Lions released a list of newcomers Monday they hope will fill the gap if some veterans don't return this season.

The Lions have several veterans balking at pay cuts the CFL team says are necessary to stay within the league's new $3 million cap for all football expenses.

One of the athletes the Lions signed was Canadian offensive lineman Robert Urban, a free agent from Bishop's University who went to camp last season with the Stampeders in his native Calgary. The six-foot-three, 285-pound tackle played five years with the Gaiters.

Although he says there are more signings to come, general manager Joe Galat also released a depth chart he says indicates the club could start the season now if necessary and stay within the import-non import restrictions.

The new quarterbacks are Brian Ransom, who has CFL experience with Montreal, and Ed Blount, who played with San Fransisco 49ers during last year's NFL strike.

Ramsom, a hard thrower from Tennessee State who has also spent some time with the NFL Houston Oilers, injured a knee while with Montreal and lost his starting position.

The new import offensive linemen are John Aimonetti, Doug Hire, and Tom Taylor.

Aimonetti is from San Jose State and was with Kansas City Chiefs during the NFL strike. Hire is a centre from Oregon and Taylor is from Georgia Tech and played for L.A. Rams during the strike.

Other free agent Canadian offensive linemen added to the roster are former Montreal regular Blake Nill and former UBC Thunderbird and much-travelled CFLer Jerry Dobrovolny.

Also signed are former Lions Sammy Greene and Ron Robinson, back for another try at making the team, as well as receiver Sam Moore and middle linebacker Jeff Braswell, who attended camp last year but failed to make the squad.

Als may be resurrected yet

TORONTO (CP) — Doug Mitchell wants to revive the Montreal Alouettes in time to play the 1989 Canadian Football League season.

"We'd like to get back to Montreal," the CFL commissioner told the Toronto Globe and Mail. "We think that one of the major reasons (the Als) aren't there is because of the amount of money they lost."

Alouette owners Charles Bronfman and Imasco Ltd., lost an estimated $17 million for five years before giving the club and $2 million in operating capital to Norm Kimball and Edmonton businessman Jim Hole.

In 1986, when Kimball took over, interest plummeted along with the club's record. Attendance dropped from 22,000 to 10,000 a game.

Kimball folded the club prior to the 1987 season and retired to Palm Springs, Calif.

Mitchell, who is due to step down June 1, 1989, has had two enquiries about reviving the team. The latest, about six months ago, came from Montreal lawyer and World Wrestling Federation promoter Morden (Cookie) Lazarus.

Lazarus sees the league's loss of its lucrative television contract last year and declining attendance as blows to the credibility of the CFL in Montreal.

"This town is very tough on anything not considered first class," said Lazarus. "When the Expos weren't contenders, they didn't draw any people either."

B.C. Lion general manager Joe Galat, who ran the Alouettes until Kimball came along, thinks a good football team could flourish in Montreal. The CFL's new 60-40 gate-sharing formula and $3-million cap on operating expenses would make a good team financially feasible.

Scoreboard

SCHOOL

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union rankings released Monday (previous week's ranking in parentheses):

MEN

Hockey

1. P.E.I. (1), def. Mt. Allison 9-4, 8-2
2. Alberta (3), def. defeated Saskatchewan 5-3, 6-2, lost to Saskatchewan 6-5 (OT)
3. Calgary (4), def. Manitoba 5-4, 5-4 (OT)
4. York (5), def. Laurier 8-7, 7-6
5. UQTR (6), def. Ottawa 6-2, 12-0
6. Saskatchewan (2), def. Alberta 6-5 (2OT), lost to Alberta 5-3, 6-2
7. Western (7) def. Waterloo 5-3, 7-3
8. Acadia (8), def. Dalhousie 7-6 (2OT), 10-6
9. St. Francis Xavier (10), def. Cape Breton 11-2, 7-2, lost to Cape Breton 4-3 (2OT)
10. Windsor (NR), defeated Ryerson 9-2, 8-4

Basketball

1. Brandon (1), def. Winnipeg 76-75, 75-70
2. Acadia (2), def. Dalhousie 8-70, St. FX 82-80
3. Victoria (3), def. Alberta 82-77, 110-81
4. Saskatchewan (8), defeated B.C. 92-90, 104-101
5. Western (7), def. Guelph 82-56, Windsor 117-96, Waterloo 74-59
6. Toronto (5), def. York 69-63, lost to Carleton 73-57
7. Carleton (NR), defeated Ottawa 64-58, Toronto 73-57
8. Waterloo (4), defeated Brock 79-73 (OT)
9. Bishop's (9) def. Concordia 81-78
10. British Columbia (6), lost to Saskatchewan 92-90, 104-101

Swimming

1. Calgary (1)
2. Toronto (2)
3. Victoria (4)
4. Alberta (3)
5. Laval (6)
6. British Columbia (7)
7. McMaster (5)
8. Western Ontario (10)
9. Brock (NR)
10. Laurentian (NR)

Volleyball

1. Manitoba (1)
2. Saskatchewan (2)
3. Laval (3)
4. Calgary (4)
5. Winnipeg (5)
6. Dalhousie (6)
7. Victoria (9)
8. Toronto (7)
9. British Columbia (8)
10. Western Ontario (NR)

WOMEN

Basketball(Seeding for national championship)

1. Calgary — CWUAA champion
2. Victoria — wild card
3. Manitoba — GPAC champion
4. Toronto — OWIAA champion
5. P.E.I. — AUAA champion
6. Laurentian — OWIAA finalist
7. McGill — QUAA champion
8. Lethbridge — Host

Swimming

1. Toronto (1)
2. Calgary (2)
3. British Columbia (3) 4. Alberta (5)
5. McGill (10)
6. Manitoba (6)
7. Laval (4)
8. Western Ontario (10)
9. Victoria (9)
10. Mount Allison (8)

Volleyball

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

CURLING

FREDERICTON, N.B., (CP) — Standings at the Canadian Women's Curling Champinships after seven rounds Monday.

	W.	L
Canada	5	1
Manitoba	4	1
Sask.	4	1
B.C.	3	2
Ontario	3	2
Quebec	3	3
Alberta	2	3
P.E.I.	2	3
Terr.	2	4
NFLD	2	4
N.S.	1	4

HOCKEY

NHL
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P
Detroit	31	24	8	255	219	70
St. Louis	29	30	5	222	225	63
Chicago	26	31	7	226	257	59
Toronto	19	36	10	230	272	48
Minnesota	17	38	9	197	271	43
Smythe Division						
Calgary	37	20	7	302	242	81
Edmonton	35	21	8	289	228	78
Winnipeg	28	27	9	237	241	65
Los Ang	25	37	5	251	295	55
Vancouver	21	38	7	225	259	49
WALES CONFERENCE						
Montreal	36	20	10	242	204	82
Boston	37	22	5	249	200	79
Buffalo	29	26	9	225	241	67
Hartford	26	30	7	192	210	59
Quebec	26	33	4	222	240	56
Patrick Division						
Phila	33	22	7	229	220	73
Islanders	30	24	9	245	215	69
Washington	31	26	6	215	188	68
Rangers	27	29	8	242	230	62
N Jersey	28	32	5	226	246	61
Pittsburgh	25	30	9	241	259	59

Monday Results

Montreal 2 Quebec 1
NY Rangers 5 St. Louis 2

Tonight's Games

Buffalo at Detroit N
New Jersey at Washington N
Minnesota at Pittsburgh N
St. Louis at NY Islanders N
Hartford at Winnipeg N
Los Angeles at Edmonton N
Philadelphia at Vancouver N

Unofficial NHL scoring leaders after Monday games:

	G	A.	Pts
Lemieux, Pgh	54	72	126
Savard, Chi	38	74	112
Gretzky, Edm	35	72	107
Hawerchuk, Wpg	39	63	102
Yzermar., Det	49	51	100
P.Stastny, Que	42	54	96
Messier, Edm	32	61	93
Goulet, Que	36	50	86

BASKETBALL

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	39	17	.696	—
Phila	23	32	.418	15½
New York	22	32	.407	16
Washington	22	32	.407	16
New Jersey	12	42	.222	26
Central Division				
Detroit	35	18	.660	—
Atlanta	35	20	.636	1
Chicago	31	25	.556	5½
Milwaukee	29	24	.547	6
Indiana	29	25	.537	6½
Cleveland	28	29	.491	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	38	17	.691	—
Denver	33	21	.611	4½
Houston	32	21	.604	5
Utah	28	26	.519	9½
San Ant	21	31	.404	15½
Sacramnto	16	39	.291	22
Pacific Division				
Lakers	45	9	.833	—
Portland	34	21	.618	11½
Seattle	29	27	.518	17
Phoenix	17	37	.315	28
Golden St	14	39	.264	30½
Clippers	12	40	.231	32

Monday Results

Philadelphia 102 Chicago 101
Dallas 123 Denver 96
Washington 110 Golden State 105
Utah 115 Sacramento 110
Portland 107 Cleveland 94

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

Cleveland Indians sign pitchers Tom Candiotti and Rich Yett to one-year contracts.

Detroit Tigers sign third baseman Tom Brookens to a one-year extension on his current contract.

Kansas City Royals sign shortstop Kurt Stillwell to a one-year contract.

Seattle Mariners sign catcher Dave Valle and outfielder Henry Cotto to one-year contracts.

Toronto Blue Jays sign infielder Cecil Fielder and pitcher John Cerutti to one-year contracts.

National League

Cincinnati Reds sign outfielder Tracy Jones and pitchers Bill Landrum and Pat Pacillo to one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL
NBA

New Jersey Nets name Willis Reed head coach.

FOOTBALL
NFL

Los Angeles Raiders name Mike Shanahan head coach.

Miami Dolphins name Larry Sieple receiver coach.

HOCKEY
NHL

Hartford Whalers sign forward Gord Shervan to a multi-year contract.

Minnesota North Stars acquire defenceman John Barrett from **Washington Capitals** for future considerations; sign centre Marc Habscheid and right winger Wally Schreiber.

New York Islanders sign defenceman Jeff Norton and right winger Todd Okerlund to multi-year contracts.

Saumier earns best plus-minus record in QMJHL

CHARLESBOURG, Que. — Centre Marc Saumier of the Hull Olympiques was named the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's top on-ice performer from mid-December to the end of January.

Saumier, who was called up for a few games with the Sherbrooke Canadiens of the American Hockey League this season, won the third segment of the Transamerica Life Plus-Minus Awards. He recorded a plus 24 during the segment period which ran from Dec. 16, 1987 through Jan. 31, 1988 inclusive.

He had earlier won the second segment as well.

Saumier is currently playing in his fourth QMJHL season, returning to the Olympiques this year after playing the past year and a half with the Longueil Chevaliers. He broke into the QMJHL with Hull during the 1984-85 campaign.

The +24 figure means that he was on the ice for 24 more goals scored for than against his team when his squad played at equal strength.

Plus-minus stats are accumulated by giving each player a "plus" when he is on the ice for an even-strength or shorthanded goal scored by his team. The same player is given a "minus" when he is on the ice for an even-strength or shorthanded goal scored by the opposition.

Other QMJHL second segment winners were: centre Steve Chartrand, Drummondville Voltigeurs +18; left winger Daniel Lacroix, Granby Bisons +17; centre Stephan Lebeau, Shawinigan Cataractes +13; defenceman Laval Brassard, Chicoutimi Sagueneens +12; defenceman Patrick Black, Laval Titans +12; left winger Martin St. Amour, Verdun Canadiens +7; right winger Jean Marc Routhier and defenceman Donald McGrath, Victoriville Tigers +7*; defenceman Martin Cote, Trois Rivieres Draveurs +6 and left winger Eric Couvrette, St. Jean Castors #14.

As team winners in the third segment of the Transamerica Life Plus-Minus Awards, each player will receive an engraved plaque and a cheque for $50 compliments of Transamerica Life. An additional $50 cheque will be donated in each player's name by Transamerica Life to the last minor hockey association with which the player competed.

TRANSAMERICA LIFE PLUS-MINUS AWARDS
QUEBEC MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
THIRD SEGMENT TEAM WINNERS

Name	Position	Team	Plus-Minus
Saumier, Marc	Centre	Hull Olympiques	+24
Chartrand, Steve	Centre	Drummondville Voltigeurs	+18
Lacroix, Daniel	Left Wing	Granby Bisons	+17
Lebeau, Stephane	Centre	Shawinigan Cataractes	+13
Brassard, Laval	Defenceman	Chicoutimi Sagueneens	+12
Black, Patrick	Defenceman	Laval Titans	+12
St. Amour, Martin	Left Wing	Verdun Canadiens	+ 7
Routhier, Jean Marc	Right Wing	Victoriaville Tigers	+ 7*
McGrath, Donald	Defenceman	Victoriaville Tigers	+ 7*
Cote, Martin	Defenceman	Trois Rivieres Draveurs	+ 6
Couvrette, Eric	Left Wing	Jean Castors	+ 4

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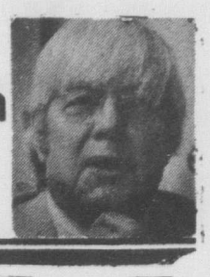
Of all man's inventions, God is surely the greatest



If you are a long-time movie buff you will no doubt remember the Academy Awards of 1970 when the film "Patton" was declared best picture of the year with seven Oscars to its credit including that of best actor. But the most dramatic moment of the evening came when that best actor, George C. Scott refused to accept his Oscar.

Why this unprecedented refusal?

Scott's explanation was simple and direct. He had hated to make that picture, he said. He had hated the very idea of centering a fantastically expensive picture around a man he thoroughly detested. And those who at some time or other have seen the show, can understand that reaction very clearly; because though the acting and the staging in this picture is absolutely tremendous, one is apt to come away a little sick. Or at least one will come away feeling that old blood and guts General Patton, hero or not, was about as sick as the human mind can get, even in wartime.

Personally, I never served under Patton, though I was in the American army when he was strutting across Europe like a little Caesar, and I was always intrigued with the incredible self-righteousness of the man. Most of all I remember that time when he got so angry with God about the bad fighting weather, that he actually gave the Almighty hell about it. Asked God whose side He was on in this war anyhow? Didn't He want right to triumph? And Patton practically commanded Him to clear out the skies and dry up the mud!

On second thought, maybe Patton's act of telling God what to do that day, was only a more dramatic instance of something self righteous men have been doing ever since the Garden of Eden.

Find a student of the Bible who is more honest than pious and he can show you where in times past, Man has been able to get the Almighty's backing and approval for just about every cruelty and injustice imaginable. The God of the Old Testament belonged only to the Hebrews, and He it was who led them into victorious wars and told them it was all right to kill and torture without mercy — except for the virgins they might find in the enemy camp. These were to be a reward for their having trusted the right God. It was God who also put his seal of approval on slavery, the subjugation of women, of child sacrifice, of cheating those who had committed the sin of belonging to another people.

It would be pretty and pleasant if we could say that Man has now progressed beyond the stage of shaping his concept of the Almighty to justify just about any act he wants to commit.

But he hasn't.

It was his fellow clergymen who tried hardest to discourage the late Martin Luther King from rowing his boat ashore, while at the same time television evangelists prayed the Lord's blessing on young Americans killing Commies for Christ in Viet Nam. In Iran the Ayotollah still sends his boy soldiers to slaughter assuring them that Allah will welcome them to a paradise where the houris are always virgins. To the Israelis it is God who tells them what land is rightfully theirs, not the United Nations. And holy catastrophe still grips Ireland, and every bomb and every bullet has the fury of righteousness behind it.

Is it any wonder that someone even more cynical than this cynic once contended that of all Man's inventions, God is surely the greatest?

There's a little horse magazine which drops into my mailbox whenever the publisher finds money enough for the postage, and on the back page of the issue I have in front of me now I see that someone down in California is advertising stud service at what, to a farmer like me, seems a ridiculously fantastic price.

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The price? A mere $2000 plus the cost of boarding your mare while she's away from you. The fee for that isn't given here.

Add it up any way you want and that's a pretty expensive honeymoon, especially since we are supposed to be living in an age when the world's horsepower no longer belongs to the horses.

But looking at it another way, doesn't it disturb you to realize that man never uses his marvellous knowledge of heredity and selection for the improvement of man?

Through the centuries agriculturalists have juggled genes and chromosomes so skillfully that today's farm animals bear little resemblance to the pathetic looking creatures from which they were developed. Compare the placid ton and a half modern Charolais bull for instance to the mean-tempered, pint-sized, scrawny wild cattle you can still see preserved in a few English parks.

Or compare today's laying hen which still remains red-faced with ambition and energy after laying 325 eggs a year with her great-great-grandmother which still ekes out a living in the jungles of India and lays no more than 30 a year.

We now have the scientific know-how to change an animal's shape, size, colour, feed efficiency, intelligence, speed — even his temperament. The modern geneticist could if the occasion demanded it, produce a strain of lions that would purr as peacefully as tomcats in a dairy.

But do you suppose that man will ever use his marvellous knowledge of inheritance to improve the human species? Science could, were it given the chance, soon turn out a race of Supermen. And lest these Supermen become dangerously arrogant and belligerent, it could inject them with the souls of poets and saints.

But I hear some of you males who are as undistinguished as I am saying that the threat of a scientifically directed breeding program for Homo sapiens would terrify you because for guys with our meagre talents there wouldn't be any place in it at all! We would be as superfluous as drones in August!

Well don't let it worry you, my friend. The way things are now improvement of the strain is for the lower animals only. For us humans it would be illegal, immoral and impossible. The lawyers would have a field day finding it illegal; the clergy would certainly declare it immoral; and the bureaucracy necessary to supervise the program would be so costly that no government could afford it.

Or if a government decided to launch such a noble undertaking whether we could afford it or not, the bureaucracy would become so constipated with caution and red tape that before the program could get fairly started, the human race would be following the whooping crane to extinction.

QFA Ayer's Cliff sector enjoy two interesting guest speakers

AYER'S CLIFF — Agronome Daniel Charron of Coaticook and Eugene Naylor, agent for Case machinery were the guest speakers at the February 4th meeting of the Ayer's Cliff Club, Quebec Farmers Association held in the Legion Hall here.

President Douglas MacKinnon called the meeting to order and welcomed the large number in attendance, many of whom were beef producers. He also announced the annual CBC - QFA will be on March 18 at Radio Canada, Montreal. A delegation of five to be planned at the March meeting to attend.

Pop Dustin of Ayer's Cliff lost his home and contents by fire in the early hours of February 3. Under jurisdiction of the Ayer's Cliff Council, contributions were being given for the construction of a new house to be built. The Club donated $50.00 and a "can" was circulated, donations from the gathering totaled $270.00 which has been added to the "Pop Dustin Relief Fund". Rita Brus, a councillor in Ayer's Cliff on behalf of the Council, thanked the people for their generosity.

Other donations included the Sherbrooke Hospital 1988 campaign; Stanstead County school fair committee; Stanstead County Agricultural Society for prizes for youth exhibits at the County fair; Ayer's Cliff and Stanstead Girl Guides Parents Committee; the County Fair prize book; and the County Fair Board towards renovations expense for the snack booth operated each year by this Club.

A machinery show will be taking place at Place Bonaventure, Montreal in April. A bus will be arranged for at $10.00 per person. Eugene Naylor to purchase the admission tickets. Names for this trip should be registered at the March meeting of the Club or with one of the executive or directors.

Daniel gave a slide and commentary presentation of the 1987 "Beef Efficiency Contest". He said there were 21 beef farmers to participate. The slides showed many of the purebreds and cross breeds of the animals and the pastures. Simmentals are the most used for cross breeding, other cross breeds are Charolais, Limousin, and other exotic breeds, and there were slides of Gordon Kohl's Highland cattle. Daniel said there is a noted improvement in the animals and the pastures of the participants. The slides showed that Stanstead County is producing some very fine beef animals and he said some of the young bulls have been sent to the test station.

Eugene presented a video on the new modern Case hay mower, how it dries and winnows it, and of the new type of round baler. After the presentation he answered questions from the floor concerning these amazing machines. He contributed four door prizes which were won by Carroll Cass, Bernard Leney, Austin Young and Arthur Cheal.

The evening adjourned with buffet refreshments and socializing.

Mr. Blanchard, CPA board member from Alberta, a prominent person in agriculture in Canada, will be the speaker at the March meeting, date of which has been changed to March 10 at the Legion Hall, Ayer's Cliff, where visitors are always welcome.

Submitted by
Ivy Hatch, Secretary

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TAKE NOTE OF PRAYERS

Mighty Spirit in the Cloud
Please take note of prayers too proud
Those growing old with no one near
Are longing for a friendly ear
Those lying still, so deep in pain
They beg to hear you call their name
And those for whom life 'just went sour'
Reach down and light their final hour

FLOODING THE MARKET

I guess they thought I'd write a tome
'Cause the minute they saw I'd written a 'pome'
They rushed right over with books of blank pages
Saying, "Now you can write on these for ages"
So - how can I thank my wonderful friends?

By writing these 'pomes' end without end -

FRAGMENT

Gentle 'shushing' of the snow
Falling on itself below
Clean, cool dressing on the earth
Smoothing scars where Man has hurt
Hold back your anger over toil
Just think how good it is for soil.

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