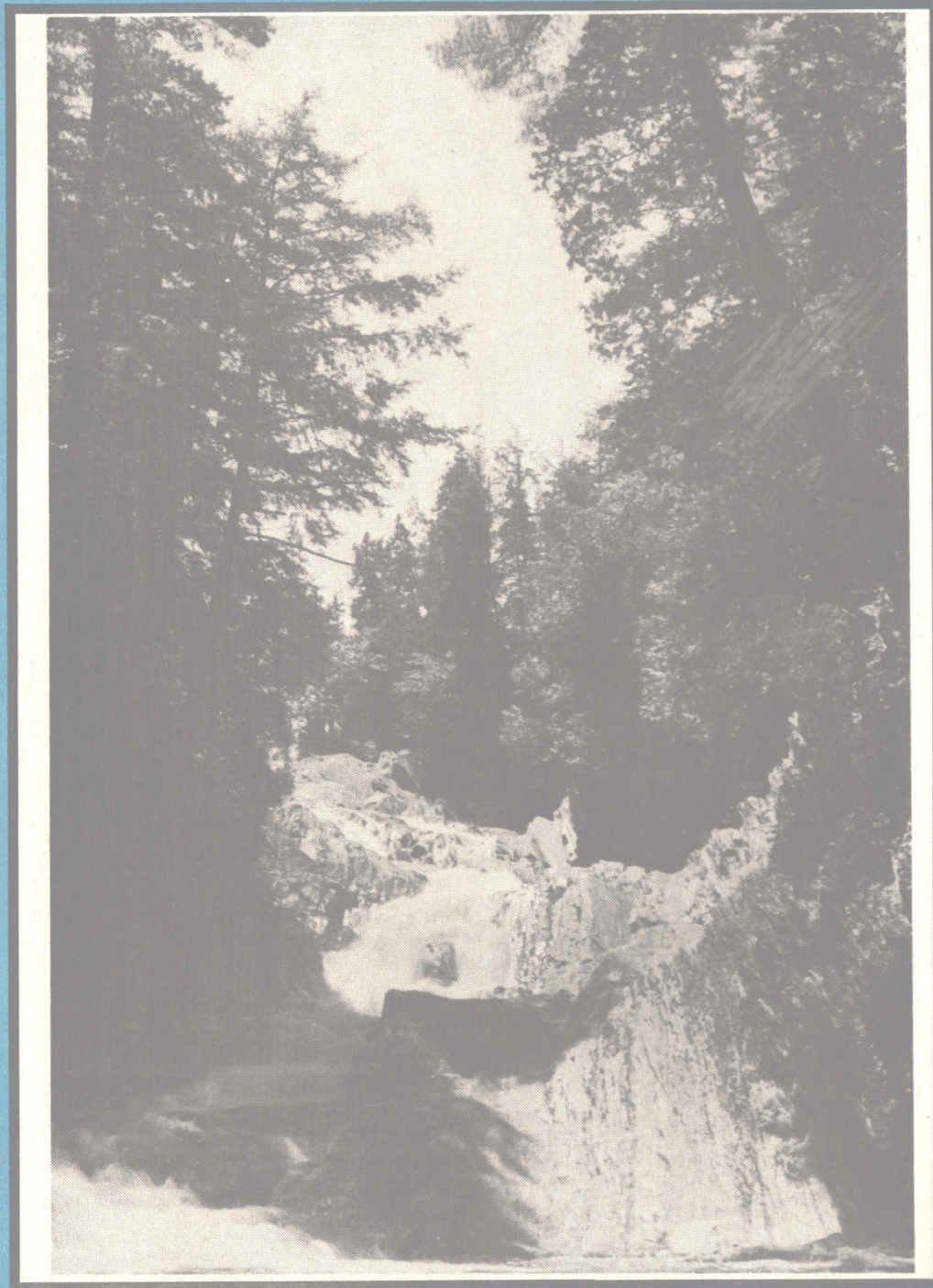


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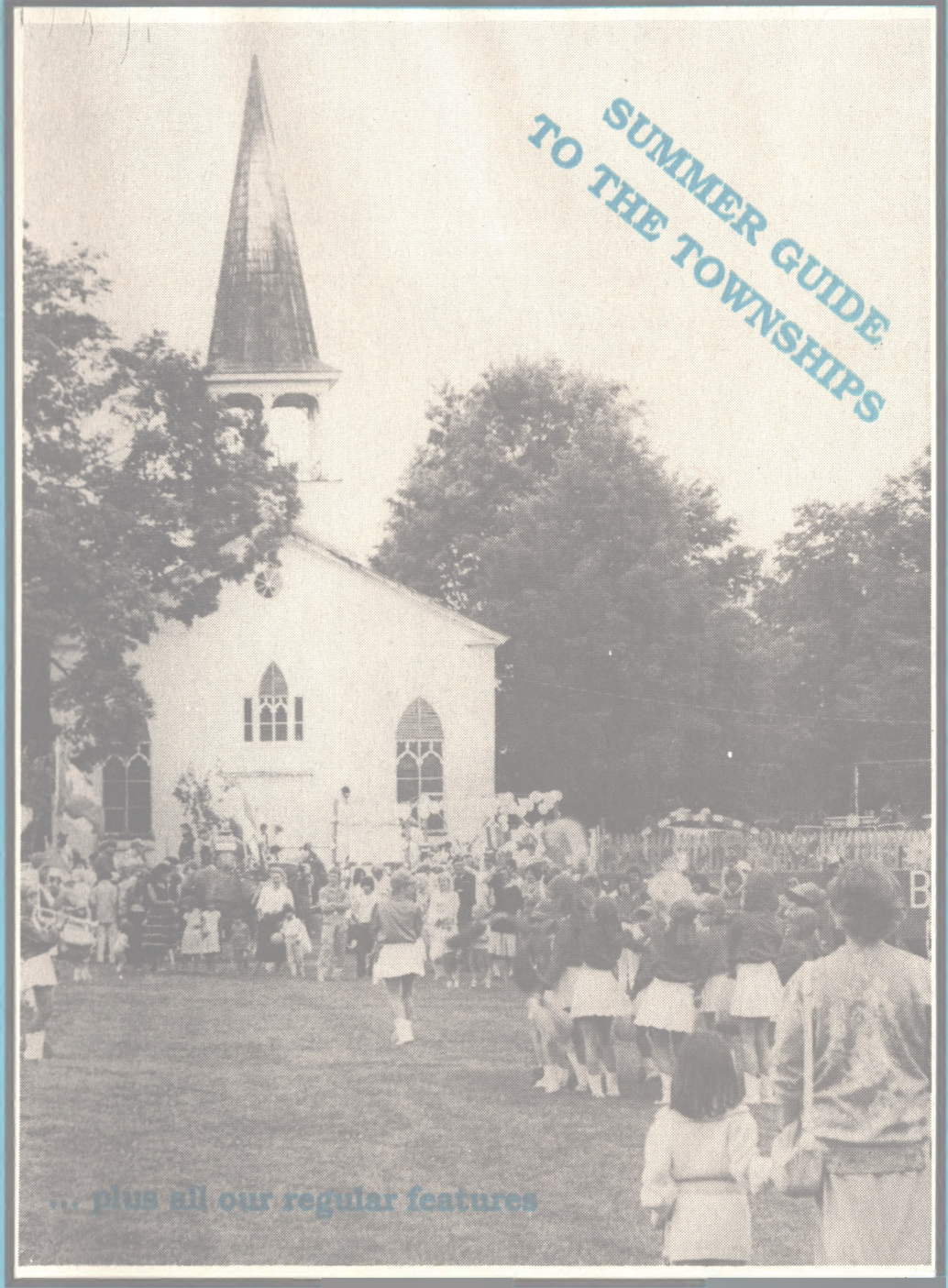
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Historic Photo Contest

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Last month's photo contest again has stumped readers. We only received one answer, and it was incorrect.

The covered bridge is at Krans, which is somewhere in the Eastern Townships, but we're not sure where.

This month, we'd like you to identify this Townships, who is part of our folklore here.

If you're right, you'll receive a one-year subscription to **The Townships Sun**. Or if you already have a subscription, you can send one as a gift to a relative or friend.

If we receive more than two correct answers, a drawing will be made from all those who answered correctly.

Responses must be postdated no later than the 15th of the month.



Happy Father's Day!

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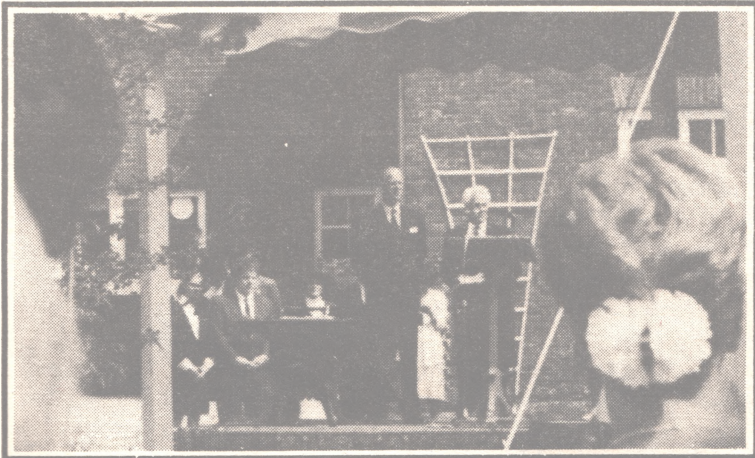


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Front: June 24th and July 1st bring out crowds of Townshipers and visitors every year. Seen here is a July 1st celebration at Hatley.
Happy Fête de la St-Jean! Join in the big party - everyone is welcome!

Back: Burrough's Falls near Ayer's Cliff.

Lennoxville's Royal Visit



Lennoxville mayor, Duncan Bruce, welcomes the Duke of Edinburgh at a ceremony at Uplands Museum.



Photos by Susan C. Mastine

The walkabout provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many spectators to see and chat with a royal figure. Many people commented on his friendly manner and his sense of humour. To a war bride, he asked, "What were you running away from?"

Genealogically Speaking

by Marjorie Goodfellow

Membership in genealogical associations with aims which match yours is worthwhile. Through attendance at meetings, reading the society's publications and corresponding with other members to share information, much useful knowledge is garnered.

The following descriptions of the activities of a few genealogical societies will give the reader some idea of the resources available.

La Société de généalogie des Cantons de l'Est is located in room 301, 1215 Kitchener Street, Sherbrooke. There the visitor will find an extensive collection of genealogical publications, the bulk of which are published in Quebec. Available for consultation is a microfiche copy of the International Genealogical Index of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (the Mormons).

This includes parish records from many countries, permitting the searcher to start a long-distance project from a site close to home. The Société's own most recent publication is a two-volume listing of Protestant marriages in the St. Francis judicial district entitled **Mariages Non-Catholiques du District de St-François 1815-1879**. There is also a card index to

Protestant baptisms, marriages and burials for the same time period and in the same judicial district. The Société publishes a quarterly newsletter and holds regular monthly meetings, usually featuring a speaker. Membership is \$20 a year. The mailing address is P.O. Box 635, Sherbrooke, J1H 5K5. (Telephone (819)562-7741)

Quebec Family History Society is located at 173A Cartier, suite 3, Pointe Claire. The Society's quarterly publication, **Connections**, features articles by members and a queries section of special interest to those with an English-speaking Quebec background. A recently inaugurated service enables out-of-town members to borrow books from a part of the large collection of genealogical and historical publications. The Society is collecting lists of surnames of members' ancestors. These will be kept on file for the information of searchers. Membership is \$25 a year. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire H9S 4H9. (Telephone (514)695-1502).

The Scottish Genealogy Society, located in Edinburgh, Scotland, has been publishing its quarterly journal, **The Scottish Genealogist**, for 35 years.

This excellent publication is the most constant service available to overseas members. However, before planning an ancestor hunt in Scotland, the searcher will be well advised to consult one of the Society's officers for recommendations on how to make the trip as valuable as possible. Membership applications (£8 a year, British currency) should be addressed to Mrs. P.A. Peat, Overseas Membership and Sales Secretary, 9 Union Street, Edinburgh EH1 3LT.

There are many other associations which concentrate on the family history concerns of a particular region or country. Should you want to know more about them or if you have another type of genealogical problem with which you need help, please write to me at the address below. Of the queries received, some will be selected for publication in future columns. They may be accompanied by answers, by suggestions of how to proceed or by a request for help from readers. It all depends upon the nature of the request. Address your letter as follows:

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Cenotaph unveiled at Milan

The unveiling and dedication of the Cenotaph took place in Milan on Sunday afternoon, May 14th at 2:15 p.m., with Robert Harper and Clayton Grey of the Canadian Legion, Bury branch No. 48 in charge. The parade lined up at the railway crossing and marched to the cenotaph,

which is located across the street from the Presbyterian church. Following the remarks by the President of Branch 48 and the singing of the hymn, O God Our Help In Ages Past, there was a scripture reading, Psalm 121, by Roderick K. "Bing" MacIver. The gathering was addressed

in French and English by Duncan McLeod, followed by the unveiling of the monument by Robert Harper and Clayton Grey, who was Master of Ceremonies for the day. The prayer of dedication by Robert Sandford was followed by the reading of the names, those of World War I by Duncan McLeod and those of 2nd World War by Clayton Grey.

Following the Drumhead service and Placing of the Colours, the Last Post was sounded by the bugler, Warren Begbie, then the Silence, and the poem, They Shall Not Grow Old, then Reveille by the bugler.

Wreaths were laid by Donald N. Morrison, for the veterans; by Ruth Nicholson for the Mothers; by Gaston Denis for the Municipality of Milan; followed by wreaths by representatives of Canadian Legion branch 48, Bury; Canadian Legion branch 10, Sherbrooke; and the Army, Navy & Air Force Association. A prayer was offered by Robert Harper in English and by Louise Denis in French.

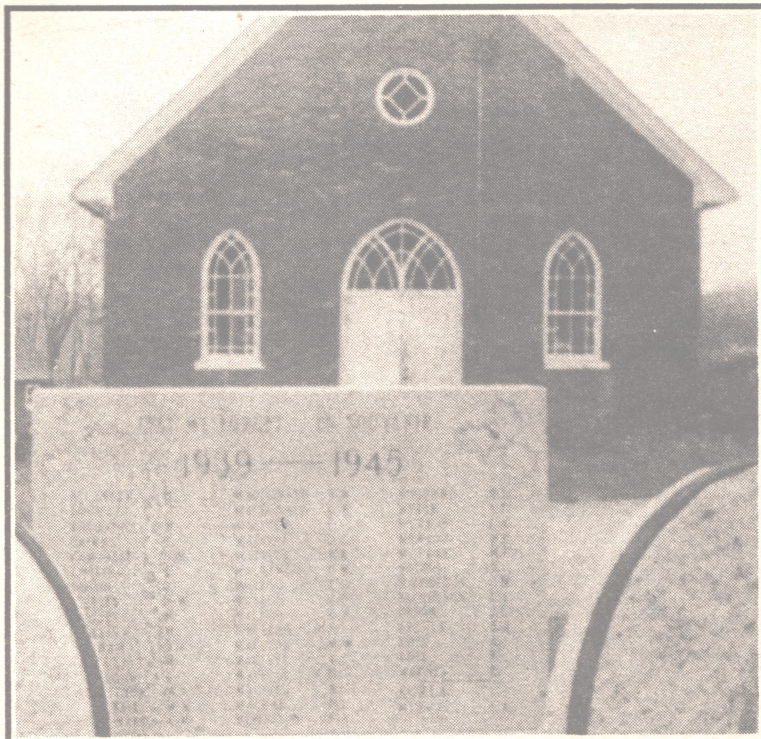
The Soldier's Lament was

played by the Piper, Gordon Ware. All joined in singing God Save Our Queen, followed by the March Past of the veterans with Clayton Grey taking the salute. Flag Bearers were Roscoe Morrison and George Smiley.

A light lunch was served in the Town Hall following the service to over 100 guests. It was estimated that over 150 were in attendance at the

unveiling.

Sincere thanks go to Evelyn and Gordon Smith of Cornwall, Ont. for the part they played in the dedication of the monument; to Cecil Dougherty for supplying the P.A. system; Robert Sandford of the Presbyterian church, Scotstown; Louise and Gaston Denis for arranging lunch; and to Duncan McLeod for making it all possible.



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Editorial

A Time for Reflection

This issue marks the second Townships Sun this year to bring readers an extensive guide to tourism in the region. Our February issue brought you information about the winter pleasures of the Eastern Townships, and this issue will provide you with a guide for making the most of summer here.

While we go about enjoying the scenic beauty, recreational attractions and cultural events in the Townships, it's a good time to ponder the future of tourism in this region. It is rapidly becoming a major industry here and likely will be the most important one within a few years. The advantages to develop the industry are great. No industrial pollution results, and many job opportunities open for our residents. Furthermore, it is a tremendous incentive to preserve and protect our vanishing architectural heritage - the mills, churches, covered bridges, round barns and other historic buildings, all of which are distinctive to the area and popular with tourists.

At the same time, we must be vigilant about not letting the natural beauty of the region be destroyed by profiteers intent on covering every particularly beautiful area with restaurants, hotels, motels and glitzy attractions. Only by working through our

municipal councils and MRCs and by being involved in organizations such as the Association Touristique de l'Estrie can we keep a control on what could ultimately destroy the special quality found in the Townships.

The provincial government is playing an increased role in tourism in the area, having recently discovered the potential here. The intent by government is to bring income to the province through tourism. Our intent must be to ensure that the place we live is not ruined in the effort.

England provides a wonderful example of how tourism can be developed without the loss of natural beauty in the countryside. A hiking trip there, described in this issue by one of The Sun's freelancers, gives us a glimpse of how well preserved that country's natural beauty and architectural heritage have been, despite the role of tourism as England's major industry. The experience there can be an inspiration and a guide for us here in the Townships.

We hope our guide adds enjoyment to your summer here and during those days of travel through the region and participation in the many activities here, you take time to reflect about the future of tourism in the Eastern Townships. **B.V.**

Pollutants lurk under kitchen sink

Householders share responsibility for much environmental damage

Ecology, like charity, begins at home.

Faced with acid rain, holes in the ozone layer, toxic wastes, and other such monumental environmental problems, Quebecers may feel that there is little an individual can do.

But that's not true, say environmentalists. There are dozens of little things we do every day which may damage our environment. Scouring the bathtub, throwing out paper, and spraying pesticides in the back yard are just a few examples. If we learn how to break our polluting habits, then each person can make a contribution to environmental improvement in his or her everyday life.

"It all really adds up," says Julia Langer, executive director of Friends of the Earth, an Ottawa-based environmental group.

"Not only are there lots of things you can do, but by doing them all together, we can make a very significant difference in terms of the quality of our environment."

Pollutants in the home

When we think of pollution, we often think of smokestacks and sewer pipes. But households are also an important source of pollution.

May was Environment Month in Quebec, as good a time as any to take a look under the kitchen sink to see what hazardous pollutants are stored there.

In the May issue of the

Commentary

by Michèle Sheass
for Mainland Press

consumer magazine "Protect Yourself", published in Montreal, the theme is the environment. Included is information on many household products which contribute to pollution.

"Generally, anything you know must be handled with care or kept away from children or pets becomes hazardous waste when you dispose of it," says Pat Abbott of "Protect Yourself".

Such products, she says, are often easily identified by the familiar symbols for "Corrosive", "Flammable", and "Radioactive". Abbott's list includes furniture, toilet, and drain cleaners; laundry stain removers; turpentine; paint thinner; oil-based paints; insect repellents; swimming pool chemicals; batteries; and aerosol cans.

"These are all very ordinary things which we find everywhere in our homes," she says.

Domestic toxic waste

When poured down the drain, or thrown out in the garbage, these products can seep into the soil to contaminate drinking water supplies, or travel through the sewers to pollute lakes and rivers.

Abbott suggests cutting down on the use of such products, recycling wherever possible, and finding non-toxic alternatives.

"Pure and simple" is a Canadian company which offers non-toxic alternatives. It opened its first store in Magog, in Quebec's Eastern Townships, on May 1. After years of campaigning for the environment, Hannah Obermeier and Pierre Lacombe created Pure and Simple to offer Canadian consumers a choice of environment-friendly products.

"Here in Canada, we're a little bit behind what's going on in the U.S. and Europe, where many non-toxic alternatives to the toxic products we use every day have been

produced, bought, and used for over 10 or even 15 years," says Obermeier.

The Pure and Simple catalogue includes a line of body care products, air purifiers, paints and stains, recycled paper products, pet and plant care products, and wooden toys.

Home-made alternatives

A poll published in the first 1989 issue of Maclean's Magazine found that 86 per cent of Canadians would be willing to spend up to \$1,000 more per household each year to buy safer products.

But some alternative household products are inexpensive and can be made at home. For instance, baking soda can serve as an all-purpose scouring powder; vinegar and water will clean windows; and lemon oil makes a good furniture polish.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, are eating away at the ozone layer, and they are hiding in the home under many guises. They are present in aerosol cans, the foam used for cushions, in styrofoam containers, and in the coolant systems of refrigerators and air conditioners.

To keep the atmosphere CFC-free, switch to vaporizers instead of aerosols, cotton fillings instead of foam, cardboard or paper wrappings instead of styrofoam packing, and a fan instead of an air conditioner. When you get your refrigerator serviced, make sure the repairman knows how to drain CFCs safely.

Press for change

Sometimes there are no readily available alternatives. In this case, the best thing to do is speak out and demand them, Langer says. She also suggests writing to industries, city hall, and provincial and federal governments.

"We're going to have to exercise our democratic muscle. We're going to have to press for solutions. It's been pointed out to me that when politicians get more than five letters on any one topic, it's a landslide. It really does make a difference."

Michèle Sheass is a writer and broadcaster in Quebec City.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoy the paper very much. Nearly always read the day it arrives. The new Genealogy page interesting looking - looking forward to more.

Mrs. A. Murchison
Acton, Ontario

Dear Editor:

Please find cheque for my renewal. I look forward to each issue. I enjoy the whole paper, but especially the "Conservation & Nature Notes by Gladys M. Beattie.

Marjorie Keeley
Beebe, P.Q.

Dear Editor:

Thank-you for a very interesting magazine. I always look for your Nature Articles. I take your Magazine to Vermont where it is enjoyed by other Seniors.

Thanks again.
Georgina Doe
Brome

Dear Editor:

Every publication has articles which really hit home. Your April edition was no disappointment.

The article "Growing Up on the Farm in the Eastern Townships" by Margaret Alexander was excellent.

As I was raised on a farm in Waterville, I experienced situations such as she did, and used to feel, "It only happened to me." It was good to know that isn't true and to know it was typical, difficult, but wonderful.

I noted Margaret did not wish to reveal her age, but there are many of us who went to school with her, with Year Books which record her secret. We know, those of us who are from Lennoxville High.

It was good to see pictures of her family, which was so well known and respected in the area.

I left in 1951 and it was good to catch up on the happenings of Margaret and her family.

It would be nice if more articles could be written by others whose heart is still in the Eastern Townships.

James Brown
Brooklin, Ont.

P.S. I could relate one additional experience which may be shared by others.

One time out behind the sugar camp with matches, dried maple leaves, and the "Sherbrooke Record" a couple of us tried to light a cigarette that was so big we needed two hands to hold it.

We sure wasted a lot of matches while Father wondered why he was using so many.

By the way, it just didn't work! But we didn't get caught that time.

Conservation & Nature Notes

by Gladys Mackey Beattie

The sun is hot! Its rays seem stronger than ever before. They burn the skin and wilt the tender plants in the woods and garden. Today, when I picked up one of the steel rods I use to stake the tomatoes, it was hot. In fact, it was so hot I had to drop it. I plunged my hand into the watering can and muttered things about the Greenhouse Effect.

A gravel truck roared down the road, a plume of black diesel smoke trailing behind it. Our problem is not just the rainforest, nor the industries using fossil fuels. It's all the little things too - the cars, trucks, chemicals, space programs, airplanes, the gas in our refrigerators and in the ever-increasing number of air conditioners in cars, homes and workplaces. It is not a problem we look ahead to, but one which is here now.

How can we cope? How can the forests cope? How will agriculture and our gardens cope?

It is very obvious that we will have to make some big changes in our lifestyles - and many little changes too. In our temperate climate we can look at what people in "hot" countries have done over the centuries to live with the heat in their climates. Panama hats and a noon-siesta are not a bad idea, if your job permits.

Air conditioning can be an answer if you are able to stay indoors all day, but running in and out of cool air-conditioned places into searing heat is as hard on your body in summer as in winter.

Closing and curtaining windows and doors, then living "in the shade" is a big help in keeping houses cooler. I see that the automotive supply stores now sell plastic shades to put over your car windows to keep out the sun. Perhaps summer awnings to shade our cars can be rented much as tent garages can be rented for winter protection.

What can we do to "heat-proof" our yards and gardens? Using up precious supplies of drinking water to douse our landscape each evening is not the answer.

Plants have survived previous climatic changes through adaptation, but that might take centuries. Adapting our gardens and lawns to a hotter, drier climate has

become a new science: Xeriscaping. Coined from the Greek word, Xeros - dry, and the English word, "landscaping", - Xeriscapes are now the "in" thing.

There are many aspects to Xeriscaping. Gardeners are encouraged to mulch everything - heavily. Bedding plants should be selected for their ability to go without a lot of water. Out go the water hungry petunias and in come the drought resistant geraniums, and so on.

Use trickle or drip irrigation instead of the usual "soak-the-whole-yard!" technique. Lawns need lots of water to keep up that lush green look, but is it necessary? There are varieties of grasses that require less water than others. Plant trees which will shade your home and garden from the heat of the sun. Most trees have deep root systems and can withstand dry periods without problems unless you have a very sandy soil.

What can the farmers do? Crops will need to be chosen for their ability to grow with less water. Crops like corn, which leave a large percentage of the soil bare and thus permit evaporation and soil erosion, will be on the bad list. After seeing the soil erosion problem around St. Hyacinthe last spring, any land owner should be encouraged to plant wind-breaks between fields and switch to low-till or no-till crop programs when possible. Trees should be planted to shade farm buildings and feed lots. Animals suffering from heat cannot produce as well as comfortable animals.

Forest management (or mis-management) has been the focus for a lot of discussion. Now, it is even more critical that these resources be managed wisely. Our water supply relies on a good ground cover in the forest. Our slash and waste policy using heavy machinery and without any thought to the future has to stop.

While the rainforests are drawing international concern, local woodlot operators could do a lot towards conserving flora and fauna. Two adjoining woodlots in this neighbourhood are being "harvested". One operator is obviously interested in seeing his woodlot go on producing wood in his own lifetime; the other woodlot looks like a war zone with complete de-

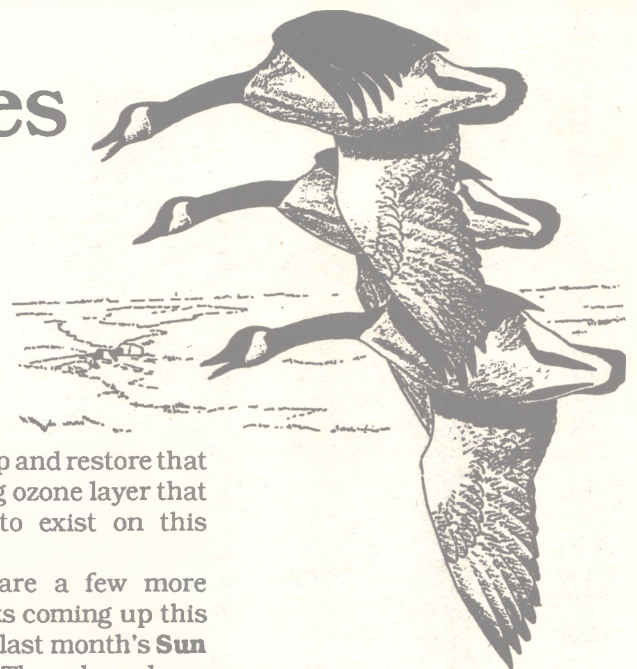
struction of all forest vegetation and deep tracks left by his heavy equipment, which will scar the forest floor forever.

Both woodlots seem to have about the same size piles of marketable timber stacked up. I expect that the person doing the careful cutting will be able to make another harvest in about 10 years, while the other woodlot owner will need about four times that length of time to regenerate a marketable harvest. It would be very interesting to compare the harvesting costs of the two woodlots.

Conservation has to be everyone's mandate if we are

going to keep and restore that sun-filtering ozone layer that allows life to exist on this planet.

There are a few more nature walks coming up this month. See last month's *Sun* for the list. There have been some very interesting sightings - a Northern Goshawk at Suffield and a Bald Eagle fishing in St. Francis Xavier's little lake.

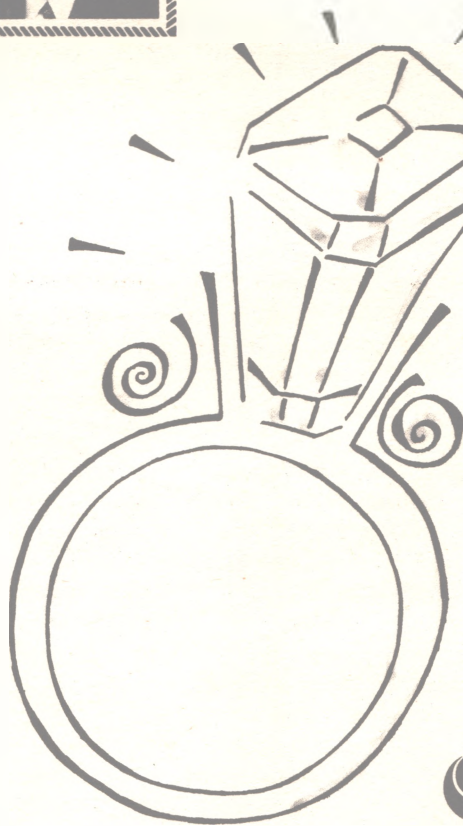


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Hiking in the Heather

by Michael Grayson

"And did those feet in ancient times

Walk upon England's mountains green?"

William Blake's couplets and stirring music keep coming back to me (no need of a Walkman!), as I stride across those same mountains green. Soon I will descend into the valley below, where nightingales still sing, and brooks gush between ivy-clad stone walls.

I marvel that England's countryside has survived so well. Although a population more than double Canada's occupies a territory about one-eighth that of Québec, 80% of the land surface has been preserved for farming, and scenic or historic areas have received special protection from heritage groups, such as the National Trust.

A hiker's paradise

England remains a hiker's paradise. An amazing diversity of terrain and topography offers challenge to experienced hikers (and climbers) as well as endless pleasure and discovery to more casual walkers.



Photo: Michael Grayson

All roads are paved in England. And, except for straight modern motorways, most blend into the landscape like this one.

Old rights of way, whose origins are lost in the mists of time, have been maintained. New paths have been added by conservation groups such as the National Trust and moor-

land associations. The resulting network of public footpaths is unequalled in any industrialised country. You can share well-trodden paths along rugged coastlines with nimble sheep, enjoying cliff-top views, or cool tired feet in the surf sandy coves.

Paths cross barren but beautiful heather-covered moors, tidy hayfields and pastures, national forests and private copses. They provide short-cuts to churches, schools and shops in urban settings. You can follow the banks of rivers and canals on public towpaths; it's not hard to visualize huge draft-horses

hauling heavily-laden barges (as recently as 40 years ago). Many of those barges have been transformed into floating homes, moored along the edges of urban waterways, adding colour and interest to waterside paths.

Overnight accommodation can readily be had (except in summer months) at very reasonable rates in cosy bed and breakfast cottages, hikers' dormitories and youth hostels, where you meet youths of every age. Youth hostel membership is inexpensive, and a good investment. You can join here before going. Old farm-houses,

chapels and schools, and stately mansions in graceful grounds have been transformed into hostels, where you can stay overnight for \$10-15.

Springtime is my favourite walking time. The countryside is dotted with lambs and wildflowers, and there are no crowds to contend with. Last April during a visit to Yorkshire, I spent a cool, cloudy and memorable day winding my way up from Settle (where I had arrived by train from Leeds) to the village of Malhem, nestling among limestone crags.

It's market day in Settle: I squeeze some fresh-baked rolls and local cheese into my back-pack, and I cannot resist an attractive mug from a potter's stall. I buy a local hiking map and find my way to a farm track leading up a steep stony hillside on the edge of town. Soon Settle and its bustling market are far below; here the only onlookers are sheep eyeing me curiously, while lambs scurry to their sides. The track has shrunk to a footpath.

Changes or choices of direction are generally posted - but I check my map regularly, as I have sometimes gotten lost on misty days. Mind you, the consequences are never dramatic: one ends up in the right pub in the wrong village.

Age-old stone walls

My path levels out and is dominated by dramatically sculpted limestone formations. Age-old stone walls, carefully laid to last, mark the irregular boundaries of farmers' fields. Straight lines are totally alien to this landscape; so are trees. Hare (wild rabbits) scatter as I cross a wall, using a step-ladder stile. A weasel peers out at me curiously from a safe hole in the wall.

Now my path follows a narrow road for about a mile, until it ends at two very isolated farms. I wonder what it's like to live up here; the landscape is not hospitable, and the winds must be fierce in winter. At the same time, I feel a special feeling of oneness with the universe. A dozen gnarled oaks stand inside a stone enclosure; they are the only trees to be seen on the upland portion of my route. Trees simply cannot grow where sheep are pasturing.

I climb again, gently; my path becomes rockier. Finally I

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reach the high point, and get my first view of Malham snuggled in the green valley below. All its buildings are of stone, huddled around a small church and slender spire. Stone walls criss-cross the fields, and climb the hillsides. Sheep show up as white dots everywhere. I pull out my binoculars and hone in on a few eye-catching spots. The most striking is a massive limestone cliff about a mile up the valley from the village. Known as Malham Cove, it looks totally out of place in this inland setting. My guide-book has prepared me for it; I plan to take a closer look later in the day.

I lose the track as it crosses the rock bluffs leading to the descent to the valley. I aim for a stone barn on the hillside below, where a road begins. Several fields and several stone-walls later, I am admiring its fine stonework, before heading down the road. At the edge of Malham, a sign offers dormitory accommodation. I am the only visitor - I get a room to myself - for about \$6.

After a warm drink in one of the village pubs, I set out for Malham Cove. A crystalline brook gushes out at its foot, water that has gone underground miles away. This unusual cliff is the result of a geological fault-line, one rock mass pushed up on the face of another. A steep path leads to the top, and a magnificent view, where I learn the word "lynchet". Then I ramble on to Malham Tarn, an isolated and mysterious lake, and finally the climax of my day: Gordale Scar, a spectacular gorge on the same fault-line, about two miles west of the Cove.

I relax in the pub that evening over a hearty meal and a pint or two of real ale. I then enjoy a good night's sleep, just me and the pigeons. After a quick revisit next morning to Malham Cove, I catch the bus to historic Skipton. I wander around its well-preserved mediaeval castle, stroll through town and explore the canal, before catching a train back to Leeds.

Walk anywhere

Every part of Britain offers beautiful, often spectacular, walking. For more rugged hiking, the Scottish Highlands should be visited, while Scotland's west-coast islands offer a uniquely desolate beauty. The green valleys of Wales with some 3,000 foot peaks also offer lots of charm and challenge.

The railway from Settle (my starting-point for Malham) north to Carlisle is said to be England's most scenic

line. There are several stops from where you can catch a bus into the Lake District.

While on the subject of trains, there are many steam train excursions, which should warm the hearts of railway buffs. Abandoned lines have been taken over by local conservation groups, and they manage to make steam trains pay their way during tourist seasons. (This would be a great idea for the Lennoxville-North Hatley-Newport line, with a beautiful ride along Massawippi's shoreline!)

A visit to the South-West may be slightly more costly, and crowded at peak periods, but the coastline is breathtaking, and jewels of villages are hidden in small coves, or perch on the cliffs of North Devon and Cornwall. On your way to the West, the Roman ruins at Bath are certainly worth a stop, and of course, the 5,000 year old Druid site at Stonehenge. However, wear and tear have restricted access at this latter site, and the lesser known stone circle at Avebury, just 26 km to the north, may be even more impressive.

And if you are interested in mystics and folklore, you won't want to miss Glastonbury in Somerset, described in the Middle Ages as a

heavenly sanctuary. Many Arthurian legends are centred here, around the abbey ruins, and a beautiful mediaeval church tower survives on the



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The valley below Malham Cove is remarkable for its lynchets, cultivation terraces made by Iron Age farmers in the period 600-700 A.D. The walls were added later.

famous tor (rounded hillock). The Holy Grail has been the quest of searchers here for centuries.

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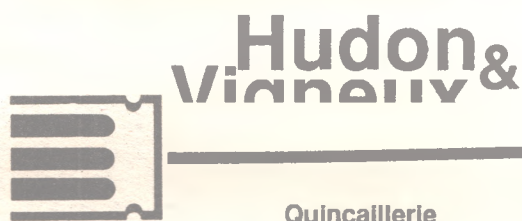
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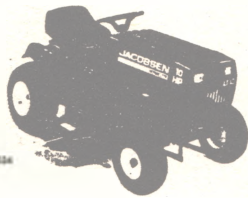
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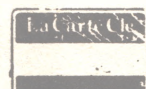
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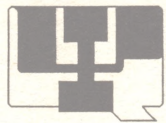
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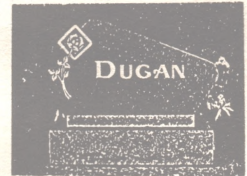


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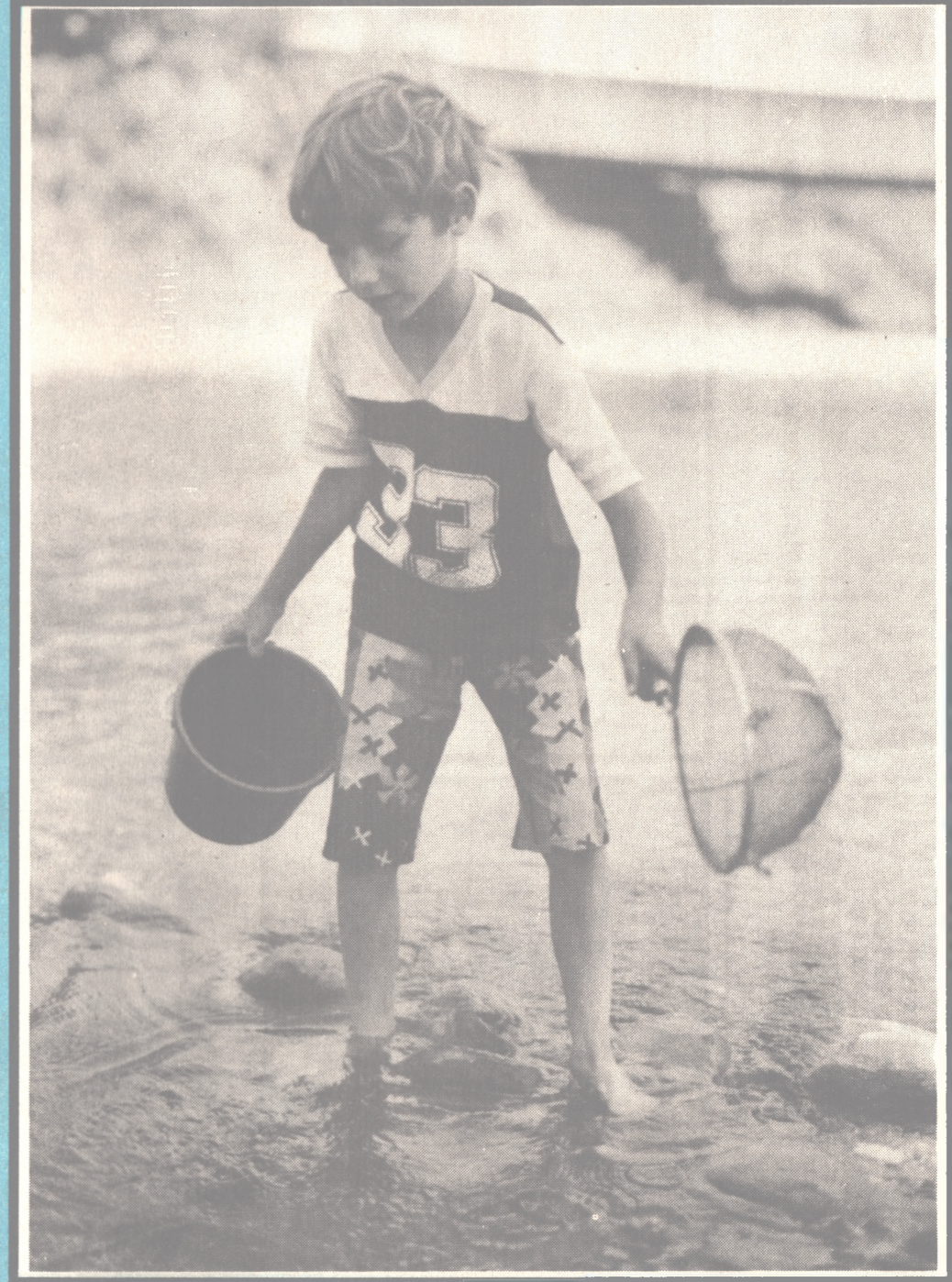
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Follow the least travelled roads...

by Barbara Verity

The Eastern Townships is best seen along the least travelled roads - those winding, narrow, often gravel covered roads that take you through remote villages and past scenic vistas, bringing you closest to the natural beauty of the region. On foot or by bike is the best way to experience the region, but if you travel by car, simply be sure to go slowly so you don't miss anything.

This way you'll be able to catch the scent of wildflowers, evergreens, and hayfields; stop readily to talk to anyone you meet along the way; and take in all the details of the scenery and buildings that you would otherwise miss.

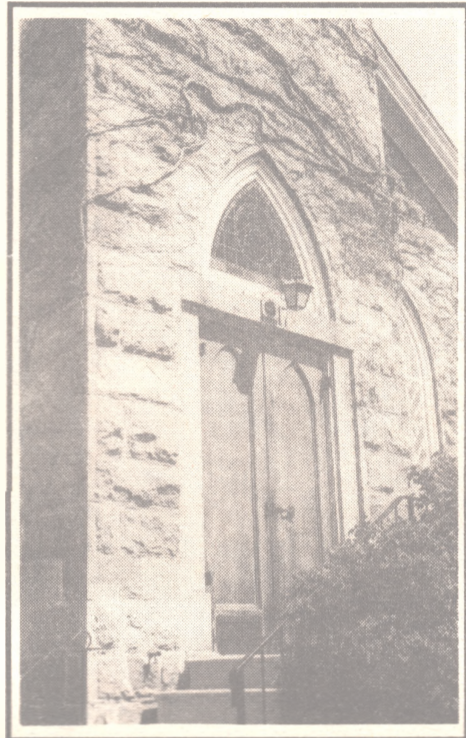


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Take time to note the details in the many beautiful churches in the Eastern Townships. This door opens to All Saint's Church in Dunham, a town with many beautiful and historic stone buildings.

The Townships Sun, a monthly newspaper published in Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada, prints a summer tourist guide each year for the benefit of its subscribers and the tourists who come to the region. We hope the information here will add to the enjoyment of your stay in the Eastern Townships.

-Barbara Verity, Editor

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Wherever you go in the Townships, you'll find these kind of roads - they're one of our riches.

Philipsburg - Eccles Hill - Frelighsburg - Dunham

For one special trip, start in the village of Philipsburg on the shores of Missisquoi Bay, where the earliest Townships pioneers entered Canada from New England. This village has many architecturally interesting houses, including a log cabin facing Missisquoi Bay. Find your way to the outskirts of the village to see the oldest United Church still in operation in Canada. It was built in 1819 and is a beautiful example of split stone construction.

Just below the church, take the Quinn Road and head for St. Armand and on through Pigeon Hill. You'll need a topographical map to find Eccles Hill, down by the Vermont border, but the effort is well worthwhile. It is a beautiful and historic corner of the Townships, where a battle was fought with the Fenian Raiders more than a century ago. The incident is commemorated in a park by the border.

From Eccles Hill, make your way to Frelighsburg, a particularly picturesque village in a mountain setting along the Pike River. The Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, a beautiful

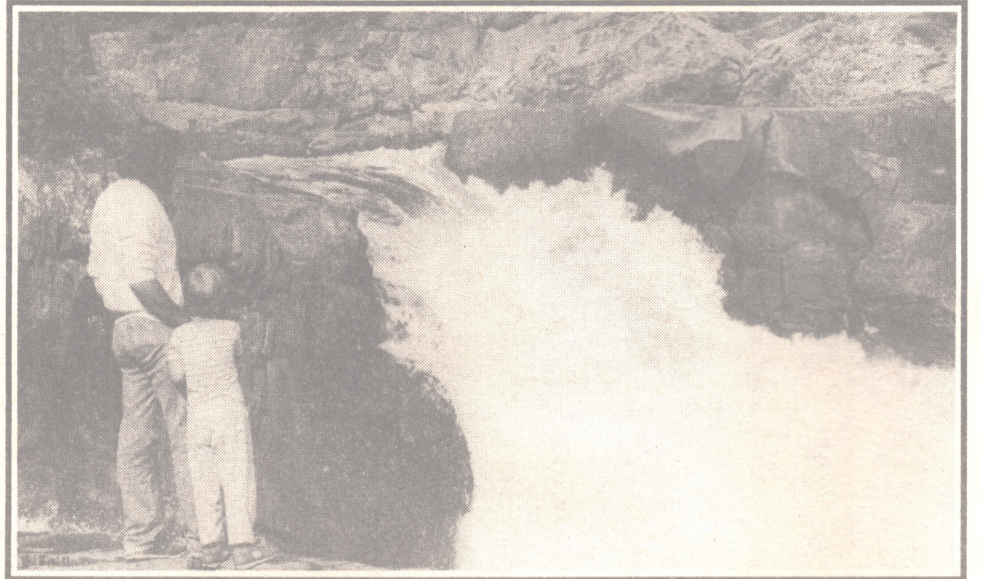


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Lysander Falls may be a little out of the way, but it's well worth a visit.

building itself, is on the site of the first Anglican church in the Townships.

From Frelighsburg to Dunham will bring you past apple orchards and two vineyards that have become popular tourist spots. Dunham is an historically interesting town to tour with its numerous century-old stone buildings on the main street.

Inverness - Lysander Falls - St. Jacques de Leeds - Kinnear's Mills

Then why not visit the opposite corner of the Townships - at the northeastern extremity?

Find Inverness, a beautiful village that is set on a hill and has some unique buildings such as the former Inverness Academy, built in 1889 as a school and now used as the library. On the main street, there is a church converted into a foundry where

sculptures are cast.

From Inverness take the Gosford Road north to find Lysander Falls. These waterfalls are well worth visiting. Since the falls are remote from the better travelled tourist regions, you will find few people there. Overlooking the falls is a clean, well-kept picnic ground with picnic tables and washrooms. Then to get a close look at the falls, cross the bridge and find the tiny footpath that goes down to the foot of the falls.

After a picnic, return to Inverness and continue on to St. Jacques de Leeds over a long straight road that spans sweeping hills. Continue on to Kinnear's Mills, where you will find a village that has almost more churches than houses. Well, not quite, but it seems that way when you see the four churches all clustered together.



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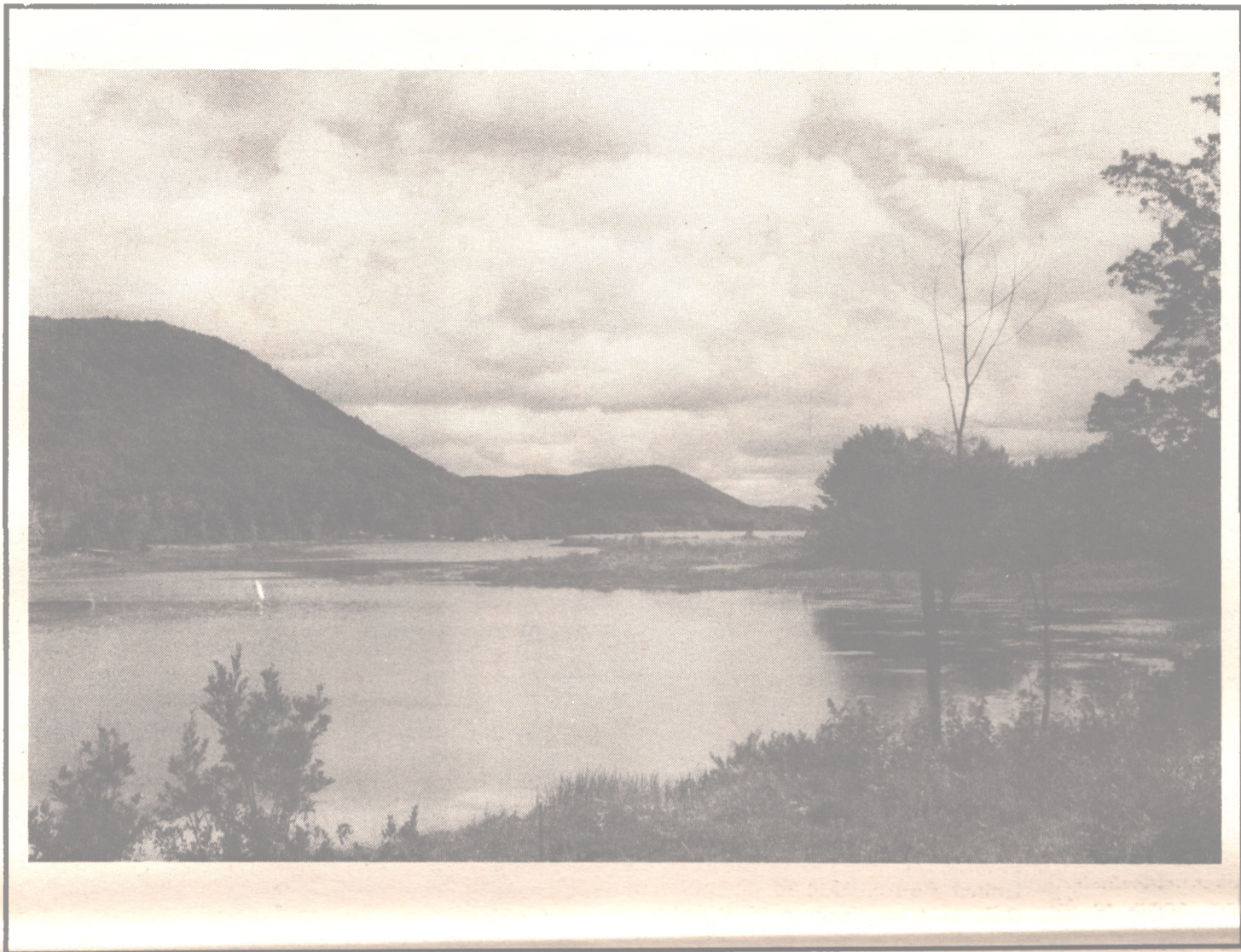


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A bicycle ride by the Fitch Bay Narrows will bring you enjoyment of the scenery around Lake Memphremagog.

Magog - Georgeville - Fitch Bay Narrows - Beebe

So far, we've been from the western to the eastern end of the Townships. Somewhere around the middle, and in the southern region, is another special trip - this time from Magog down to Beebe.

Magog is not hard to find on any map, but the drive straight down to the border is a little less travelled than this busy tourist town.

From Magog to Georgeville will take you past several beautiful views of the Sutton Mountains and Lake Memphremagog in the distance, including St. Benoit du Lac Abbey at one point.

Georgeville is one of the more

beautiful villages of the Townships to visit, with its handsome New England homes, historic churches and quaint country store, where you can buy everything from home-made bread to tools and antiques.

At the store, turn left and take the right fork to find a gravel road that will take you past more beautiful scenery and a particularly interesting cemetery - the MacPherson Cemetery, which dates from 1798. A stroll through any of the cemeteries of the Townships will give you a glimpse of history, and this one is a particularly old one.

Wind your way southward to the Fitch Bay Narrows and view one of the region's remaining covered bridges.

There's a picnic table here too.

Further on as you approach Beebe, you can view the granite quarry, and then later drive along Canusa Street in Beebe. This street name is an abbreviation for Canada and USA, marking the border between the two countries. Walk down one side

of the street and you're in Canada; cross to the other side and you're in the States.

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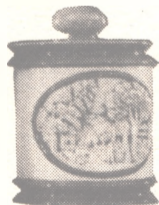
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Danville's architecture and green space attract tourists

by Bruce MacFarlane

The small town of Danville might seem misleading at first to tourists, but after opening both eyes, visitors soon realize that Danville should not be taken for granted.

One of the town's attractions is its architectural history. A leisurely stroll through the streets of Danville provides a picturesque architectural history lesson.

Victorian gothic, Greek revival and Italianate are just a few styles to be seen. An example of the the Greek revival style can be discovered by walking down Grove street and stopping in front of Trinity Church.

The vintage Beaux-Arts style is quite obvious by taking Water Street and glancing at the Bank of Commerce building.

A walking tour through the streets of Danville will bring you to



Photo: Susan C. Mastine

The town square in Danville is the heart of the town.

places with the utmost relevance for the town's history and its architectural heritage.

For any nature buff, Burbank Pond is a definite stopover. You can sit in the park and watch the rays of the sun off the water. Burbank Pond is home to an abundant amount of fish, so you can also cast a line and hope to snag a fish or two.

There are several walking trails throughout the area. Birdwatching is one of the most popular activities of Burbank Pond with numerous birdwatching groups coming to the area.

Picnic tables are available for a family picnic. Children can pass time in the sun at the playground area.

Burbank Pond is open all summer long. Information on the area can be obtained at the Nature Interpretation Center located at 150 Water Street.



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The Hallowe'en House, once slated for demolition, has become a symbol of the unique architectural heritage of Danville.

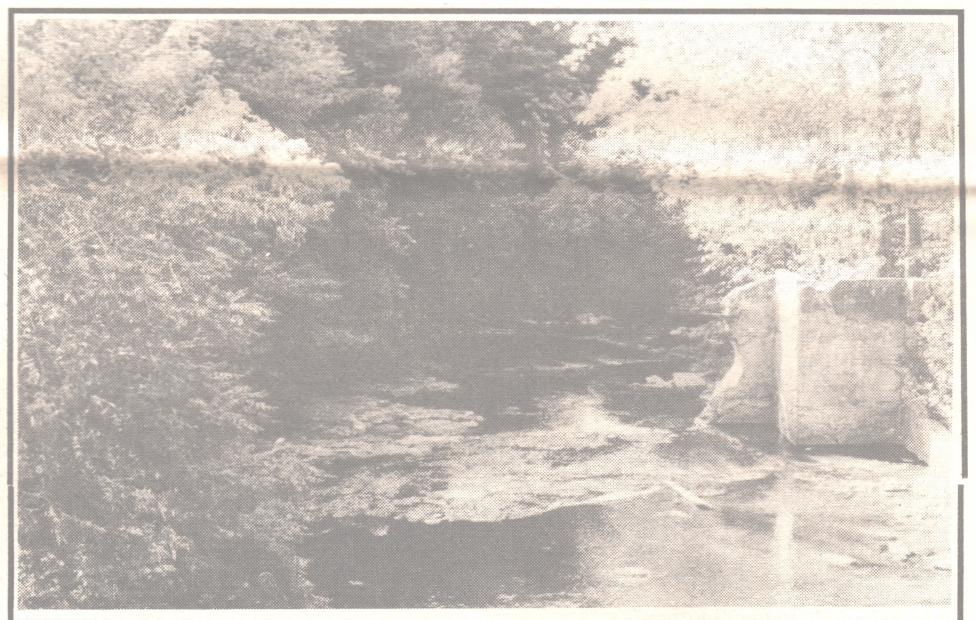




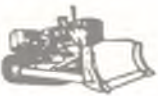
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The Danville area is one of scenic beauty and variety, to be enjoyed on a leisurely drive. The Pinnacle, accessible to the most amateur of hikers, provides a majestic view of the surrounding countryside. Pictured here is the remains of a dam just outside of the town.

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Kingsey Falls' Parc Marie-Victorin

A botanical garden in the Townships

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The park is named after Kingsey



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Many visitors stop to smell the roses ... and other flowers in the park.

rieties of plants are found here, with approximately 300 of the plants identified on plaques. Trails take visitors through the two-acre park and past flower-filled rock gardens.

From a platform built on the

Falls' most famous native, Conrad Kirouac, who became Frère Marie-Victorin, the famed Quebec botanist. In the first half of this century, Frère Marie-Victorin wrote several books, recording the plants of Quebec, his



Photo: S. C. Mastine

The park's annual Scarecrow Contest attracts lots of attention.

work still considered today a classic and a valuable reference. In 1935, he published "Flore Laurentienne", which contained 2,800 drawings and 1,917 descriptions of plants, representing 30 years of his work.

He became the first Director of the Montreal Botanical Gardens, after having started the first botanical laboratory at the Université de Montréal.

Frère Marie-Victorin was born in

Kingsey Falls and lived there a few years until his father moved the family to Quebec City and started a business there. Frère Marie-Victorin, however, returned often to the region to spend summers with his grandparents.

The village of Kingsey Falls welcomes visitors to this park created to honor this famous native, who contributed a great deal to botany in Canada.



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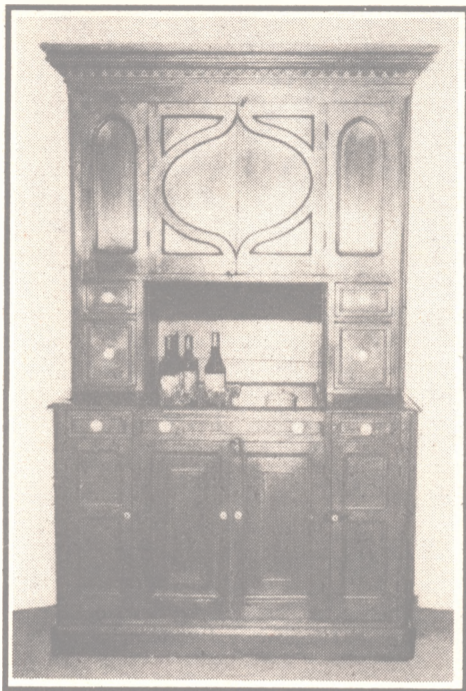
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Antique & folk art sale to be held

Following last year's successful revival of the North Hatley Antique Show, this year's exhibition promises



Furniture, such as this step-back dry sink dating from 1865 from Griffon Antiques of Knowlton, will be featured at the North Hatley Antiques and Folk Art Sale in North Hatley on July 14 and 15, 1989.

to surpass even the 1988 event, the organizer of the event, Eric Scott, says. More dealers and a greater variety of antiques will be present at this year's exhibition, to be held July 14-15 in the Primary School in North Hatley.

The show first opened in 1960 in this Eastern Townships village of southern Québec and was the first of its kind in the province. Although the show first grew rapidly, it eventually closed in 1977 due in part to a declining economy.

Renewed prosperity led to the re-establishment of the show last year. Success in 1988 was marked by an attendance of 2,000, double the expected figure. This year's attendance is expected to exceed last year's.

Established dealers will attend from cities such as Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City as well as from the Eastern Townships. There will be a 50% increase over last year in the number of dealers who will participate this year. They will have on display and for sale Canadiana pine as well as French, Dutch and English antiques. Folk art, silver, jewelry, glass, prints and books will also be featured.

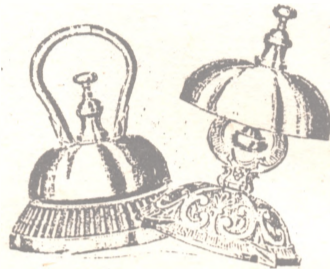
Included among the dealers are Griffon Antiques of Knowlton, Farm-

house Antiques from Laval, Mucha Antiques from Montreal and Quebec City, as well as Charlton Antiques from Piedmont.

Maggie Gallagher and Helen McCammon are the Co-Chairpersons of this year's Antique Show.

Profits for recitals

The North Hatley Antiques and Folk Art show is presented by the Festival Lake Massawippi Association, a registered, non-profit charitable



organization, as part of Festival Lake Massawippi. The profits from the Antique Show will go towards financing the annual Recital Series of classical music held as part of Festival Lake Massawippi this spring.

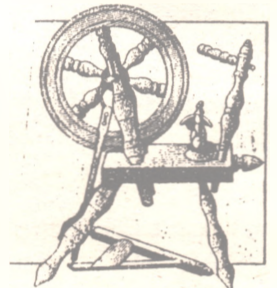
This year's show will open with a Collectors' Night at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13. A catered wine and cheese event, the evening will include presentations of classical and traditional music by Québec musicians.



Folk art items, such as this horse and caleche from antique dealer Robert Picard of Lavaltrie, will be featured at the show.

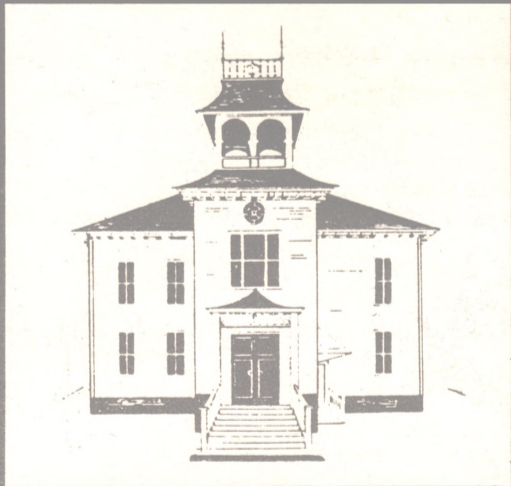
Tickets to the Collectors' Night cost \$20 and can be purchased at Galerie Jeannine Blais in North Hatley and the Double Hook Book Store, 1235-A Greene Ave. in Montreal, or by calling the Festival office at (819) 842-4380. Tickets go on sale May 15th and are limited in number.

The show opens to the general



public on Friday, July 14 at 10 a.m. and continues until 9:30 p.m. Hours on Saturday, July 15 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

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The Unexploited Tourism Resource

by Marjorie Goodfellow

Anyone involved in Eastern Townships history and genealogy knows that people have been leaving the region for what they thought were greener pastures elsewhere for a long time. Their descendants are to be found throughout North America. Many of them become interested in discovering more about their origins and travel to the Townships to unravel the mystery.

It does not take them long to discover that structures to assist them are few and far between. Leaflets to guide them are not on deposit at the tourist information offices, even though the regional office of the Archives nationales du Québec has produced a helpful brochure, in both French and English, to explain the services available there. Information on where genealogical source materials are kept is hard to come by, and unless the stranger is lucky, he or she is directed from one office to another.

The following are quotations from a 1987 letter which I received.

"I have researched records at the Drummondville Court House in 1977 and 1981, but they had a system of charging 50 cents for every index page I consulted and frankly I could not afford to pay that.... I find this a rip-off.... I was told by the prothonotary in Drummondville in 1981 that all Anglo records of Drummond County had been sent to the regional archives in Three Rivers.... When I drove to Three Rivers, I was told that all Drummond County records were in Sherbrooke. Thus, I remain confused as to where

the records are or who is supposed to have them. The drive from Wisconsin to Quebec province is a long one only to be given inaccurate answers as to archival locations. No French-speaking authority responds to my letters in



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English so I have given up on correspondence."

While not everyone is as unfortunate as this visitor from Wisconsin, there is no doubt that the confusion which exists is particularly galling to Americans who are accustomed to accessing a centralized index and whose knowledge of French is elementary at best.

Quebec government and tourist authorities should consider the tourism potential of genealogy and harness the passion exhibited by the subject's practitioners to attract these largely untapped revenues. The Canadian government's pamphlet, *Tracing*

Your Ancestors in Canada, deals with records kept by federal authorities and gives the addresses and a brief description of the holdings of the provincial archives. The British Tourist Authority has published a genealogi-

cal guide for the visitor to Britain. In fact, in parts of Britain, guiding the genealogically-minded tourist is a growth industry. The Eastern Townships is the ideal region for a pilot project to be sponsored by Quebec government and tourism authorities. Here we have resources - archival, organizational and human - in abundance. We need

to develop a central source of information or an integrated information network. English-language guide books need to be written and published. Records need to be indexed and those indexes have to be readily available to the visitor in a bilingual format. Service in English is probably better here than in many other parts of the province, but it should be improved. Finally, encouragement should be offered to tour operators and other entrepreneurs whose aim would be to take the tourist to visit the appropriate cemetery, farmhouse, village, historical society or museum, library and archives.

With coordination of effort and lots of initiative, the Eastern Townships could become a "must visit" site for genealogical searchers.

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May to July 2: Industrial exhibition at the Leon Marcotte Exhibition Center, 222 Frontenac St., Sherbrooke. Daily except Mon., 12:30 -5 p.m. (819) 563-2050.

May 26-28: Festival of granite crafts, Beebe Plain. [819] 876-2261.

May 27: Benefit for The Country School, Abercorn. Featuring The Hall Brothers. \$10 at the door.

May 30: Workshop on early childhood for parents of 4 and 5-year-olds. 7:30 p.m., 6 Cochrane Road, Compton. (819) 835-9379.

May 31 to June 4: "Jeux de massacre" by Ionesco at Theatre du Parc Jacques Cartier, Sherbrooke. 8:30 p.m. \$5. (819) 821-5489.

June 3-25: Children's Drawings from the UQAM collection, Arts Sutton, daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (514) 538-2563.

June 4: Festival Lake Massawippi - Piano and flute recital at Ste-Elisabeth Church in North Hatley. 11:40 a.m. Tickets \$5. [842] 842-4380.

June 4: Dance recital by Ecole Danse Formation, Salle Maurice O'Bready, Université de Sherbrooke, 2 p.m. (819) 822-1290.

June 5: Canadian Club Yamaska Valley meeting with Russell Merifield as speaker. Chalet Mount Sutton, 2 p.m. [514] 538-2419.

June 8: The Lennoxville Elementary School STEP Fair about the environment, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. 1 Academy Street, Lennoxville.

June 9-11: Cookshire Bread Festival - displays, bread baking, parade and fireworks. (819) 875-3818.

June 10: Workshop on Basic Aran stitch patterns with variations. Rachel Hill, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservations required. Information: Eira Thomas, 212 Burnett Road, Glen Sutton. [514] 538-5831.

June 10: A one-day writing seminar by author Adrian Waller, on "Writing for Profit". Knowlton United Church from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Informa-

tion, Allan Stoneham: [514] 634-2020 (Montreal) or 243-0579.

June 10: "Merely Players" with Barry Morse at Theatre Lac Brome, 8 p.m. Call (514)-243-6565 or 1-800-363-7079.

June 11: Festival Lake Massawippi Recital with pianist Hope Tetreault at Ste-Elisabeth Church in North Hatley. 11:40 a.m. \$5. [842] 842-4380.

June 16-19: "Exploring our Sexuality and Spirituality" at Pigeon Hill "Bruideen" Peacemaking Centre in St. Armand. [514] 248-2524.

June 17-July 8: Theatre Lac Brome presents "Private Lives" by Noel Coward. 8:30 p.m.; matinees: Thursdays 1:30 p.m. (514) 243-0361 or 1-800-363-7079.

June 17-18: Steam Meet at Rock Island with exhibits, stagecoach, museum visits, steam and gas equipment, antique farm machinery. (819) 876-5318.

June 19 and continuing third Monday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m., film showings and discussion. The National Film Board's new releases and old favorites. Pigeon Hill Bruideen/Peacemaking Centre, Pigeon Hill. (514) 248-2524 or 263-2522.

June 20-Aug. 27: "Les Mensonges de papa" at Theatre Sang-Neuf, Jacques Cartier Park Theatre, Sherbrooke. 8:30 p.m., \$14 Tues. to Fri.; \$16, Sat. (819) 821-5489.

June 23-July 2: Exhibition of art by Shirley Chinneck, Rose Window Gallery, Knowlton.

June 23: Festival St. Jean Baptiste in Sherbrooke, Jacques Cartier Park.

June 23-July 15: Piggery Theatre presents "Opening Night" by Norm Foster. Tues. and Thurs. at 2 p.m.; Tues. to Sat. at 8:30 p.m.; Sat. at 5

p.m. also. [819] 842-2191.

June 24-July 2: Exhibition of watercolours by Mary S. Martin. Brome County Museum, Knowlton. 10 a.m.-5 p.m..

June 24: Lawn Party at Eaton Corner sponsored by the Compton County Historical Museum Society — celebrating the Scottish Heritage. Wear your plaids.

June 25: Trio Vivant, classical, ragtime and contemporary on piano, cello and violin, Theatre Lac Brome, 8 p.m. (514-243-0361 or 1-800-363-7079.

June 27: Open Horse Show, Quebec Arabian Horse Association, Ayer's Cliff. (819) 837-2875.

June 28-July 3: Arthabaska District Fair, Victoriaville.

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June

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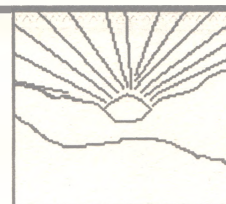
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July 1-August 31: La Bibliotheque Memphremagog presents paintings by Lucille Hotte

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July 8-9: QAHA Provincial Horse Show, Ayer's Cliff. Information: (819) 463-1074.

July 8-9: The Georgeville Artists presents an Art Exhibition at Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 11: Haskell Free Library presents "Gould & Stearns", a mime/comedy duo. 2 p.m. Admission is free but tickets are required. [819] 876-4471.

July 12-16: Fête du Lac des Nations (Sherbrooke) Shows, directed activities, craft booths, and waterskiing. [819] 821-5398.

July 12-16: Missisquoi County Fair, Bedford.

July 13: North Hatley Antiques and Folk Art Show, Collectors' Night. 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school. Reservations only. Tickets: \$20. [819] 842-4380.

July 14-23: Traversée internationale du Lac Memphremagog, swimathon with sports and cultural activities. (819) 843-5000.

July 14-23: Exhibition of art by Patricia Barrowman at the Rose Window Gallery, Knowlton. (514) 243-6565.

July 14-15: Sale of antiques and other fine things at the Unitarian Universalist Church in North Hatley. 10 a.m. For the building fund.

July 14-15: The North Hatley Antiques & Folk Art Show. Admission: \$5. North Hatley Elementary School. [819] 842-4380.

July 15-August 5: Theatre Lac Brome presents "Veronica's Room". 8:30 p.m.; matinees on Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. 243-0361 or 1-800-363-7079.

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July 20: Aqua-Fest at Newport, Vt.

July 20-Aug. 5: The Piggery Theatre presents "And When I Wake". Matinees at 2 p.m. and evenings at 8:30 p.m. [819] 842-2191.

July 22-23: "Christmas in July" in Knowlton. [514] 243-5785.

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July 28-August 6: Sherbrooke Exhibition, Sherbrooke.

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August 6: Hymn Sing at Eaton Corner. Sponsored by The Compton County Historical Museum Society. Director—Mrs. Naomi Jervis-Read.

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August 12-13: Open Horse Show, Thetford Mines.

August 12-September 2: Theatre Lac Brome presents "Owl and the Pussycat". 8:30 p.m.; matinees: Thursdays 1:30 p.m. (514) 243-0361 or 1-800-363-7079.

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August 17-20: Festival des gour-

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August 18: Art exhibition by David Morgan and Robert Chartier at the Rose Window Gallery in Knowlton, (514)243-6565.

August 18-20: Cookshire Fair, Cookshire.

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Spend some time in the Border Villages

by Scott Stevenson

For Townshippers, the border villages of Stanstead, Rock Island and Beebe are likely familiar sites. But for both the local and the visitor, these villages offer more than just a custom's officer to dodge on your way to Newport for shopping bargains.

Stanstead, Rock Island and Beebe were founded for their richness in granite, a solid and dense rock used in a number of industries. The easily accessed granite in the area is a result of various geographical forces, which effected the exposure of bedrock, known today as Beebe Plain.

In 1899 granite exploitation began in Beebe. To this day the gran-

ite quarries and factories, where the stone is transformed into monuments and other items, can be toured by the public.

In Stanstead, the history of the area is revealed in the Colby-Curtis Museum on main street. That same history may be witnessed in the office of Quebec's oldest weekly newspaper, the **Stanstead Journal**. The Haskell Free Library and Opera House offers the unique experience of watching a live show in one country, while it is performed in another.

Nearby Lake Memphremagog adds to the area's wellspring of sporting activities. Several golf courses are also available, the most notable of which is Dufferin Heights known for its breath-taking views of the Eastern Townships and Vermont.

Highway 143, or the "Stanstead Highway," is a beautiful drive through typical Eastern Townships countryside between Lennoxville and the United States border at Stanstead. The next time you take it, explore something new. The border villages are worth more than a mere glance in transit. With free trade for shopping still in the future, the bargains can wait.

Steam and Gas Show

The town of Rock Island will be home to 'steam buffs' on the weekend of June 17th and 18th as the 4th International Steam and Gas Show rolls into town.

Exhibitors from across North America will display antique farm tools and machinery, steam-powered engines, as well as steam and gas equipment.

One attraction in which all visi-

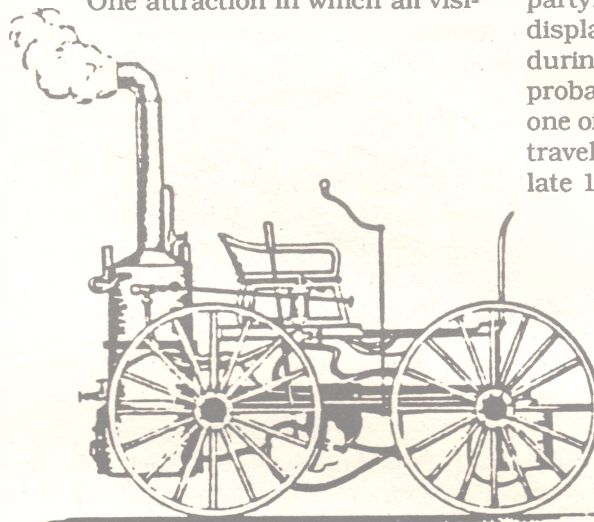
will present their coveted crafts. The selection of goods ranges from glass engravings to pierced lampshades.

The highlight of the weekend will be the celebration of the Stanstead Historical Society's 60th Anniversary. A giant birthday cake will be divided amongst visitors to help celebrate the festive occasion.

As part of the 60th Anniversary party, the Historical society will display an authentic stagecoach during the entire weekend. As you probably know, the stagecoach was one of the earliest forms of passenger travel in the Townships during the late 1800's.

If transportation is a problem fear not. Randmar Adventures is offering a bus tour to the Steam and Gas show on Sunday, June 18. The bus tour departs from Richmond at 10 a.m. to Rock Island with stops in Windsor, Sherbrooke and Lennoxville. Reservations and information can be obtained at (819) 845-7738.

The show will be held at Sunnyside Elementary School in Rock Island on June 17 and 18, with the doors are open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds raised from the event will be donated to the Stanstead Historical Society Building fund.



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Checking out Townships' Beaches

by Scott Stevenson

The Eastern Townships is potentially a wonderful place for swimming, with our abundance of fresh water. Yet fresh water is not always clean, and with the spectre of pollution, we must be cautious when seeking a local swimming hole. In the past, carelessness has contaminated many of our favourite beaches; only recently has

public concern directed efforts towards solving the problem.

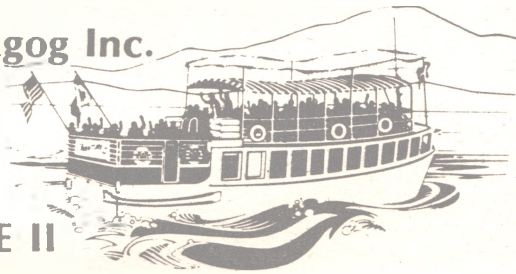
The Quebec government now publishes a brochure which rates the province's beaches according to their level of pollution. Each summer, the Environment Ministry measures the water quality of most beaches several times throughout the year, depending on the pollution level of the particular



The Quebec government publishes a brochure giving the pollution level of E.T. beaches.

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beach. Although the brochure is vague in expressing standards of measurement and in clarifying the time period between past measurements, it is helpful in determining minimum safety standards for the cautious swimmer.

In 1988, most of the beaches rated in the Eastern Townships were of a good to excellent quality. Excellent ratings went to: the municipal beach on **Lake Lyster**; **Mackensie** beach in the Brompton-Gore area; **Bacon's Bay** beach in Ayer's Cliff; the **Lac Drolet** municipal beach; the **Baie-des-Sables** and **O.T.J.** beaches on Lake Megantic; the **Pierre E. Perreault** beach in Marbleton; the **Jouvence** beach; **Fraser** and **Orford** campground beaches at Orford; the municipal beach in **Piopolis**; the **Château** campground and the **Owl's Head** campground beaches in Potton; the **Domaine Aylmer** beach in Stratford; and the municipal beach at **Trois Lacs**.

The **Merry Point** beach in Magog was last rated as good, but its history varies. In Sherbrooke, the **Blanchard** and **Jacques-Cartier** beaches are generally good, with an occasional dip in quality. The **Lac Davignon** beach in Cowansville is good. Other beaches, such as in North Hatley, Knowlton (Lac Brome), and Bromont, were not rated.

To get up-to-date information on the quality of beaches in your area, the **Environment Ministry** provides a toll-free number: **1-800-463-6202**. If you are familiar with the locality, you should also inquire about waste disposal methods in the beach's area before venturing for a swim.

If you are swimming in waters of doubtful quality, you should avoid submerging your head or swallowing any water. To help keep your area clean, do not leave garbage around the beach, avoid bathing if you have open sores, scrapes, or scratches, make sure children use the toilet before swimming, and try to shower before using your public beach.

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It has been estimated that during his professional career, spanning some 50 years, Barry Morse has played over 2,000 roles. Despite commercial and critical success in radio, film and T.V., theatre has always been Barry Morse's greatest love.

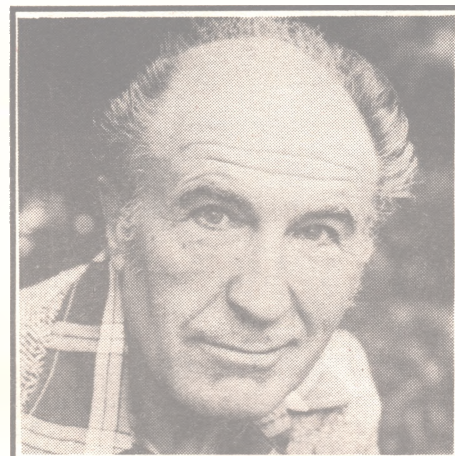
In 1986 Barry Morse drew upon his vast experience to create a tribute to the theatre. The result was a truly one-man show he wrote, directed and acted, called "Merely Players". The show, a series of vignettes, pays tribute to many of the greats of theatre - Shakespeare, Dickens, Chekhov, to name a few - and also covers some of the pioneers of Canadian theatre.

It is this show, "Merely Players", which Barry Morse will present at Theatre Lac Brome on Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m.

How is it, you may ask, that a fledgling theatre such as Lac Brome can attract an actor of Barry Morse's calibre? The answer - connections, luck, and Barry Morse's own commitment to developing theatre.

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Barry Morse will present his one-man show, "Merely Players" at Theatre Lac Brome on Saturday, June 10th.

an almost missionary zeal when it comes to theatre. It was Morse's respect for Emma's hard-won accomplishment in getting Theatre Lac Brome started that has moved him to offer his performance as a benefit to help the Theatre.

Don't miss what promises to be a wonderful evening. The show will start at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception where the attendants will have a chance to meet Barry Morse.

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The Book Case

by Kathleen Hanna

As summer approaches so does vacation time. Montrealers weary of the city come to take advantage of our lakes and unhurried lifestyle, not to mention the Americans who come to experience our unique environment and dual heritage.

The Township's Sun publishes a *Tourist Guide in June* to help tourists and locals find out what is happening during the summer to better plan their holidays. In keeping with this theme, I have selected books that were written by Townshippers or books that are about the Townships.

Kinnear's Mills by James G. Kinnear. This book is a history of Kinnear's Mills and is also a family history. The book is full of photographs, maps, line drawings and graphs. Obviously this book was well thought out and a labour of love. It is the type of book you can thumb through and pick up gems of information. There is a family tree and a brief description of each member.

Hunter's Landing by Dorothy M. Dutton, printed and bound in Canada by Initiative Publishing House Inc. Johnathan Hunter has the responsibility for the care of his family while still only 14 years old. His father is in hiding due to the political situation back in Massachusetts. The time frame for this book is the late 1700's. Hoping for a better life in Lower Canada Johnathan must survive on the land.

This book is fiction, but uses familiar settings and history to tell the story. The facts, however, have been altered slightly to enhance the narrative. If you are spending a lazy afternoon by the lake watching the windsurfers, this is the perfect book.

Voices on the Border is a compilation of several different authors and poets. The book is divided into sections for each author. A photo of the author and a short biography



precede each section. This is a good book for taking to bed and reading a short story or a couple of poems before falling off to sleep.

Railways of Southern Quebec Volume I, by J. Derek Booth, published by Railfare Enterprises Ltd. This book will be much appreciated by our readers, considering the response we received after publication on our Railway Accident stories a few years back. With the impending demise of Via Rail, this book helps us remember the good old days of rail travel. There are photographs of old railway stations and gleaming new steam engines. The text is informative and easy to read. It will certainly bring another dimension to a trip through the Eastern Townships.

The Outlaw of Megantic by Bernard Epps, published by McClelland and Stewart Ltd. Bernard Epps needs no introduction to our readers. As former editor of The Sun, he is well known and well read. The Outlaw of Megantic is a biography of Donald Morrison told with Bernie's effortless style. There is, I believe, no need to divulge the story line of the famous Megantic Outlaw. This book will only tease your appetite for more stories on the Townships. In anticipation of this, Bernie has also published two volumes of **Tales of the Townships**, which are also available at the Lennoxville Library.

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Try exploring Potton Township

by Scott Stevenson

The Potton area of the Eastern Townships is a world of its own, which deserves plenty of exploring. With an abundance of summer and winter outdoor activities, a rich history and a wealth of cultural events, the area offers attractions for everyone.

Lying just west of Lake Memphremagog, Potton Township has access to a multitude of water sports. "Ski Owl's Head," towering above the lake, is no longer only a winter attraction, but now a four seasons resort. The Missisquoi River offers the canoeist and fisherman an appealing waterway.

The Potton area is shrouded too in mystery. There are petroglyphs on the Indian Rock at Vale Perkins and perhaps a monster in the deep waters of Lake Memphremagog.

Less mysterious are the covered bridge and the round barn near Mansonville. They recall early settlement in the Eastern Townships. Covered bridges were built to extend the life of

a bridge from 15 years to as much as 100 years. The round barn is an economical architecture developed by the Shakers, who believed that the circle was the perfect form. The only remaining round barn in Potton Township is located in the heart of Mansonville, where it was built around 1910.

Another important part of the history of Potton Township is Potton Springs. The namesake is a sulphur spring, which was found in 1828, attracting settlers and visitors. There are still the remains of a hotel, built beside the spring, which can be visited.

The Abbaye St. Benoit du Lac is a wonderful structure, resembling feudal European architecture and gracing the countryside. The public is allowed to visit the Abbaye, where monks carry on their activities, some of which include making fine cheeses.

In Mansonville there is a beautiful Anglican Church built in 1902. Mansonville is named after the Manson family, who played a major role in settling the area. One of their original houses, the "Manson House" was built in 1880 and is now a bed and breakfast inn, the "Pied-a-terre."

Local artistry includes painting and crafts such as pottery. Visitors are welcome in the Glen Sutton studio of painter Otto Ellmaurer, who recreates the beauty of the Potton landscape with his brush. A husband and wife duo run the Ruitter Brook Pottery outside Mansonville. Together they create porcelain and stoneware lamps with hand-painted silk shades. Their art is displayed at their Pottery (514-292-3835). Many of these crafts, including postcards of Otto Ellmaurer's paintings, may be purchased at the Craft

Shop in Mansonville's Reilly House.

The Maison Reilly House is a community center, which serves the local and visiting public. In the House is a Tea Room and a Craft Shop, among

other services. For more information on any of the sites in the Potton Township, the representatives of the Tourist Bureau at the Reilly House will be glad to help you.

The Townships Gourmet

by Aquario Francis

For true relaxation on a hot summer's evening, a cool breeze beside a lake can go a long way. The town of North Hatley on the shores of Lake Massawippi offers just this kind of respite, and as a bonus, fine eating abounds for all budgets.

Following is this reviewer's recent visit to the popular Pilsen Restaurant-Pub as well as a quick look at some of the other possibilities in North Hatley.

The Pilsen Restaurant
55 Main Street, North Hatley
Tel: [819] 842-2971

Located in the centre of town facing both lake and river, this restaurant has undergone several transformations within recent memory - from local general store to hardware store - and now to restaurant-pub. The latest renovations have been concentrated in the interior. The main dining area with a country-colonial decor is really quite pleasing to the eye. A number of roomy round tables and smaller window tables allow for fine views from a number of directions. But, as my companion and I discovered, it is a good idea to make reservations for the tables which open directly over the windows. We were, however, satisfied with our table, and even more delighted to see what is a rarity in many establishments - a truly bilingual menu. The regular selections, ranging from the predictable to international, are supplemented by daily table d'hote specials.

To start with, we decided to sample the house beer and chose a bitter and a brown beer. Both are made by the Massawippi Brewery, a micro-brewery located in Lennoxville. Though I found the beer a bit too smooth for my own taste, the flavour and temperature (very cold) were excellent. Beers from other countries (Lebanon, Jamaica, Mexico, etc.) are also available.

A la carte options at the Pilsen are appealing, but the daily specials seemed more interesting. I decided on Brome Lake Duck in a pear sauce, (\$13.95) while my companion couldn't resist the lobster platter (\$17.95).

To begin my meal, I tried the hot cream of lettuce soup included in my dinner. It resembled a pea or spinach purée, nicely spiced and not bland as I had imagined. Smoked salmon arrived for my somewhat extravagant friend (\$3.95), a gen-

erous portion served with capers and large black olives.

The main courses were a visual treat. The lobster was arranged on a large platter garnished with a cut tomato and lemon. The whole sat regally on a bed of rice. (The lobster was also happily cooked to perfection).

My duck was likewise attractive, even if I found it somewhat fatty (duck almost always is). The meat was very tasty in any case.

To accompany the meal we chose a festive sparkling wine - Cordoniu - at \$17.95.

A special mention should be made of the service at the Pilsen. Our waiter, a student from Bishop's University, was very helpful, informed and personable. As well, his service was insipuous and polished.

Another plus to this restaurant has to be its spotless restrooms and accessibility for the handicapped.

Coffee was fine. It was followed by a digestif, and the grand total for the pleasant evening was \$67.73 (excluding tip). As we left, we noticed a stream of people heading into the bar on the lower level. The pub is obviously a popular destination.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Hatley Inn (follow the signs from the centre of town)
Tel: [819] 842-2451

Expensive French cuisine is de rigueur, and the chef keeps on winning honours for his creations. A lovely century-old house with a spectacular view over the lake houses the inn, restaurant and adjoining bar. Reservations would be a wise step.

Hovey Manor (continue along the Main Street out of town towards Magog and follow the signs.)
Tel: [819] 842-2421

This charming country inn sits directly on the shores of the Lake and serves up delectable, if somewhat pricey nouvelle cuisine. The daily table d'hote is excellent and the Sunday brunch is particularly good. Reservations are always recommended. The Tap Room pub at Hovey has a lot of atmosphere and is a great place for a drink after taking in a play at the Piggery nearby.

Les Muses
70 Main St.
Tel: [819] 842-4246

This restaurant is unknown to this reviewer although the food is reputed to be good. For local residents it seems eternally odd to have a restaurant housed in what used to be the popular "HobNob" luncheonette and community hang-out.



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Keeping sane with kids in the car

by **Dodie Braley**

Travelling long distances with young children - and their abundant energy, can be horrendous. As all parents know, unless that energy is channeled, fights develop that make

There are games that lend themselves to car travel. "I spy", "Twenty questions" and others along those lines are great for slightly older children. They're also fun for the adults.

Making up poems is fun too once



Photo: Susan C. Mastine

Snacks and entertainment are a must when travelling with children.

driving a nightmare. Until the car companies install soundproof, enclosed booths for the children, we have to come up with ways to make trips bearable.

Frequent stops to let the children run are a necessity. Driving straight through to reach a destination is impractical on any trip that lasts more than three or four hours. Any energy expended in the stop will help the children bear some more sitting time.

Avoid feeding them sugar products. They will be quiet while eating, but the sugar boost will make them more energetic and sometimes crankier. Carrot sticks, crackers and cheese, fruit and juices are easy to carry along and won't lead to the "sugar blues".

Songs and tapes

There are activities that can be done in a car to help pass the time. Singing is one. Teach the children a new song, the sillier the better. A song in which each has a part to sing is great because they work really hard on mastering their part.

There are plenty of children's tapes on the market. If you have a cassette player, take some along. Even young kids will listen for awhile.

A wooden board, with a small ridge on the bottom, serves as a holder for drawing paper or crayon books. Take many colours of crayons or markers, lots of paper and you can count on some peaceful time. Remove the boards when the kids are restless - they make handy weapons for bored children.

the kids are old enough to make rhymes. Making up a poem about the people in the car can lead to hilarity. The happier the group is, the better the trip will be.

Stories and jokes

Books are a lifesaver. The older children can read to themselves, and the younger ones can be read to by you or else they can listen to one of the many children's stories now on tape.

Joke and riddle books are an amusing way to pass the time. Children of all ages like jokes - especially their own. Appreciative laughter keeps them coming up with more.

As much as possible, allow the children to share in the planning of the trip. Older ones can follow your progress on a map. Learn a bit about the history of the region you will pass through, and teach the children about it on your way. Indian lore holds the children's attention.

If the children have picked a place of interest to visit, have them talk about it when your drive resumes and have the younger ones draw what they saw that was special to them.

Planning a trip with children requires preparation, but it all pays off. Happy and entertained children make for an easy ride. Parents and children can arrive at the destination relatively relaxed.

Dodie Braley is a contributing editor of The Sun, as well as the mother of four children, and she lives in West Hatley Township.

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The main focus of the festival, of course, is the bread itself. Bread tasting contests will take place throughout the entire weekend. Outdoor wood ovens will be installed on the grounds, so bakers can create their own specialities right on the premises.

A grand parade through town will take place on Saturday evening at 6 p.m., marking the official opening ceremonies. An outdoor mass will be conducted early Sunday morning, followed by a French toast breakfast.

Festival organizers are hoping for a large turnout. More than 10,000 people dropped by the "Festival du Pain" last year.

Festival Program

Friday, June 9 - Children's Day

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Activities for the kids

Saturday, June 10

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Display booths

- Country style bread bake & sale

6:00 p.m. - Gala Parade

8:00 p.m. - Opening ceremonies, followed by band music

10:00 p.m. - Fireworks

Sunday, June 11

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