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'More visible now than six months ago' Flesh eating disease still rare - Officials

By Sarah Binder
 MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec and federal health officials will likely start keeping track of flesh-eating infection to determine if there is an increase in the number of cases in Canada. But they said Tuesday the disease is still extremely rare and there is no need for a public health campaign despite a recent spate of reported cases,

including four deaths in under two weeks in Quebec. "The disease is certainly more visible now than six months ago," said Dr. Christine Colin, assistant deputy minister in Quebec's health department. "What we need to verify now is whether there's a real increase in cases." Colin was at a loss to explain the cluster of four deaths in less

than two weeks, saying there has still not been an explanation for a similar rash that appeared in the United Kingdom in 1993. She said the number of cases in Quebec so far is proportional to the number expected in other provinces and other countries. A Montreal health official said there are about 20 to 30 such cases a year in the province, not all fatal.

Colin said Lucien Bouchard's battle with flesh-eating infection gave it a high profile and made it better known both in medical circles and in the media. "I'm sure there were deaths last year which were not reported," she added. The province will probably follow Ontario's example and See DISEASE: Page 2

Reports due in two weeks \$5 million, 390 hearings later sovereignty road show closes

By Daniel Sanger
 MONTREAL (CP) — Now what? With a chat over coffee and doughnuts attended by a handful of seniors in the remote and windswept Magdalen Islands, Quebec's regional sovereignty commissions quietly wrapped up their public consultations Tuesday.

Now, after 390 hearings, at least \$5 million in expenses and an undetermined impact, it's time for the Parti Québécois government to decide what to do with the panoply of proposals put forward.

Time isn't pressing just yet: the 18 commissions still have almost two weeks before they are required to hand in their final reports.

And then a super-commission made up of the regional presidents and probably Premier Jacques Parizeau himself will hear from "national organizations" such as trade unions and business groups before producing its own super-report.

WILDLY DISPARATE
 But eventually the government will have to decide what to do with the more than 4,500 briefs submitted to the commissions and their wildly disparate recommendations.

"There were a lot more questions asked than answers given,"

said Alain Noël, a political scientist at the Université de Montréal.

"And of the recommendations put forth, many were flatly contradictory so there is no magic recipe that will somehow reconcile them all."

Given its unwieldy structure and its success at getting people

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Consultations hear more questions than answers

MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec's 18 regional sovereignty commissions wrapped up their public consultations Tuesday. Some facts on the commissions:

CREATED: December 1994 by Premier Jacques Parizeau as a consultation and information process prior to a referendum on sovereignty.

WHERE: One for each of Quebec's 16 regions as well as special commissions to hear from the province's youth and elderly.

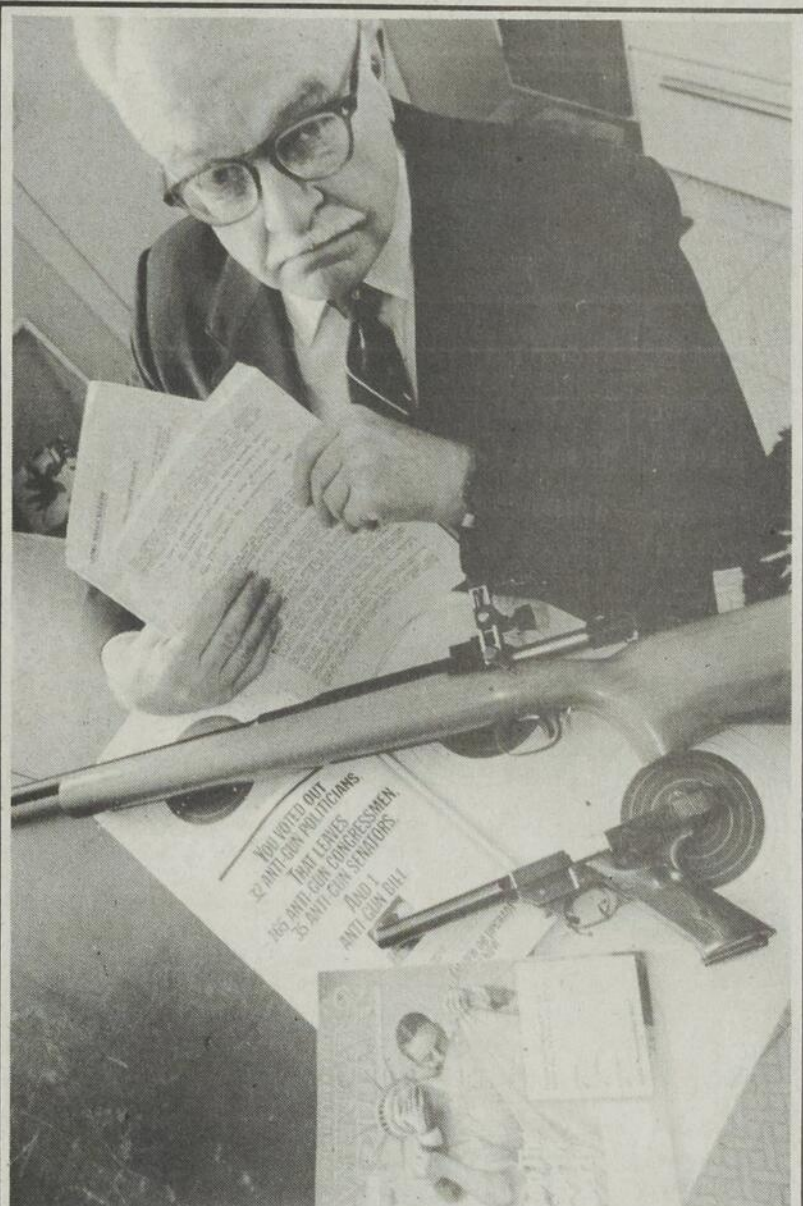
HEARINGS: A total of 390 hearings, forums and debates, many of which have been broadcast on various television stations, were held by the time the public consultation wrapped up in the Magdalen Islands.

BRIEFS: Over 4,500 written briefs were submitted.

ATTENDANCE: About 53,500 attended the various events.

COST: At least \$5 million.

WHAT'S NEXT: The commissions have a deadline of March 20 to hand in their various reports. After that a "super" commission made up of the 18 commissions will hold their own hearings and produce a final report.



Sticking to his guns... Lennoxville gun-owner Edson Warner and other Townships shooters are gathering momentum in their battle against Justice Minister Allan Rock's gun control bill. For the full story please turn the page. RECORD: GRANT SIMEON

'Basis for governing will be lost' Tough times for PQ after No: Liberals

By Katia Gagnon
 MONT-ROLLAND, Que. (CP) — The Parti Québécois government should question its ability to stay in power if it loses a referendum on sovereignty, Liberal Leader Daniel Johnson said Tuesday.

But Johnson wouldn't say if he'll call on Premier Jacques Parizeau's government to resign in the event of a No vote. "We'll see at the time what

political basis the government still has for governing," Johnson said as he emerged from a special meeting of his caucus in this Laurentian resort.

"But what reason — other than sovereignty — is there for Jacques Parizeau to be in politics?"

Some Liberal members of the legislature, meeting to prepare for the resumption of the legislature, went further than their leader.

"Once Quebecers have told Mr. Parizeau they aren't separatists he'll have a choice: say that he's no longer a separatist himself or quit," said Jean-Marc Fournier.

Veteran Liberal member Andre Bourbeau agreed.

"Can a government continue to govern for two or three years when its program has been, for all intents and purposes, cancelled? It would be surprising," Bourbeau said.

Parizeau has promised to hold a referendum on independence this year. Recent opinion polls indicated support for separation at around 40 per cent of those surveyed.

Liberal member Liza Frulla predicted that a No vote will split the PQ.

"We think there will be a split between the purists — those who are fighting for the cause of their lives — and those who are there for power."

Senator infuriates women's groups Moms raise abusing men, says Cools

OTTAWA (CP) — A senator's suggestion Tuesday that abusive mothers are responsible for much domestic violence provoked outrage at a meeting honoring International Women's Week.

Angry women challenged a defensive Senator Anne Cools after she stated abusive mothers are responsible for rearing men that abuse.

A past member of the National Parole Board, Cools said she has learned the relationship between a mother and a son who grows up to become violent is "one side of the equation that's grossly overlooked." "And I want to leave with all of

you here, that behind every abusing husband is an abusing mother."

Cools cited no specific studies to support her position, which was contradicted by critics, including Lesley Ackrill who works in a Toronto shelter for abused women and children.

"Studies show it's more likely that boys grow up to be abusers if they see their fathers abusing their mothers," said Ackrill of Interval House.

"What we see from the boys who come to this shelter is that they pattern themselves after their fathers."

After Cools spoke, several women said they were deeply

offended and argued the former social worker was operating with outdated information and perceptions.

"I found it very upsetting," one woman told Cools in an angry confrontation.

"I'm pleased that you found it upsetting," responded the senator, a former member of the Justice Committee on Spousal Abuse. "Maybe it will cause you to think a little."

Later the woman, who would not give her name, said Cools's comments on abusive mothers was "an insult."

"I don't think there is a person in this room who isn't disturbed by that statement."

Michele Veilleux, who also tried to argue the issue with Cools, said she was "outraged."

"I believe that this woman has old data and an old comprehension with myths about power and abuse coloring her entire point of view."

Cools, who complained about the "aggression" shown by her opponents, said the violence between men and women must be examined in new ways.

"For us to profoundly begin to understand the extent of the depth of men's violence to women, we also have to look at the relationship between women and little boys, boys when they're very, very young."

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Detective: One killer slew victims in O. J. Simpson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A single killer slashed the throats of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, dripping the victims' blood from the weapon onto Goldman's shoe, a detective testified Tuesday at the O. J. Simpson trial.

In addition to challenging suggestions that the slayings could not have been carried out by one person, Los Angeles Police Det. Tom Lange undermined three

other defence theories:

— That the blood under Nicole Simpson's fingernails points to someone other than her ex-husband as the killer.

— That Goldman punched his attacker.

— And that the cup of still-lumpy ice cream on a banister in Nicole Simpson's condominium suggests the slayings took place later in the evening than the prosecution contends.

"Sir, without giving your opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, did you form a theory of the case?" prosecutor Marcia Clark asked Lange.

"Yes," the detective said, "that it was perpetrated by one person. I observed one distinct set of bloody shoeprints between both victims. . . Both victims were killed in a similar manner, slashing and stabbing wounds. Both victims had their throats

slashed."

The detective also said there was a mixture of both victims' blood on the sole of Goldman's shoe, "indicating to me a castoff of blood from one murder weapon" as Goldman lay on the ground.

Lange, in his sixth day on the stand, dismissed the defence suggestion that the June 12 slayings outside Nicole Simpson's condo were a drug hit, enu-

merating the signposts he said were missing in this case.

He said such slayings usually are committed with guns, and there is evidence of drugs being used or sold at the scene. Also, he said, the scene at a drug slaying is usually ransacked in a search by the killers for money, guns or incriminating documents.

Clark questioned Lange about the glove found at the crime

scene and one found at Simpson's estate. Lange said the size of Simpson's hands — as well as a cut noticed on Simpson's left middle finger during a police interview — played a role in the decision to charge him with murder.

Lange, undermining another central defence argument, also speculated that Goldman didn't punch his attacker.

Governor brings back death penalty for New York

From AP-Reuters

ALBANY, N.Y. (CP) — Gov. George Pataki, using the pens of two slain police officers, brushed aside 18 years of vetoes by Democratic governors and signed a bill Tuesday to make New York the 38th state with a death penalty.

Surrounded by the relatives of murder victims, law enforcement officials and politicians, Pataki signed the bill at a news

conference after the state assembly approved the legislation.

"Our state has travelled a long and arduous road to arrive at this point in history," said the Republican governor. "That long road is now over. Justice will now be served."

The New York state legislature approved capital punishment bills for 18 straight years, only to see them vetoed by Mario Cuomo

and his Democratic predecessor, Hugh Carey. Pataki campaigned on a promise to restore the death penalty.

"This is a more significant day than many of us realize," said Republican state Senator Dale Volker, a former police officer and chief sponsor of the New York death penalty bill. "We are sending out a message across the country."

None of the 12 states without

capital punishment appears on the verge of reversing that stance. In Iowa, a death penalty bill was defeated in the state senate last week.

"It's a shame. It truly is a shame," Cuomo said Tuesday. The former governor said he hopes New York's courts will find the new law unconstitutional. "It's a slip back on the road to enlightenment."

Norman Siegel, president of

the New York Civil Liberties Union, said human rights groups will fight the legislation signed by Pataki.

"I think it is a bleak day for the citizens of New York but we will launch a massive public education campaign as well as possibly bringing litigation challenging the death penalty under the state constitution," Siegel said. Pataki said he is confident the

measure will withstand the promised court challenges from opponents that even some strong supporters say could delay executions until after the turn of the century.

New York's law will take effect with crimes committed on or after Sept. 1. Lethal injection would replace the electric chair that took the lives of 695 people in New York between 1890 and 1963.

History, culture give an edge

Prince Albert gives thumbs up to Quebec Olympic bid

By Jack Branswell

STONEHAM, Que. (CP) — Quebec City's unique history and culture could give it a leg up on other cities as it bids for the 2002 Winter Olympics, Prince Albert of Monaco said Tuesday.

"There is a very special atmosphere," in Quebec City, he said.

The prince, the heir to the principality of Monaco in southern France, is a member of the International Olympic Committee, which will award the Games this June.

He said Quebec City has a solid bid but he reserved his highest praise for the city's unique atmosphere as a completely

French city in North America.

"There is a lot of importance placed on the cultural aspect," he said. "It's very appealing."

Quebec City is competing with Salt Lake City; Ostersund, Sweden; and Sion, Switzerland.

Prince Albert, a darling of the French tabloids, which love to speculate on his private life, spent the last two days in the Quebec City region touring proposed sites for the Games.

But he also managed to squeeze in a few hours of downhill skiing at nearby Mont-Ste-Anne. While on the hill, he skied with Myriam Bedard, who won two gold medals in the biathlon at

the last Olympics.

The prince, the son of Prince Rainier and the late Princess Grace, is an avid athlete who competed in the Calgary and Albertville Olympics in bobsled.

He is often called one of the world's most eligible bachelors and has been groomed to succeed his father but he is first expected

to marry and produce an heir.

He appeared at a brief news conference wearing a navy blue blazer and a royal turtleneck underneath, but through most of his stay he shied away from the media.

Early in its bid, Quebec City had trouble finding a mountain

for the men's downhill ski race but Prince Albert toured the chosen site in the Charlevoix region, north of Quebec City, and praised it.

He also said the city's bone-chilling winters shouldn't harm its bid, although the issue has been raised by other IOC members.

"We expect the snowfall and the extreme cold," he said. "I don't think it will be a problem."

But he did joke about the weather he has experienced during his short visit.

"I came here in a snowstorm and I am leaving in one but that is normal," he said.

'Remarkable inertia and remarkable denial'

Blood officials moved too slow

By Deborah McDougall

TORONTO (CP) — The American doctor who first warned AIDS could infect millions through the blood supply says Canadian officials moved "remarkably slow" to purify it.

U.S. officials weren't much quicker and that proved "deadly," Don Francis said Tuesday after testifying at an inquiry into Canada's tainted-blood scandal.

The AIDS researcher called the scandal "a story of remarkable inertia and remarkable denial."

The inquiry is investigating

why more than 1,000 Canadians were infected with the AIDS virus through the blood supply in the early 1980s. Most of them were hemophiliacs.

Francis, the first witness at national hearings expected to take seven months, has insisted thousands of lives could have been saved if the system had listened to him sooner.

He was an epidemiologist at the Centres for Disease Control in Phoenix when he was notified by July 1982 that three hemophiliacs and intravenous drug users had AIDS.

Francis called an emergency meeting of U.S. health officials in Washington to warn them about the deadly disease, he told the inquiry.

American health policy should have overhauled by January 1983 to protect the blood supply, he said, but officials were crippled by "inertia."

Those affected by Canada's tainted blood are hoping Francis's testimony will shed light on how quickly Canadian officials could have acted to protect them from deadly blood.

The American Red Cross

began testing blood for HIV, the virus linked to AIDS, in March 1985. The Canadian Red Cross began testing in November 1985.

Francis, who continues testifying today, is expected to paint a vivid picture of what was known about AIDS in the early 1980s.

His struggle to warn Americans became the subject of a Hollywood movie. In the film, based on Randy Shilts' bestseller, *And the Band Played On*, Francis is portrayed in the early days when researchers were tracking the causes and effects of AIDS.

Bloc MP proposes five new countries

EDMONTON (CP) — Canada should split into five sovereign states, Bloc Québécois MP Paul Crête suggested Tuesday.

They would be Quebec, Ontario, the Maritimes, the Prairies and British Columbia, he told a Rotary Club luncheon.

Crête, member for Kamouraska Riviere-du-Loup in eastern Quebec, brought his separatist message to the West in a bid to persuade Albertans his province would be happier alone.

Crête then suggested Western Canadians follow suit.

"We don't need a big political market anymore here," he said. "The only way for Quebec to give a clear message to Canada about what change is needed is sovereignty."

Rotary Club members joked later that the Bloc member was brave to bring his separatist ways west.

"Alberta has always been thought of as redneck, but this proves we're all interested in what he's got to say," said Bill Skelly.

Quebec asks for safety net meeting

QUEBEC (CP) — The Parti Québécois government is calling for a federal-provincial meeting on Ottawa's plans for social reform and manpower training.

Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Louise Beaudoin said Tuesday that Quebec wants the meeting because last week's federal budget rejigged federal funding for social programs, health care and education.

Beaudoin said it's time Ottawa

sits down with the provinces and set the record straight about federal plans for social reform, adding that Quebec would use the meeting to argue for control over manpower training.

"Something has to happen and if it doesn't happen now it will happen with the referendum," she said at a news conference.

"If they (Ottawa) can't be reasonable, Quebecers will know the only other way is sovereignty."

'He's engaged in budget activities'

Chrétien denies avoiding UN summit

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's office denies he's avoiding a United Nations conference on social development for fear of being accused of abandoning social programs at home.

"He's engaged in budget activities," Peter Donolo, Chrétien's communications adviser, said Tuesday.

"The prime minister feels he can't spend important times like this outside of Canada."

A number of Canadian groups attending the U.N. World Sum-

mit for Social Development in Copenhagen say Chrétien deliberately skipped the meeting because of the recent federal budget that slashed government spending.

The cuts included a reduction in foreign aid and less money for the provinces to spend on post-secondary education, welfare and health care.

Critics said that as a result Chrétien did not want to go to an international conference aimed at strengthening social programs around the world, with richer countries helping poorer

countries.

"Chrétien has given the cold shoulder to the poorest nations in the world while preparing a warm welcome for the seven wealthiest nations at the G-7 summit in Halifax in June," said Michelle Jay, a Prince Edward Island resident at the Copenhagen meeting.

Canada's representative at the conference is Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy, who is in charge of federal efforts to reform social programs.

Chrétien is not the only

foreign leader not at the summit — U.S. President Bill Clinton and others did not attend either.

Donolo said Chrétien had several reasons for not going.

He has been preoccupied with the fishing dispute off the East Coast for days. He also has trips planned later this week to Moncton and Winnipeg to defend the budget.

Chrétien feels he should not "jet off outside the country when it's important that he be explaining the budget to Canadians," said Donolo.

DISEASE:

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require the reporting of illnesses known as severe invasive Group A streptococcal infections, which include flesh-eating disease, pneumonia, meningitis and toxic shock syndrome.

But a final decision will only be made after an advisory committee of experts hands in its recommendations in about three weeks, she said.

In the meantime, Quebec public health officials have been warned to keep an eye on people who may have been in contact with patients battling invasive forms of strep A.

That kind of infection has

been generally believed not to be contagious, Colin said, but precautions are to be taken following the deaths of an adult mother and daughter in Montreal within one week from streptococcal pneumonia.

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to go on and on about whatever ailed them, the process was often compared to the 1990-91 Spicer Commission.

But whereas the Spicer Commission left Canada with little more than a \$27-million hangover, there's already a feeling

among many in Quebec that the regional commissions were worthwhile.

"The process was very good and worth every penny," said a caller to a phone-in show Tuesday adding that she was one of the 53,500 people who attended the hearings.

"If it were something that could be easily spread between people and between sections of Canada that would be a reason to have a more national information" such as press releases or letters to physicians.

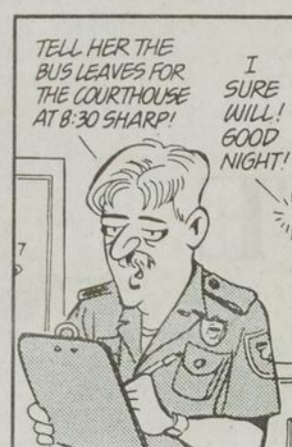
"Anything that stimulates debate on such an important question is worthwhile."

The Liberal opposition doesn't agree: the party took its ball and went home even before the game began, complaining the playing field wasn't level and the rules weren't fair to federalism.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

WEATHER Doonesbury

Rain continues on Wednesday with the high soaring to 13 degrees. Thursday will see intermittent snow with a low of -3. Temperatures will taper off to normal for the weekend.



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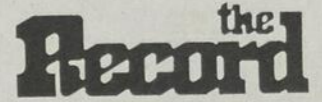
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The Townships



Fifteen evacuated from apartment after grease fire

By Dwane Wilkin

SHERBROOKE — Fifteen residents of an east-end apartment block spent the night in hotels Tuesday night after Sherbrooke firefighters worked quickly and thoroughly to bring a dangerous grease fire under control.

By the time it was all over, damages to the building were

estimated to be in the range of \$100,000.

Tenants began fleeing the building about 1 p.m. when smoke from a first-floor apartment at 985 Ste-Famille St. began pouring into corridors. At one point, a terrified cat leapt from a window on the second floor to escape the fumes, but later appeared to be in satisfac-

tory condition cradled in the arms of a sympathetic bystander.

Twenty-year-old Caroline Lapointe was preparing to cook french fries when the oil she was heating in a deep fryer ignited, splattering flames onto the floor and the wall above the kitchen counter. She was out of the room at the time.

"I remember seeing smoke coming into the bedroom," said Lapointe's boyfriend Yannick Laflamme, 20, who proceeded to make the mistake of trying to douse the greasy flames with water.

EXPLODED

"Poof! It just exploded," recalled Laflamme, dressed only in his bathrobe and a leather jacket yesterday afternoon as he watched firefighters work to contain the blaze, which was spreading rapidly through the kitchen by the time firetrucks roared to the scene.

Flames also singed Lapointe's hair as the couple tried in vain to contain the fire.

The 10-unit apartment block

is home to mostly young couples, many of them CEGEP students who seemed thankful the fire did not turn out to be worse than it was.

But by all accounts, the fire could have turned quickly to tragedy, since the building, owned by Immobilières du Verseau, was not equipped with fire extinguishers as required by the province's building safety code.

Apartment owners are obliged to keep at least one fire extinguisher on each floor, but Laflamme came up empty handed yesterday as he raced through the corridors.

"I went up to the second and third floors, too, but there wasn't an extinguisher anywhere," said Laflamme, tugging at a cigarette.

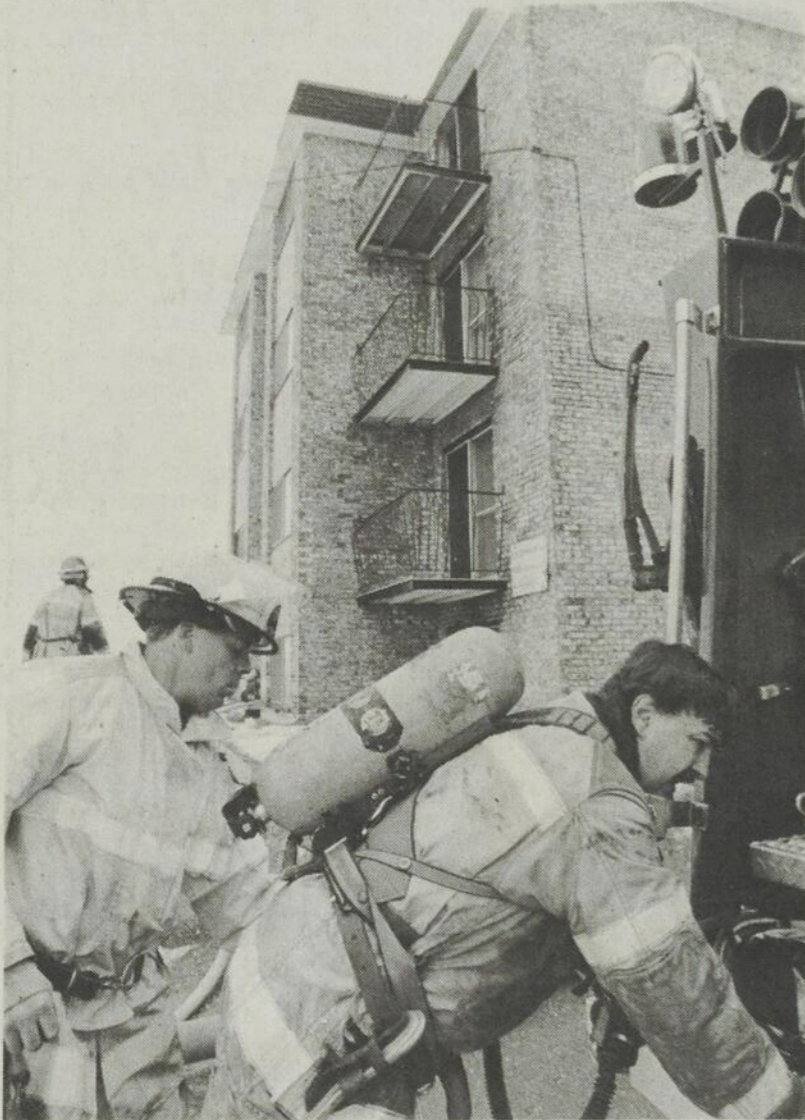
NO EXTINGUISHERS

According to the building's superintendent, three fire extinguishers were removed from the building Tuesday morning for regular inspection. They were to be returned to the apartment block Wednesday.

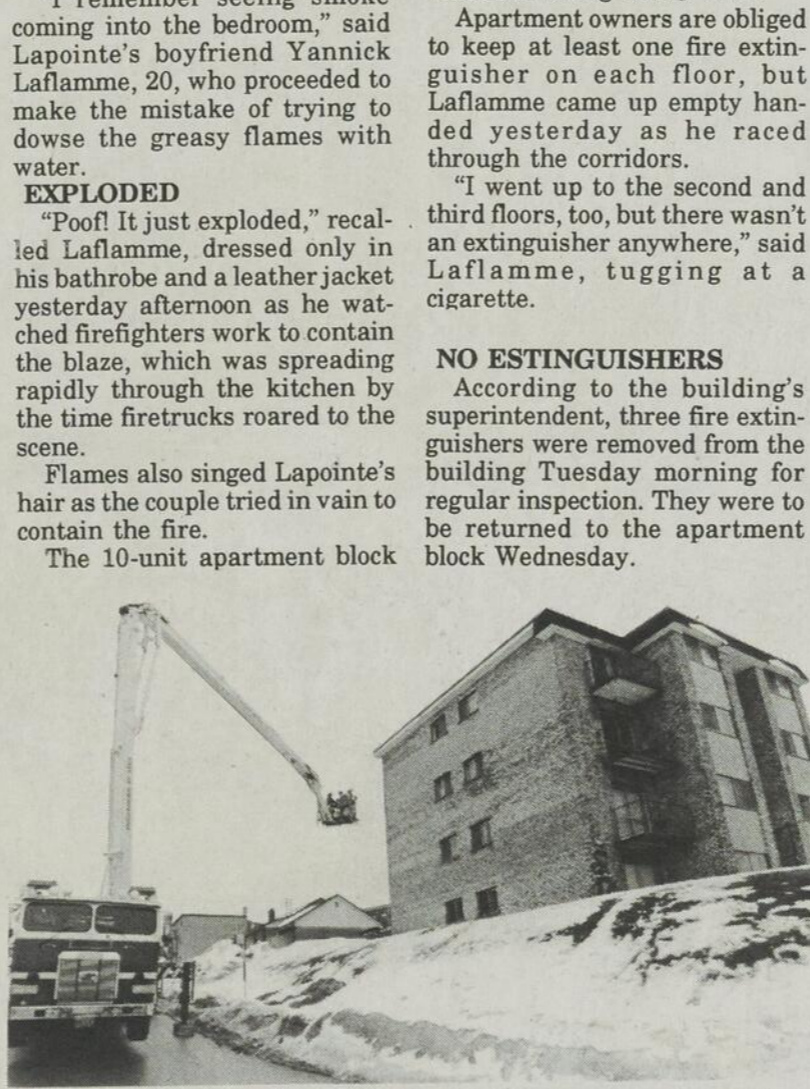
Sherbrooke fire captain Daniel Waite chided the couple for trying to use water on the flames. In the case of kitchen grease fires, baking soda is the safest and most effective extinguishing agent. Even salt or sugar is better.

"If they had called us before they tried putting it out, damages probably would have been a lot less," Waite said.

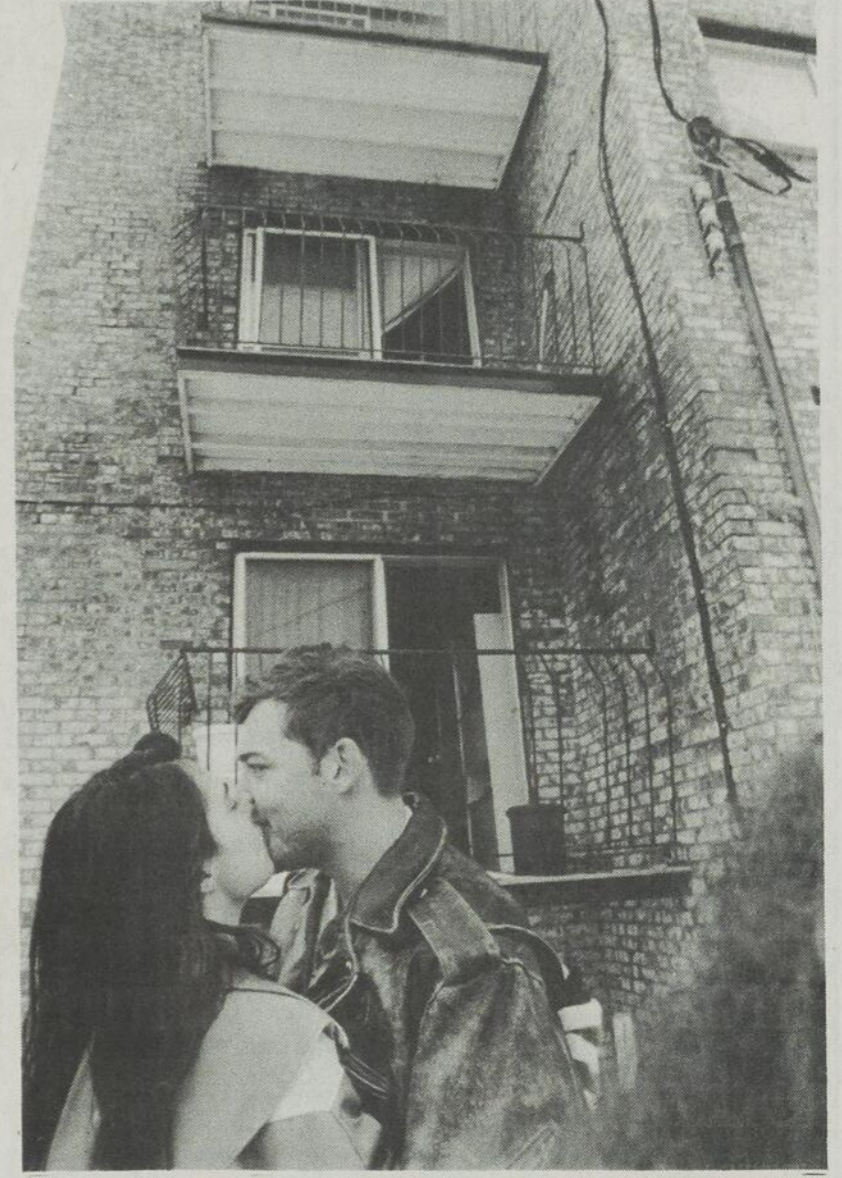
The Red Cross has arranged food, clothing and lodging for the displaced tenants while damage to the building is being repaired.



Firefighters pack up after bringing the blaze under control.



Firetrucks were called to 985 Ste-Famille St. after an overheated deep fryer caught fire.



Yannick Laflamme and girlfriend Caroline Lapointe stand outside their burned out apartment Tuesday.

Bill won't inconvenience criminals one bit — Warner

Townships' firearms lobby takes aim at gun control bill

By Roy MacLaren

LENNOXVILLE — Townships' gun owners are stepping up opposition to the gun control law proposed by Justice Minister Allan Rock which would require gun owners to register their firearms or face criminal penalties.

Like many local shooters, Eastern Townships Fish and Game Club Alliance president Charles Barnett questions the legisla-

tion's effectiveness in preventing violent crime.

"There isn't a judge or a politician anywhere who can prove this will reduce crime," Barnett said.

The Mansonville firearm safety instructor said he thinks Bill C-68 is going to end up costing taxpayers a fortune, and will only result in more hassles for honest gun owners — not criminals.

"We already have laws which should be enforced. This bill isn't doing anything to control crime. It just punishes law-abiding citizens," said Barnett.

REGISTRATION FEE

"They say it costs \$83 to register a firearm. If there are eight to ten million hunting firearms in the country who's going to pay for it? The governments don't have any money so it's going to end up being what they call user-pay," he said.

According to Barnett, the government should concentrate on making people aware of existing legislation which requires that all handguns be registered and that firearms and ammunition be locked separately.

"If they want to spend money they should start a publicity campaign about the proper storage of firearms. That would cut down on the crimes of passion and suicides involving legal firearms," he said.

Well-known Lennoxville-area gunner Edson Warner represented Canada at two Olympic Games and has won a dozen Canadian rifle championships as well as a slew of other prestigious target shooting

competitions.

"This bill is not going to inconvenience the criminals one bit," said the outspoken supporter of the controversial National Rifle Association in the U.S. "No criminal is ever going to register his firearm."

ATTENTION GRABBING

Warner said that the gun-control bill is a ploy by Rock to attract media attention.

"The government wants to be seen to be doing something so they pick on an easy target instead of going after the criminals," he said.

Director of the Quebec Shooting Federation, Danielle Evans, agrees.

"This is a law meant to fool the people into believing that it will improve things," she said in a telephone interview from the federation's Montreal office.

"Rock has only done this to make himself look good. Crime by firearm death is the lowest that it's been in 15 years."

According to Evans, the government should focus on other issues if it is serious about stopping violent crime.

"They should stiffen the borders and stop the smuggling. We

are law-abiding citizens. We don't want to live in a community where everybody shoots each other, either," she said.

"Violence on TV contributes more to crime than people who go to shooting clubs to practice a sport they love."

SHOPPING LIST

Lennoxville Rifle Club secretary Richard Goodhue said he is afraid that Rock's bill could result in firearm registration records becoming a shopping list for robbers looking for weapons.

"If a computer hacker gets their hands on the list they will know exactly how many guns I have in my house and they will know exactly where to come to get them," said the former president of the Island Brook Fish and Game Club.

"There is a legitimate reason for being afraid of handguns. I can understand people's concerns but there's hardly a wide-open access to handguns as it is," Goodhue said.

"This bill isn't about safety. It's about the appearance of safety. It's a political decision."

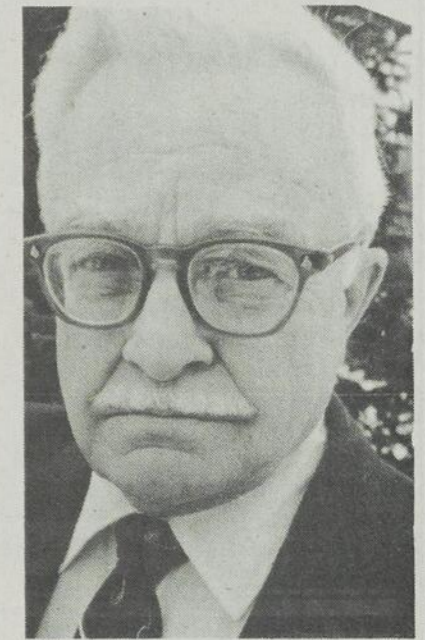
The Canadian Shooting Federation and its provincial counterpart will be holding a bilingual

information meeting on Bill C-68 at 7:00 p.m. at the Motel la Réserve, 4235 King West in Sherbrooke.

Speakers will be Canadian Shooting Federation public relations director John Perocchio and Quebec Shooting Federation director Gilbert Gour. For more information call (514) 252-3056.



Warner collects guns and National Rifle Association reading materials.



Edson Warner... Rock picking on easy target.

Jacques Cartier closed from July to November

Bridge repairs worry Games organizers

SHERBROOKE (MC) — The city of Sherbrooke will be doing major renovations to the Jacques Cartier bridge this summer, despite concerns it will cause traffic headaches during the Quebec Summer games.

Municipal councillors voted Monday night to sign a deal with Transport Quebec which would see the bridge completely closed

between July and the middle of November. One lane will be open for pedestrians, emergency vehicles and public buses. The project is expected to cost \$1.4 million.

The closing of the bridge, built in 1954, will pose problems for organizers of the Quebec Games, being held in Sherbrooke for the

first time.

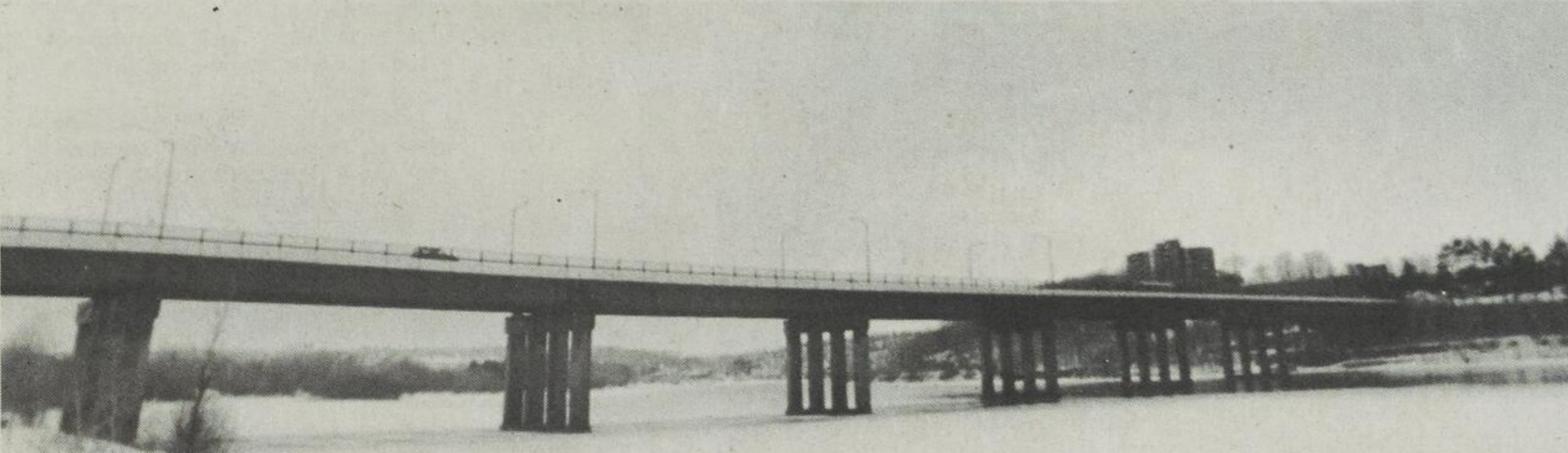
The University of Sherbrooke's West End campus, located across the river from most of the city, will be one of the main sites of the competition.

The bridge is an important artery for the city, with 24,000 vehicles crossing it daily.

The city of Sherbrooke will also contribute to the project,

setting aside \$445,000 to rebuild Jacques Cartier St. between Wiggett St. and the bridge.

Quebec Games president Martin Bureau says the bridge is extremely important to the summer games. He added that since the bridge is not dangerous to use, town officials should move to delay repairs for another year.



Sherbrooke's Jacques Cartier bridge will be getting a \$1.4 million facelift this summer despite concerns it will interfere with the Quebec games.

Inmate escapes from Cowansville slammer

SHERBROOKE (MC) — Police are on the lookout for a man who escaped from the Cowansville penitentiary Tuesday morning.

Jean Lavigne, 30, was serving three years and four months for armed robbery and breaking and entering. He had been serving his sentence at the medium-security federal penitentiary since February 1994.

According to prison spokesman Claude Guérin, Lavigne managed to evade guards

working outside the perimeter of the prison.

After a preliminary search near the prison local municipal police as well as the Quebec Police Force were notified of the escape. As of Tuesday night police were still searching for Lavigne.

The Canadian Correctional Service will be conducting an internal investigation into the escape. Such investigations are standard procedure when an inmate escapes.

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Self-respecting criminals won't bother with C-86

The drawbacks to Justice Minister Allan Rock's proposed gun control law are obvious — it won't work.

As many rural Canadians and gun-owning Townshippers can plainly see Bill C-68, if passed by parliament, will only succeed in introducing law-abiding citizens to more bureaucratic hassles than they already put up with.

Despite Rock's current initiative, gun-control is not a new concept in Canada. We already have strong restrictions on the ownership and acquisition of firearms; restrictions which are rightfully supported by the vast majority of the country.

It takes about a year before the average citizen can legally buy a handgun. Prospective owners must be a members of a target shooting club and have their background thoroughly researched before being given permission to buy a pistol. A permit is then issued which only allows the owner to transport the weapon between a locked storage space at home and the shooting range.

How many self-respecting criminals are going to bother?

The rest of us will register our guns at great cost to the public purse and little benefit to the public good.

Unfortunately, Canadians have little knowledge of gun control legislation as it currently exists. Few Townshippers know that they are breaking the law by storing their old hunting rifle under the bed next to a box of shells.

Government money would be much better spent educating the public about proper gun storage and safety than by creating another level of bureaucracy to register the millions of legal shotguns and rifles owned by honest citizens.

Canadians are close enough to the United States to see the pernicious effect handguns have had on the day-to-day life of millions of Americans. We see the slaughter and, on the whole, deplore the fanatical rantings of the American pro-gun lobby led by the National Rifle Association.

The mind-numbing horror of the massacre at the Ecole Polytechnique has made us particularly sensitive to firearms. We desperately want to avoid the gun-crazy American scenario at all costs.

But Bill C-68 isn't the way to do it.

The overwhelming power of U.S. TV programming must not outweigh the facts and influence legislation passed by Parliament. Canadian-owned, legally registered handguns are involved in minuscule number of murders and violent crime involving firearms is at a 15 year low.

Canadians want a safer, saner environment in which to live. Threatening us with a criminal record if we don't register our hunting guns won't help.

ROY MACLAREN

Today in history

By The Canadian Press

A lengthy battle over offshore resources ended with a Supreme Court decision that the federal government owned the oil of the Hibernia field off Newfoundland 11 years ago today — in 1984. The court ruled in a 6-0 decision that the province had no rights to the offshore field.

Also on this day in:

1765 — The British House of Lords passed the Stamp Act, a means of raising revenue in the American colonies.

1869 — Charlotte Whitton, mayor of Ottawa during the 1950s and 1960s, was born.

1982 — The Canada Bill was passed by the British House of Commons by a vote of 177 to 33. The bill allowed Canada to patriate its Constitution.

Did you know that...

JAPAN CURRENT

The Japan Current is a warm current flowing from the Philippine Sea east of Taiwan and northeast past Japan.

INDOCHINE COUNTRIES

Located in the Indochina peninsula are the countries of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Central America is defined as the narrow strip of land between Mexico and Colombia. The Central American countries are Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

Letter to the Editor

Harmony rather than divisiveness

Letters to the Editor,
Dear Mr. Bury:

I agree wholeheartedly with Jeanne Cory's comments (Feb. 14/95). If our politicians would leave their ivory towers for a while and

get to know the small communities, they would learn how well the two founding nations are integrated. It makes no difference of the ethnic origin or religion. There are many mixed marriages, most speak both

languages or more, at least enough to communicate.

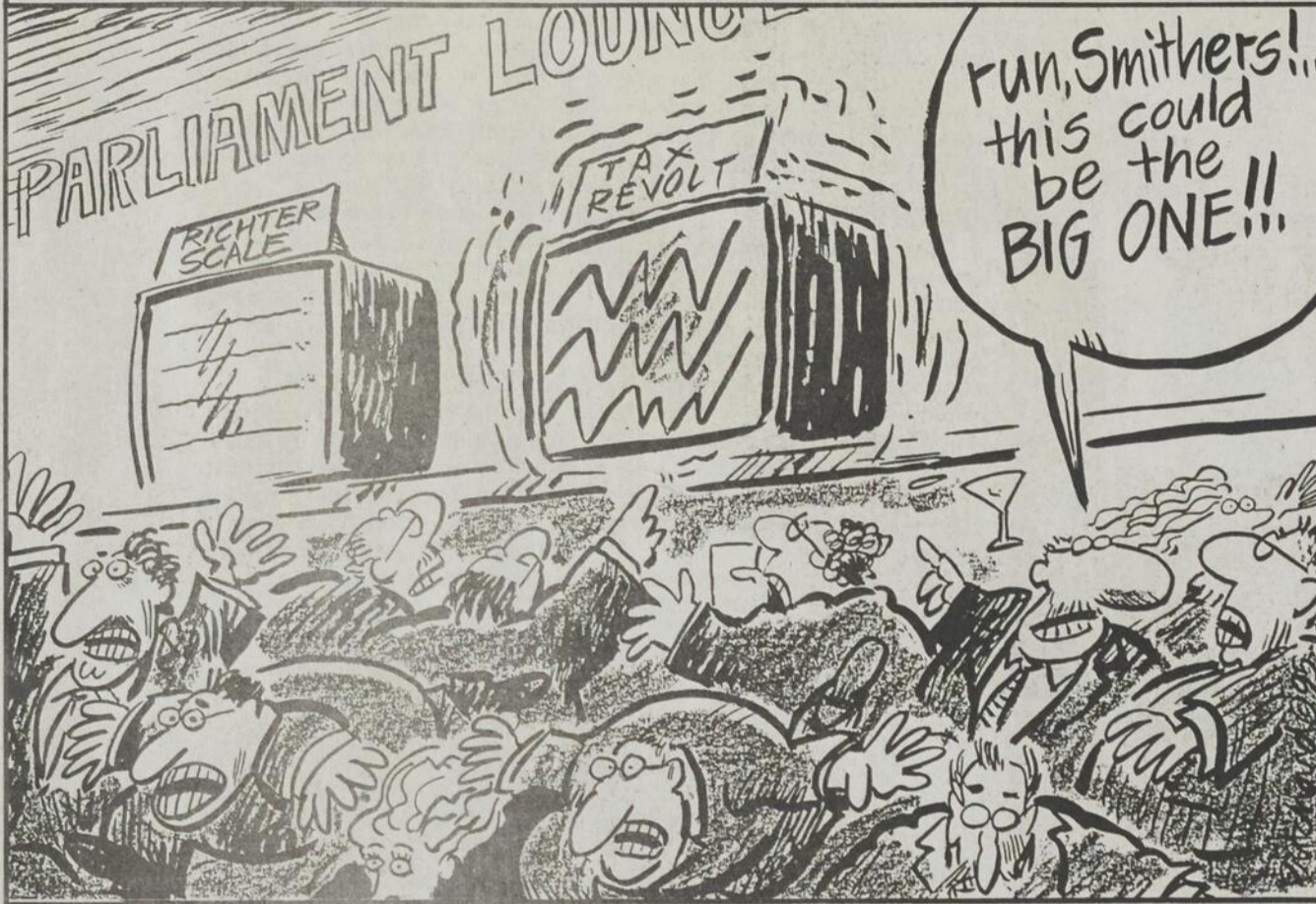
They work and play together, they share their joys and grief in times of sorrow.

Time and money could be better

spent on creating worthwhile jobs, good government and promoting harmony rather than divisiveness.

Yours truly,

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Mansonville



Linear economy based on growth

Dear Editor:

Restructuring is a rather odd pursuit of efficiency. Our linear economy is based on growth. What if individuals also choose to downsize? This would force industry into further downsizing. Even more efficiency? According to the linear economic paradigm this does not make any sense.

So are the generals of the linear economy in retreat; abandoning their foot soldiers to find more profitable frontiers? Postponing something that is slowly permeating our society? Is that what's bothering you?

Yours truly
JASON KRAPAN
Georgeville

This is a matter of life and death

Letter to the Editor

We were charged in the second degree murder death of my terminally ill father-in-law Layton Myers. We pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and received three years probation and 150 hours of community service. We have been called murderers by some, and heroes by others, but we are neither!

We are two people who acted on the request of my father-in-law to end his hopeless fight with small cell cancer. We based our decision on unconditional love, and for people who do not know what that is, it is not bought, not sold, not taken, not influenced by outside sources, but

is given freely, and without condition!

Layton Myers did not want to be placed in a adult napkin, to have someone wipe him, to be spoon fed, to become a drug addict. He plain and simply did not want to lose his dignity. In our minds and hearts Layton could never lose his dignity no matter what, then again it was not our heart or mind it was Layton's.

The government is now moving toward a free vote on doctor assisted suicide. They are travelling across the country to listen to individuals and groups to determine what to do and how to vote. There

are many things that trouble Cheryl and me but here are three.

1. The government allows factories to release toxic emissions they know causes terminal illness.

2. The government allows companies to market products they know cause terminal illness.

3. The government allows women to terminate the life of unborn children.

We have a great deal of difficulty understanding why government allows us to be poisoned, and allows life to be ended when there are so many years in front of it, but won't allow terminally ill persons to decide their own fate.

The Canadian government

should have asked all Canadians the following question. Do you believe the Canadian government should change the law so terminally ill people can decide when, where, and how they die with dignity.

The Canadian government won't ask you, but we will! Remember its your life and its your choice. Please write your M.P. and newspaper and please call your M.P. I beg all Canadians to remember this is a matter of life and death and one of these days it may be you!

Dignity and Death
CHERYL MYERS,
MIKE POWER
Halifax N.S.

Bad pennies fail to turn up says mint

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — To some, the penny is a worthless nuisance not worth spending or cashing in.

Others just like to hear it clink in their piggy banks.

Either way, Canadians have built up a hoard of 10 billion of the copper coins in cupboards, drawers and desks.

And the Royal Canadian Mint has been trying to figure out how to get them back into circulation.

But there's no easy way, says a 1994 study commissioned by the mint and obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

"Developing a single strategy for persuading people to circulate one cent coins would be very difficult,"

says the report by Marketing and Research Counselors of Canada Inc.

The reserach company asked Canadians about the penny during May and June 1993 and in some cases, the reserachers even counted the coins in respondent's piggy banks.

THROWN OUT

About 41 per cent of Canadians surveyed wouldn't care if the penny was scrapped and 10 per cent even toss them out in the trash.

The study also found another 37 per cent would miss the copper if it disappeared.

In Monday's federal budget, the government announced it will mint a new \$2 coin to replace the \$2 paper bill.

The report lists a number of options for dealing with the penny problem:

— Scapping the penny.
— Advertising to promote penny use.

— Educating people on need to circulate the penny.
— Supplying reusable plastic rollers for penniers.

— Providing automatic coin counting machines.
— Paying a premium to cash in pennies.

The vast hoards of pennies forces the mint to strike 700 million pennies a year to keep cash register drawers full at a loss for every penny it makes.

COSTS MORE

It costs a cent and a half in metal, labor and distribution to make a

one-cent piece.

The one cent pieces currently sitting in Canadian homes would be equal to 14 years of penny production by the mint.

"Ongoing demand for one cent coins requires the Royal Canadian Mint to keep producing them, even though the cost to manufacture them exceeds their face value," says the report.

Public Works Minister Dave Dingwall, minister responsible for the mint, has said the government is open to getting rid of the penny as a cost saving measure.

The survey of 1,046 Canadians was conducted in May and June of 1993 and is considered accurate to within plus or minus 3.2 percentage points 19 times in 20.

Feminist group faces continuing criticism

By Lynda Hurst

Toronto Star

It sometimes seems that Canada's largest feminist group hits the headlines only when there's conflict.

And there's been plenty of that.

The fissures first appeared in 1992, when the National Action Committee on the Status of Women withdrew its support from two high-priced government investigations: one a royal commission into new reproductive technologies, the other a panel on violence against women.

NAC had lobbied long and hard for both. For it to walk out because it felt the former was on the wrong ideological track and the latter unrepresentative of female diversity (only one member of a minority on the panel) didn't quite cut it with a lot of feminist mainstream women.

Crucial issues were finally, if imperfectly, being addressed, and NAC takes a walk?

Most women, whether active or passive as feminists, actual members of the organization or not, had shared NAC's goals since it set up as an equal rights lobby in 1971.

By the '90s, it had the numbers — 600 groups representing three million women (it never claimed to speak for all women) — but did it have the maturity to survive Stage 2 of equal rights?

Some wondered if NAC was fated to implode as it felt its way through the toughest feminist issue of the decade — inclusion: the acknowledgment that white women can no longer speak for all women, that they must share the "power" or risk the charge of racism.

When Sunera Thobani assumed the presidency in 1993, she laid down her political gauntlet: yes, gains had been made in the preceding 20 years, but they'd only benefited a "minority" of women — in fact, the white, middle-class majority — and not by any stretch all women.

NAC had to forge ahead under the leadership of the most marginalized women in society," she said.

Last summer, a NAC official greeted the otherwise widely applauded news that a woman had been appointed president of General Motors with a flippant: "She's white, isn't she? Skin color brings privileges."

At that point, the split between where NAC was in terms of feminist ideology and where the average Canadian woman was seemed eye-rollingly clear.

NAC's most recent spate of unwelcome publicity has centred on its rejection of a book-selling deal with Random House of Canada.

The deal would have seen NAC offering its members a catalogue of 40 books from the publisher's backlist of prominent female authors.

More significantly, it would have seen NAC putting its imprint on new books, the first of which was to be the paperback version of Judy Steed's disturbing examination of child sexual abuse, *Our Little Secret*.

NAC would sell the book for the \$16 list price but buy it for \$5, a 68 per cent discount. Unsold books could be returned to Random House without penalty.

"It's a priority that we stabilize our financial situation, and I thought this was a good deal," Thobani says.

That's not the way some on NAC's 25-person executive saw it at its January meeting.

There were various objections, but the coup de grace was the

charge — by two of the women on the executive, Shelagh Day and Laura Sky — that *Our Little Secret* was homophobic. Homophobic, at least in the sense that they felt it perpetuated the stereotype that gay sexuality is "soft" on child sexual abuse.

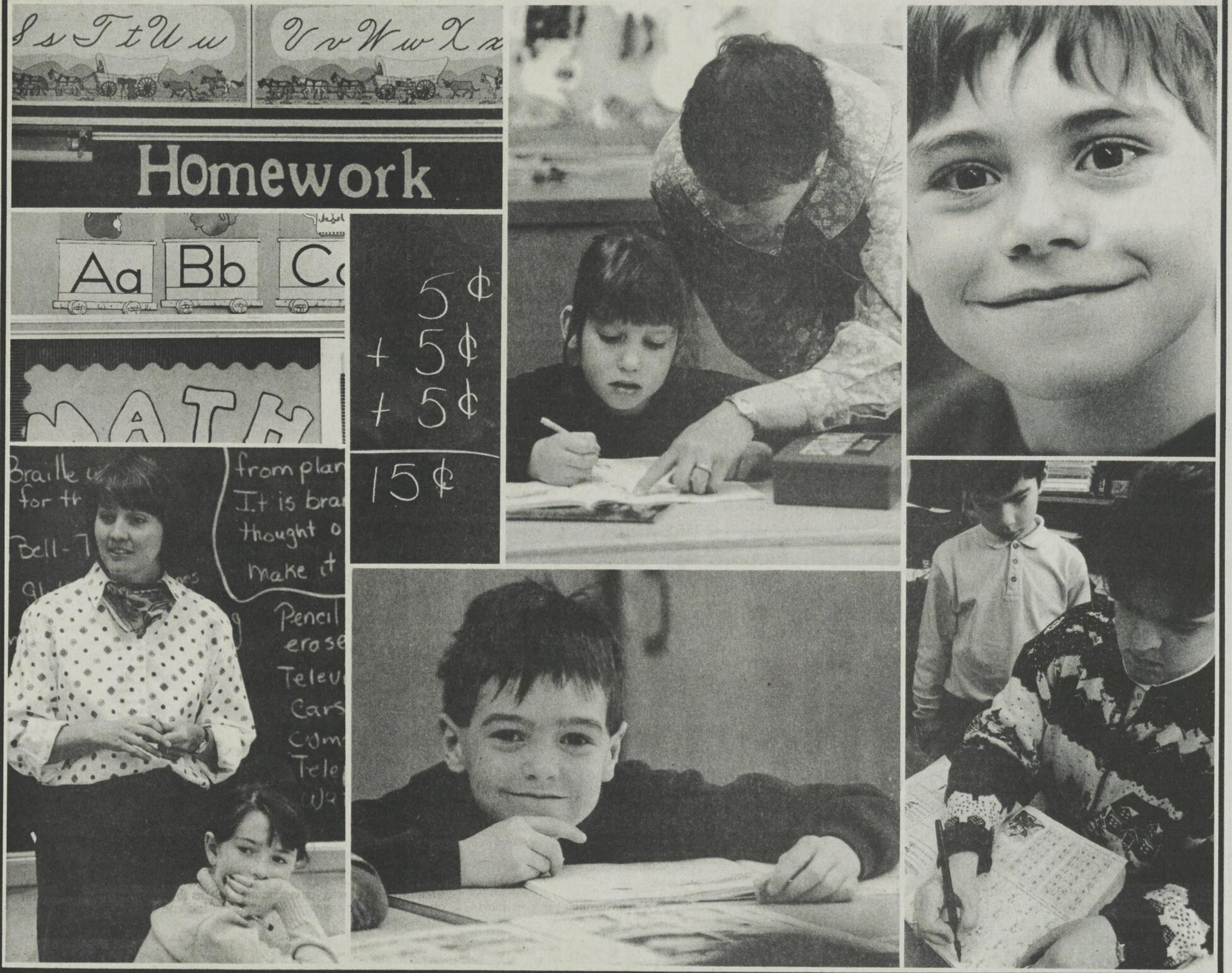
The debate was long and intense, but in the end the group voted overwhelmingly against the deal.

It has been Day, a lesbian activist (since resigned from NAC for unconnected work reasons), who's taken most of the flak for the outcome. Unfair, she says. She had financial concerns about the deal even before she read Steed's book, and never knew until after the fact that Random House would take back unsold copies.

Gail Picco, NAC's longtime fundraising consultant who negotiated the deal, was so disgusted by the group's action that she resigned.

"What happened here," says Picco, "was the lesbian caucus saying 'We're lesbians, and if we say it's homophobic, it is. My oppression is worse than yours.' Everyone's got a different piece of identity at NAC, and it's preventing them from coming together for collective action."

A day in the life of Sawyerville Elementary School



RECORD PHOTOS: GRANT SIMEON

ADS recycles trash into arts and crafts ACES shows its thanks to teachers

Mme Lefrançois, our French teacher, with grades 3 and 4 showed an exhibition of Robots, made out of recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, aluminum cans, styrofoam trays, lampshades and pipe cleaners. There was also a space village and spaceship.

Many hours of work were put into this project and the results were fantastic!

February 13-17 was Teacher Appreciation Week. The school was decorated with red and white balloons and hearts. The teachers received certificates from the QFHSA, apple candles and fruit basket from School Committee and Students Council made brownies. Everyday there was always something showing up in Staff room to tempt their palates. For some strange reason everyone seemed quite concerned about their waist-

line during this week!

Grades 5 and 6 did a great job selling spices and Easter Treats for their class trip to Quebec. Thanks to everyone who supported our students.

On February 17 Grade 1 and 2 went to visit their pen pals at Sherbrooke Elementary, an exhibition of Rocks and Minerals at the Centre d'exposition Léon Marcotte. After lunch everyone had fun sliding and skating. Thank-you for the great time we had together.

The students of A.D.S. would like to say "Thank-you, St. Francis Elementary", for inviting us to the Youth Theater held on the morning of February 24.

Students Council held a carnival on the afternoon of February 24 and a great time was enjoyed by all.

Marlene Brown
School Committee
Secretary

A week is definitely not enough time to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the incredible teachers and staff of Ayer's Cliff Elementary School. Their dedication to our children goes above and beyond their call of duty. To show our teachers and staff how much we care about their rolls in our children's lives, we dedicated a week to them.

The teachers and staff were surprised to arrive on Monday morning and find that the entry way and the staff room were decorated in purple and grey, our school colors. They also received corsages to wear while working. A special table was set up for a bouquet of flowers, from the

school committee, which organizes the week, and for them to display their gifts.

Throughout the week, parents and students took the extra time to send something special. Baked goods, poems, cards, and drawings were received daily. Some of the unique gifts were fancy crepes shrimp cocktail, and hot hors d'oeuvres. It is obvious that these were genuine gestures.

On Monday and Tuesday morning, two parents from the School Committee sold pins to the students, that said, "We Love Our Teachers". Our Distal distributor, Jacques Auger, noticed this show of appreciation and was motivated to send a basket of fruit.

To conclude the week, the teachers and staff took an extended lunch hour at Hibbard's B&B, which was also decorated in the school colors. While they were enjoying themselves, head teacher Leon Dyer and volunteer parents took over to keep the students occupied. When the teachers and staff returned to the school an assembly was held, where they were presented with certificates and jumbo size cards made by the students and parents.

Leon Dyer, head teacher commented "During Teachers Appreciation Week at A.C.E.S., we are overwhelmed with the features of appreciation from the students and parents and are made to feel that we are special. It is without doubt that it is our school community that is special. We since-

rely thank all those who have made this week a time to cherish and it is us who appreciate what we have."

Submitted by
Norma Roy and Sue Young
There are a few examples of the notes of appreciation used for the "Tumbo Cards."

Dear Ms. Gam
I appreciate you because you are a good teacher.
Love Alex Dezan

Dear Mrs. Dezan
I appreciate you because you help me learn. I love you.
Love Vanessa

Dear Mr. Onic
I appreciate you because for being my teacher and I learn something new everyday.
Love Amanda Lunnie



Students at ADS Elementary made masks out of recyclables.

Too many pedestrians accidents...

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Chamber Music to be featured at BU

● **Musique Chez Nous: Friday** — Songs and chamber music by student performers — Students from l'Ecole de musique de l'Université de Sherbrooke and from Bishop's Department of Music in a mixed programme of piano, vocal and chamber music by Fauré. **March 10 at 12:30 in Bandeën.**

Sunday — University Organist, Pamela Gill Eby, returns from a sabbatical in France with a varied programme that spans three centuries. **Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. in St. Mark's Chapel: Dr. Sandra Whitworth** will be speaking in Bandeën Hall on **March 8** to mark International Women's Day at 7:30 p.m. **Feminism and international Relations**

Bishop's University Artists' Centre: "All Students' Art Show '95", March 7-17. Photographs, drawings, installations, sculptures, paintings and original prints. A juried exhibition of works by full and part-

time students from various departments across campus. **Tuesdays and Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday evening, 7 to 9 p.m.**
The Ogden Glass Distinguished Speaker Series: Dr. Frank Davey, Professor at University of Western Ontario, will speak on "Outcomes, Metaphores and Money Markets: Accounting for the Humanities today". **Wednesday, March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Old Library.**



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Anglophones not fully aware of available services

Keeping in Touch is a weekly column presented by Township-pers' Association.)

PILOT SESSION

There is a common feeling among the Anglophone community that there are insufficient programs and services available to them that offer advancement in their job or career. There are such services available. Research, however, has shown that Anglophones have not been using the English services and programs provided by the SQDM and HRDC, simply because they are not aware of them.

Recently, representatives from Townshippers' Association, Eastern Townships Technical Institute, Eastern Townships School Board, and Bishop's University formed a brain storming committee to discuss how these people could be reached, and who would be available to provide the necessary help. The committee focused on the Richmond area, as it has the highest levels of unemployment as well as people on social assistance.

HRDC and SQDM services

are available in the form of financial help and special programs offered at ETTI, ETSB, Champlain College, Bishop's University, and elsewhere in the Eastern Townships region. These institutions will help to train people as well as improve their management, language and computer skills.

The PILOT SESSION, funded by SQDM (Société québécoise de développement de la main-d'œuvre), is to be held on May 3rd in Richmond. It aims at informing Anglos of the programs and services that they can use to their advantage, because only a small percentage of people are currently aware that this type of assistance exists. Sessions will be repeated in other areas depending on the success of the first one. At the PILOT SESSION, each of the educational institutions will meet with people to present what they have to offer. Front-line agents from SQDM, HRDC, and educational institutions will be meeting separately to discuss the types of

Keeping In Touch

By Townshippers' Association

services that are available in the schools. The goal of the pilot session is to provide individuals with sufficient information about what is available to them, so they can use the services to better the range and quality of their skills.

QUEBEC WINTER GAMES

If you are an avid spectator of sports ranging anywhere from curling to water-polo, then you'll want to visit the Granby area between March 4th & 11th. The 30th Annual Quebec Winter Games Finals involves competition among more than 4000 athletes from all over Quebec.

There are competitions in 18 disciplines, including diving, gymnastics, hockey, Judo, and

skiing. The events will be held throughout the week at various indoor and outdoor locations. For a schedule of events or other information call (514) 777-1995.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

The PROTECTEUR DU CITOYEN newsletters have recently been suspended as the result of budget cutbacks, however the editors wish to thank all those who read them. The PROTECTEUR DU CITOYEN is an organization that defends the rights of individuals, companies or associations who feel that their rights were abused or they were treated unjustly by a minister or organization of the Quebec Government.

Complaints can be made by writing, calling, or visiting the offices in either Montreal or Sainte-Foy. All cases are confidential and services are free of charge. For more information call the Sainte-Foy office at (418) 643-2688 or the Montreal office at (514) 873-2032. There is also a toll-free number at 1-800-361-5804.

CLSC WORKSHOP

If you are a caregiver to a family member who is losing his/her autonomy, you may be interested in meetings offered through CLSC Albert-Samson in Coaticook.

A three-session workshop is being offered free of charge to spouses and family members assuming the task of providing care to elderly relatives. The workshop, which begins March 13, has the following objectives: to gain more information relating to the process of ageing and resources available, to increase your confidence in dealing with the person you are caring for, to share experiences with others in a similar situation. For more information contact Marielle or Tina at (819) 849-7041.

COFFEE KLATCH

The next coffee klatch meeting will be held on March 14 from 9:30am — noon. The meetings are held at the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, and this week's theme is about being a single parent. All meetings are

held in an environment of confidentiality, respect and support. Daycare is available for children between the ages of 1 and 5, and reservations for your child's spot must be made one day in advance. For more information call (819) 564-6626.

YOUTH NEWS

If you are a high school, college or university student looking for summer employment, the Department of National Defence has a Student Summer Employment Program. This program provides jobs to students in labour, clerical and career-oriented areas with the civilian workforce of the Department of National Defence. The average salary is \$ 6.95 per hour. In the past, students were to send an application to the Department of National Defence by mid-April. This year, due to cutbacks, these positions will be posted (as they become available) at your local Canada Employment Centre for Students (CEC-S). Interested students should contact their local CEC-S as soon as they open in early May.

'No better way to lift your spirits'

Greenhouse offers more than year-round gardening

By Melanie O'Brien
Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA (CP) — When the weather outside is frightful, Linda Temple is tempted to wave at passersby bundled against the cold and shout, "Look at me!" In the three-by-seven-metre greenhouse attached to Temple's home, the temperature on a sunny winter day can hit 43 C at the peak of the 4.8-metre roof.

Temple spends three to four hours a day in her plant-filled retreat, practising her recorder, tending her dozens of plants or simply enjoying the sun and light. On weekends, she and her husband, John, sometimes dine in the greenhouse.

"It makes me feel really good,"

Temple says. "It's very good for light deprivation."

Beth Nekechuk, who has a 12-metre-long greenhouse addition on her home, agrees. "On a winter day when it's cold outside and the sun is shining, there is no better way to lift your spirits" than to walk into the greenhouse where the air is fragrant with plant and earthy smells.

"I'm a crazy gardener, I just love it," says Nekechuk. "This allows me to do it all year round as much as I want."

Nekechuk has had her garden room since 1989 when a local builder was called upon to realize the Nekechuks' ideas. The result is a room that is multifunctional, offering both living space and plant space. The project cost

about \$30,000.

Temple's greenhouse is much smaller than Nekechuk's but no less inviting.

Now a member of the Master Gardener group, Temple grew up on a farm and always dreamed of having her own greenhouse. That dream became reality after the birth of her first child 16 years ago.

"When I stayed home, I thought I would have to have a greenhouse or I'd go nuts."

Before building, the Temples researched books and consulted with experts in the plant science department at Montreal's McGill University. Then they contracted an architecture student at Ottawa's Carleton University to draw

the plans from their ideas.

The basement was dug by a contractor, but the rest of the greenhouse room the couple constructed themselves. The total cost was \$9,000.

However, major renovations aren't necessary to enjoy the benefits of a greenhouse.

David Donovan of Jacobs Greenhouse Manufacturing Ltd. in Delhi, Ont., says his most popular products are a free-standing greenhouse measuring 2.7-by-3.9 metres that costs \$3,702, and a 3.2-by-4.5-metre atrium-style model (it shares a common wall with the house) that costs \$8,300.

Katrine Stewart, chair of the plant science department at Macdonald College of McGill

University, offers these suggestions to people considering a greenhouse:

- Research greenhouses in books at local library before building.

- Determine what you want it for. Is it to grow plants, an extension of the dining room, or both?

- Decide the style you want, either a free-standing or an attached unit. Free-standing style requires its own heater, fan and electricity. A lean-to or atrium greenhouse will influence the humidity of the house. A building permit is required for an atrium greenhouse.

- Make sure the site is on flat, level ground. A greenhouse doesn't have to face south, but if it faces north it will be shadier in

summer and won't get as much light in winter.

On the other hand, if it has direct southern exposure, good ventilation is necessary because it can get really hot in the summer.

- How much are you going to grow? This will determine the size. You should also think about the type of plants you want to grow. Growing tomatoes and peppers in the winter, for example, will require much more heat than harder vegetables and plants.

- Make sure you have enough heat and ventilation in the unit. Many greenhouse kits have automatic roof vents operated by a thermostat.

French toasting the best beers of spring

PARIS (Reuter) — French beer drinkers were toasting the arrival of spring last week with their first sips of the "March beers" that brewers put on sale in cafes around the country, continuing a 600-year-old seasonal rite.

In wine-steeped France, tasting the "bieres de mars" (March beers) on the first day of the month, the medieval new year in this part of the world, may come a distant second to the annual arrival of Beaujolais Nouveau red wine in November.

But in the beer-drinking regions of the north and east, along the Belgian and German borders, the accompanying revels are taken just as seriously.

The beers are light ales made with the pick of the summer barley and autumn hop harvests and slowly fermented in the natural chill of the north European winter.

Standards are controlled by the French Brewers Association, which has revived a tradition it traces back to 1394. Some 17 leading and smaller brewers, better known for their sharp lagers and sweeter dark beers, have produced versions this year.

One in four cars failed pollution test

OTTAWA (CP) — Nearly a quarter of the cars Environment Canada checked at clinics in three provinces last summer failed to meet even basic air pollution standards.

And one in seven cars had either been stripped of mandatory pollution control devices such as the catalytic converter or had pollution equipment that was too beat-up to work.

"I'm quite surprised at how high that (failure rate) was," said Vera Ballantyne of Environment Canada.

Pollution from old or badly-tuned cars is a major cause of smog, which on hot and hazy days can cause asthma attacks and increase the number of hospital admissions for respiratory problems.

Environment Canada looked for carbon monoxide and unburned gasoline in its voluntary tests of more than 2,000 cars in Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

The vehicles were allowed to have up to twice as much pollution as permitted by manufacturers' specifications for new cars, Ballantyne said.

"We were giving people a very strong benefit of the doubt."

But 23 per cent of the cars failed the test.

The findings from the clinics "tell us we really have to do something about the cars that are on the road right now," said Ellen Schwartz of Pollution Probe, a Toronto-based environmental group.

That means tuning engines or fixing faulty exhaust systems, she said.

It was mainly older cars that polluted the most, especially if they weren't kept tuned and repaired, Ballantyne said.

People are still removing

emission control equipment, although the numbers are down.

"Unfortunately I have talked to some — mainly young guys with hot cars — who think a catalytic converter reduces their performance," Ballantyne said.

Muscle car owners are also replacing the computer chip in fuel injection systems with a chip designed to deliver a richer fuel mix.

"It gives the car more power but also pollutes more," said Ballantyne.

Don' end up on the dung heap

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell all women who are considering moving in with a lover to think twice and maybe even get some legal advice. I didn't, and I'm paying a big price for being so trusting.

When I became engaged to "Howard," I gave up a lovely apartment, two cats, all my furniture and my TV. We were so crazy in love, I was absolutely certain that ours was a match made in heaven and everything would be wonderful.

Guess what? Howard wrecked my car and ruined me financially with his lousy advice. After a year, he suddenly decided that we were not compatible and I had "failed him" because I wasn't nice enough to his kids. Then he threw me out.

Now I am living in an unfurnished apartment with no appliances, trying to recover from near-bankruptcy. And that's not all. I am not able to get any financial compensation from Howard because nothing was done legally.

Please warn all women who may be considering giving up their place to move in with "Mr. Terrific" to think twice -- and then forget it. -- MIAMI

Ann Landers

DEAR MIAMI: Howard sounds like a brass-plated, four-door heel. But don't blame him completely. You need to sharpen your selection skills.

Thanks for sharing your story. It just may help prevent others from falling into the same dung heap.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a single parent who works full-time. I have two bright and talented daughters, ages 14 and 12. They share a bedroom that looks like a cyclone hit it.

I am tired of yelling at them to straighten up the room. Their clothes are on the floor, on doorknobs, everywhere. The beds are never made. Papers that are two weeks old are strewn all over, along with soft drink cans, orange peels, you name it. It drives me crazy. They look so neat and nice when they go out, no-

one would suspect their room is like a pig sty.

I've announced that I will not buy them another piece of clothing until they learn how to take care of the things they have. I also have threatened to stop their allowance. They couldn't care less. I even tried an incentive, offering to redecorate the room with new furniture, comforters, sheets, etc. Still no action.

One day, I decided to quit fussing and see how long it took for them to get tired of it. It didn't work. Their clothes literally covered every inch of floor. You couldn't tell what color the carpet was.

It didn't bother them in the least. They just walked over everything and went on with their routine.

I don't think I'm asking for too much, Ann. Do you? Please tell me what else I can do before I go crazy. -- WIGGED-OUT MOM IN COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR WIGGED-OUT: You can't do a thing about the slob, but you can do something about yourself.

Shut the door of the pig sty and vow never to go in there until they leave for college, marriage or a career, whichever comes first. Tell them where the sheets and pillowcases are and inform them that they can get fresh ones if and when they want to. The same goes for the towels.

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Paul Martin's budget truckles to bankers

Liberals look like Alberta Tories, labor leader says

By Gwen Dambrofsky

EDMONTON (CP) — Canadians are beginning to realize the federal Liberals are little more than sheep in Ralph Klein's clothing, the president of the Canadian Labor Congress suggested Monday.

Bob White said Finance Minister Paul Martin's recent budget too closely emulated the Alberta Conservative government's program of reducing its deficit by hacking at social programs.

"We are most troubled by the direction Paul Martin has taken," White told about 500

sympathizers at a meeting sponsored by the Alberta Federation of Labor.

"There doesn't seem to be all that big a difference between Mr. Martin and Mr. Klein's willingness to attack the social safety net in the name of deficit reduction. This is particularly troublesome and depressing because a little more than a year ago, Canadians voted for a change of direction at the federal level."

White's impassioned speech before the partisan crowd had all the markings of a pep rally. The crowd was on its feet before he took the stage, and again after,

as they serenaded him with a union song.

Throughout his remarks people hooted and cheered, especially when White delivered a wickedly accurate imitation of Reform leader Preston Manning's distinctively nasal speaking voice.

Even before White took the podium, there was a nostalgically collegiate moment — Alberta federation president Linda Karpowich asked workers to remember the anti-war movement of the Sixties, and suggested they fight Klein like protesters then fought Richard Nixon.

White acknowledged there are those who admire Klein and support his approach of cutting spending rather than raising taxes.

"It is, of course, no coincidence that most of the people outside Alberta who tell us that Ralph Klein is a hero have nothing to fear from the loss of social programs and public services because they have incomes which allow them to buy what they need in the marketplace."

He disdainfully suggested Klein and Martin are "running neck-and-neck as the most popular leaders on Bay Street" and

chided the latter for making a post-budget visit to Wall Street.

"He hasn't gone out to see unemployed workers or gone to visit a food bank," White complained. "And the Liberals didn't campaign on a platform of gutting social programs."

As for Klein, White said workers across Canada must fight hard to counter the perception that his programs are not only popular, but successful.

"(We must) demonstrate the experiment here is a failure, that it is morally wrong, that it is socially destructive, that it is economically irrational."

Since Klein became premier in 1992, his Conservative government has cut spending by \$1.9 billion and plans to cut another \$478 million by the end of 1995-96.

The plan has resulted in more than 80,000 people being pushed off Alberta's welfare rolls and 6,600 public-sector jobs being chopped by the end of 1995-96.

White said the labor congress believes deficits can be dealt with more effectively through lower interest rates and a growing economy that generates more jobs and more revenue.

Import quotas could change

Aussies look for beef deal with Canada

CANBERRA (CP) — The Australian beef industry hopes Canadian Trade Minister Roy MacLaren's visit may provide a resolution to the long-running dispute over restrictive Canadian quotas on meat imports.

The industry wants MacLaren to set a country quota for Australia, giving the domestic industry a guaranteed slice of the market worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

Australian Associated Press quotes sources as saying MacLaren may agree to a country quota

during talks next week with his Australian counterpart, Bob McMullan, and other federal government ministers in Canberra.

Canada restricts total tariff-free beef imports to 76,000 metric tonnes a year, but has not allocated a quota within that amount to Australia, despite doing so for New Zealand.

Australian beef exports to Canada had climbed from almost \$107 million Cdn in 1989-90 to \$245 million Cdn in 1992-93

before the imposition of the quota, dropping to \$155 million Cdn the following year.

Domestic industry sources said an Australian country quota of 42,000 metric tonnes would be justified on past sales performances.

The lack of a country quota means Australian exporters must compete with all other countries for a slice of the remaining tariff-free imports, which Australia and Canadian processors argue is too low to allow reasonable competition.

The quota was originally instituted two years ago by the Canadian International Tariff Tribunal after complaints from Canadian beef producers that they were being hurt by cheap beef imports, and upheld despite a court challenge from the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation.

The Canadian government has announced several supplementary import licences to bring the total allowed imports up to 111,000 metric tonnes.

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Bombardier profits grow in '94

MONTREAL (CP) — Manufacturing giant Bombardier Inc. today announced its profits for the year ended Jan. 31 grew by 38 per cent, to \$242 million, compared with \$175.6 million a year ago.

Consolidated revenues totalled \$5.9 billion, compared with \$4.8 billion for the previous year, an increase of 23 per cent, as sales increased especially for aircraft, snowmobiles and watercraft.

For the fourth quarter, net income stood at \$77.1 million, compared with \$57.7 million a year

earlier. Revenues for the quarter reached \$2.3 billion compared with \$1.5 billion for the quarter ended Jan 31, 1994.

Laurent Beaudoin, chairman and chief executive, said the corporation showed improved revenues in all of its activities, especially in aerospace and motorized consumer products. Beaudoin said the company is "well positioned to pursue its growth during the present fiscal year."

Bank and prime rates move up

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — Consumer and business interest rates are jumping by half a percentage point to a two-year high today after the Bank of Canada struggled to bolster the battered dollar.

The dollar has been trampled during the last week in a stampede out of North American currencies in what some traders have called a "panic."

Tim O'Neill, chief economist at Bank of Montreal, said there are several reasons for the shift out of U.S. and Canadian dollars.

But he said it has been way

overdone and he expects a correction soon that will stabilize the dollar and bring down rates before there's much damage to the economy.

"There is a bit of a pack or herd mentality going on here," he said.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce led major banks Tuesday announcing that the prime lending rate will climb to a two-year high of 9.75 per cent effective today, up from 9.25 per cent.

That followed a Bank of Canada boost of its key bank rate by more than half a percentage point to a two-year high of 8.60 per cent to defend the dollar.

In November 1992, most banks temporarily raised their primes to 9.75 per cent from 9.0 per cent. The Royal Bank and Bank of Montreal held at 9.0 per cent.

The Canadian dollar, which has fallen more than a full cent since the middle of last week, opened at 70.41 cents US Tuesday, down 0.17 cent. A week ago, the dollar was trading at more than 72 cents US.

The rise in the bank rate from 8.02 per cent brought the benchmark rate to its highest point since November 1992 during the turmoil over the failed Charlottesville accord.

Westray charges unfair: Official

By Stephen Thorne

PICTOU, N.S. (CP) — The man who won his company so much public favor three years ago delivered some of the most damning testimony yet heard at the manslaughter trial of two Westray mine managers.

But Colin Benner was not happy to do it. He called the criminal proceedings "extremely drastic."

"I think the charges against these men are unfair," Benner said after concluding his testimony Tuesday. "There's a public process that should have taken

place to determine what the cause of the accident was.

"It's three years later and the cause still isn't known. That's a concern."

In the days following the disaster, Benner was in the hot-seat as the company's main spokesman. His soothing, calm updates on the grim search for missing miners were televised across North America.

Mine manager Gerald Phillips and underground boss Roger Parry face charges of manslaughter and criminal negligence causing 26 miners' deaths.

The prosecution alleges the two were directly responsible for problems that contributed to the disaster, including lack of ventilation, high levels of flammable methane gas and explosive coal dust, and unauthorized alterations to safety equipment that permitted work in such unsafe conditions.

Lawyers from both sides met Tuesday for nearly half an hour before Justice David Anderson granted them a recess until Thursday afternoon.

The trial is scheduled to take a two-week break after Thursday's brief session.

Loan practices probed

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberals are having another go at examining how banks treat small business.

The Commons industry committee has asked executives of the Big Six Canadian banks to appear as witnesses on their lending practices.

Invitations have also gone to Canada Trust, Hongkong Bank and Groupe Desjardins. The committee also plans to call Bank of Canada Governor Gordon Thiessen as a witness.

The same committee produced a report in October that conclu-

ded, among other things, small business should have an ombudsman to help iron out disputes with their bankers.

But the committee was unable to unearth much hard data on lending practices to small business. That apparently will be the mission of this examination.

Finance Minister Paul Martin said last week in the budget the government wants to work with the banks to establish benchmarks against which adequate lending to small business could be measured.

Dollar still under pressure

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Paul Martin shrugged off the continuing plunge in the Canadian dollar today and the potential for rising interest rates.

"It certainly doesn't fill me with joy, I can tell you that," said Martin on CTV's Canada AM morning show. "But we are part of an international market."

The dollar, which has fallen more than a full cent since the

middle of last week, opened at 70.41 cents US this morning, down 0.17 cent.

A week ago, the dollar had been trading at more than 72 cents US. Analysts expect a hike in interest rates today to bolster the currency.

All North American currencies have been under attack since last week and have hit record lows against the Japanese yen.

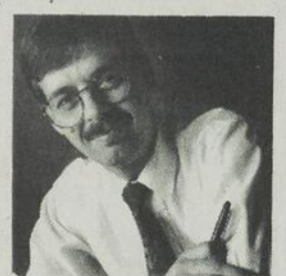
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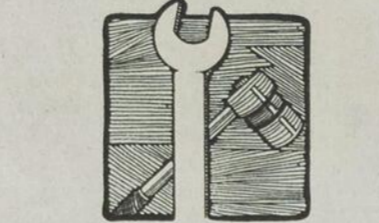
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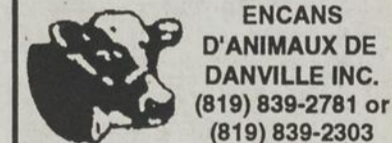
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Women's Institute meetings held around the Townships

Stansstead North Women's Institute met at the home of Helene McLeod, Pierce Avenue, on Thursday, February 2. Seven answered the roll call. "How can we improve our institute?". Many agreed that renewal of youth would be helpful.

President Nellie Cooper led in the Collect, Oath of Citizenship, and O Canada.

The minutes of January were read and accepted. An invitation is being sent to Austin branch to be our guests at the Schoolhouse on Thursday, June 1 for a salad luncheon at noon. Doris will convene this.

The card party will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 13 in Centenary

Church. Treasurer Ruth Putney reported a satisfactory balance. A letter was read from Norma Holmes at Place Sanborn.

Convenors - Agriculture: Irene Johnston gave an interesting history of the 4-H Club started in Canada in 1912. Canadian Industries: Gertrude read about "Bag Balm" which has been shown recently on several TV Channels. Citizenship and legislation: Ruth told of world disasters; Earthquakes in Japan and floods in Europe. Quebec City may be the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Airborne troops at Petawawa are to be dismantled.

Cultural Activities: Nellie - She

and Doris brought many cute Christmas decorations for crafts plus exhibit. Home Economics and Health, Doris read 10 best ways to fight colds, how to cut our fats and taking medications. International Affairs: Miriam read her yearly report, also "hyphenated" Canadians. Safety: Helene told of hazards of snowmobiling. Education: Gertrude read about ADD, attention deficit in students.

We closed with God Save the Queen. Helene served lunch and candled cup cakes for Gertrude's birthday the previous day.

SOUTH BOLTON — On

February 15 members of the South Bolton W.I. met at the home of Marjorie Eldridge in Bolton Center with eleven members and two guests present.

The president opened the meeting by reciting the Collect and reading a poem entitled "What is Life".

Sheila Needham gave a complete financial report. Minutes were read by Betty Needham. A number of members are knitting squares for an afghan.

Pearl Jewett thanked everyone for their help.

Betty Needham conducted election of officers: Past President, Pearl Jewett; President, Betty Need-

ham; 1st Vice, Doris Wallet; Treasurer, Pearl Jewett.

Convenors: Agriculture, Marjorie Eldridge; Canadian Industries, Shirley Persons; Citizenship and Legislation, Clara Ewens; Education and Cultural Activities, Janina Grygar; Home and Economics and Health, Kay Jones; International Affairs, Pauline Julien; Publicity, Linda Jewett; Safety, Sheila Needham; Wool gathering, Pearl Jewett; Telephone and Cards, Kay Jones; Album, Pearl Jewett.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch served. Each member to furnish lunch at all meetings.

St. Luke's Church Women meet

WATERLOO — On Monday afternoon, February 20, St. Luke's Church Women met at 2 p.m. in the rectory with 15 members and Rev. Davidson present. The president, Nellie Darling, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. She thanked Jean Davidson for her hospitality.

The business meeting proceeded as usual. The minutes of the January meeting were read, approved and signed. Thank-you notes were read from Shirley Russell, Theresa Roach, and the Benevolent Center. There was also correspondence from the Women's Unit of the Diocese of Montreal, concerning upcoming women's meetings.

Doris Wilson was unable to be present, so Ola Streeter read the treasurer's report. Ola moved and Winnie MacIntosh seconded the adoption of this report. Katie Marsh moved, Anita Hanna seconded that a bill for new plastic covering for tables in the church hall be paid.

Marilyn Sylvain briefly reported on the February Parish Council meeting. She said that the breakfast, which was going to be held in the church hall in March, was postponed.

Then came the new business. Upcoming rummage dates are May 11th, 18th and 25th. The bell tower door will be left unlocked starting

April 24th so people can deposit rummage.

The World Day of Prayer service would be held in St. Paul's United Church on Friday, March 3 at 2 p.m. with some of St. Luke's ladies taking part.

It was mentioned that Lenten services will begin in St. Luke's Church on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and after that on every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:30 p.m. Concerning card parties, the ladies are willing to provide refreshments for them every two

weeks.

The next meeting will be held on March 20th at 2 p.m. at the home of Lillian Bouchard, with Catherine Lawrence and Lillian as hostesses.

Katie Marsh adjourned the meeting and the benediction was repeated in unison.

Refreshments were served by Jean assisted by Ola Streeter. A birthday cake for Mary Emmett; provided by Ola, completed the refreshments. Cards were presented to Mary from the members.

Golden Age Club meets

WATERLOO — Golden Agers met on February 27 at the Legion Hall. Despite the bad weather, eleven tables played 500 and there were three game tables.

President Kathleen Bailey welcomed everyone, especially visitors and we were all glad to see Dot de Solla back after her accident.

On March 22nd there will be a sugar party to the Glissade with a tour of a chocolate factory in Bromont. Interested members were asked to sign their names.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion will hold a St. Patrick's luncheon on March 17. These being all the announcements, six games of

cards were played.

Before the meeting began, Pat Coté sold tickets for a half-and-half drawing. The winning number was 1020, held by Dot de Solla.

After the games, lunch was served and the winners announced.

Ladies 1st, Ruth Lefebvre, score 5540; 2nd, Ellen Lightfoot, 4560; Men's 1st, Lawrence Marsh, 5140; 2nd, Carlton Ladd, 4420.

Winners at the game tables were Violet Cadorette and Dorothy Hayes.

President Kathleen thanked everyone for coming and reminded us of the next meeting to be held March 13. See you then and keep well.

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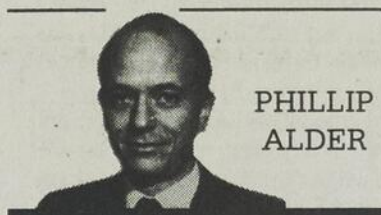
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BRIDGE



PHILLIP ALDER

Wednesday, March 8, 1995



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Your chart indicates that you might resurrect an old enterprise in the year ahead. Although it was never developed to its full potential before, this time you'll have the know-how to bring it to fruition.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Gage situations realistically today so that the objectives you set for yourself are doable. Conditions might not be as amenable as they initially appear. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you need help in a career matter today, go to an old standby instead of to a contact you recently met. New people might make hollow promises.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conduct your financial transactions prudently today. Do not loan money to anyone without getting some collateral, even if you know the person quite well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let your past experiences guide you today instead of following the advice of someone who never had a similar problem. The solutions could be in your memory bank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you hope to be productive today, it is essential to get a running start. You mustn't waste valuable time chit-chatting over a third cup of coffee.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In group involvements today, be one of the crowd instead of trying to run the show. You will provoke a negative response if you attempt to force your will on others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Failing to focus all your efforts on an ambitious objective today could lead to only partial success. Do not toy with half measures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Treating a situation that your friend takes very seriously with indifference could cause your pal

to question your sincerity. Avoid making cute comments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Remain watchful in a joint venture with someone who has similar interests. The financial burdens, as well as the rewards, should be distributed equally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Think carefully before dispensing unsolicited advice today. Although your intention may be good, your suggestions could do more harm than good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Major achievements are possible today, provided each move things methodically. Complete each do before advancing to the next.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) To deal effectively with others today, get to the point quickly and be specific about your intentions. Avoid small talk.

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Young in Heart meeting

GRANBY — The regular meeting of the Young in Heart was held in the United Church hall on Wednesday, February 15. President Eleanor Hope opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed 48 members. She also read a thank-you note from Eleanor and Michael Bath.

Dusty Miller thanked all those who sent cards and best wishes during his recent illness.

Mrs. Dorcas Tinkler announced she had the pamphlets from the Pierre Jules Crevier Foundation now in English.

There were four tables of 500, winners being: 1st, Ray Tinkler; 2nd, Rollic Brault. Seven tables of Bridge, winners: 1st, Don Heelis; 2nd, Alan Robinson.

One table of games with winners Eleanor Hope and Diny Van Doorn.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

After lunch, door prizes were drawn which went to Joe Wenning, Laura Rutherford and Jean Topp.



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Effective possibilities

By Phillip Alder

Some laws leave one nonplussed. Take prohibition. How could the politicians have thought this was a good idea? As Ulysses S. Grant said, "I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution."

One cannot help feeling that this happened with prohibition; it's just that it took longer to repeal than was healthy.

Today's deal, from a Swiss tournament, was played in six spades by 35 declarers. Not one found the best line, though the approach chosen by 10 proved to be effective.

Everyone won the first trick in hand and drew trumps. The lucky declarers continued with the ace and another club. When East won with the king, South's queen set up for a diamond discard.

Some better declarers played three rounds of diamonds first. If the suit broke 3-3 or an honor dropped singleton or doubleton, dummy's low club would disappear on the diamond 10. They were out of luck.

After winning the opening lead and drawing trumps ending in the dummy, South should cash the heart king, discarding a low club from hand, and ruff dummy's last heart in hand. Then South leads a diamond to dummy's eight.

Here, this wins immediately. But suppose East wins and returns a club. South plays the queen. If it loses to West's king, declarer wins with dummy's ace, plays a spade to hand and finishes his diamond nine. This 90-per-

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Commandment word
 - 5 Newts
 - 9 Title of respect in colonial India
 - 14 Lend a hand
 - 15 Hoofbeat sound
 - 16 Banish
 - 17 Shankar opus
 - 18 Resort island
 - 19 In no way
 - 20 Recovered
 - 23 Outer: abbr.
 - 24 —yourself
 - 25 La Scala section
 - 27 Kind of bullet
 - 30 Wrinkle
 - 34 Gin fizz
 - 35 Wheel holder
 - 38 Food thickener
 - 39 Take — view of
 - 40 Previous
 - 41 Church tribunal
 - 42 Short skirt
 - 43 Cafe au —
 - 44 Things to sell
 - 45 Artist's pigment
 - 47 Title of courtesy
 - 48 — seed (deteriorate)

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Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of way
 - 2 Lot
 - 3 Russian saint
 - 4 Promising
 - 5 Cream puff cousin
 - 6 Couquet
 - 7 Fuss
 - 8 Utter pompously
 - 9 Mailer

- 10 Chopper ointment
- 11 Bee colony
- 12 Holly
- 13 Old-time actor, Lahr
- 21 Performs
- 22 More pleasing
- 26 Navy VIP
- 27 Mine cars
- 28 Spokes
- 29 Organic compound
- 31 Old Greek marketplace
- 32 Designating certain languages
- 33 Expunge
- 35 Macaw
- 36 12
- 37 Fate
- 40 Early philosopher
- 44 Mural's place
- 46 Unimportant person

- 47 Animal
- 49 Additional person
- 50 Carried
- 51 Life of Riley
- 52 Chunky portion
- 53 — Alto, Cal.
- 55 London gallery
- 56 Actress Bayes
- 57 Arthurian lady
- 58 Marquis de —
- 60 Supply a crew

Obituary

HUBERT (MIKE) CLOWERY
of Coaticook, Quebec
1918 - 1995

On February 10, 1995 one of the Township's most decorated World War II veterans, Hubert (Mike) Clowery passed away suddenly at his residence in Coaticook.

Mike, as he was familiarly known, was born in Coaticook on January 5, 1918, the son of William Clowery and Delia Houle. He was the fourth child of a family of seven. He received his education at the Coaticook Academy.

In his mid teens, he spent two years serving as a fishing guide in Northern Quebec. Childhood friend Roger Smith would fly in American tourists and Mike would act as guide. He always had fond memories and tall tales to relate of his experiences in the wilds of Northern Quebec in the 1930's.

In January of 1937 Mike joined the Reserve Army in Coaticook. He was posted on army guard at the outbreak of WW II.

Finding out that his unit would not be mobilized for active duty, he, together with fellow reservists Charles Leadbeater, Gustave Duhaut and Jack Brown, joined the 2nd Canadian Division in November 1939. After a short time training in Canada, he sailed for England in early 1940. Mike served in England D Day. He then saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany; being wounded twice.

In March of 1945, relatives and friends back home in Coaticook saw Mike's picture in the front of the Montreal Daily Star as he and another soldier, while on reconnaissance, freed French prisoners from a forced labor camp in Germany. The picture of B.S.M. H. Clowery chatting with the prisoners that he freed near Xanten Germany was the talk of his hometown. Towards most of the late 1944 and early 1945, Mike served as a B.S.M. with the 5th Field Regiment doing reconnaissance work ahead of the main forces quiet often behind enemy lines and on several occasions capturing German soldiers.

In April of 1945 Mike had the sad news that his younger brother Albert whom he had seen a few days earlier was killed in action by a sniper while advancing in Germany. Mike was honorably discharged in December 1, 1945 and was awarded the following medals and decorations: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defense Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Canadian Volunteer medal with clasp, Efficient Service Medal with clasp.

On demobilization he returned to Coaticook and on December 26, 1946 he married his childhood sweetheart, Simone Faucher. Once established back home, Mike became a successful paint contractor known for his generosity and help to veterans. Most of his employees, who at one time numbered 16, were veterans.

On December 19, 1953 Mike was bereft of his beloved Simone who died of cancer at the early age of 32 leaving three young children behind. During these difficult times Mike kept the family together and eventually he and the children went to stay with Simone's parents Wilfred and Florence Faucher.

At the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Mike was again mobilized and served with the 27th Field Regiment R.C. A. Reserves as a B.S.M. from 1951 to 1956. During this time, he was awarded two more decorations: the Queen Elizabeth Commemorative Medal in 1953 and subsequently the Canadian Service Medal. Many soldiers who served under him knew him as a most professional and very regimental sergeant major. From 1953 until it closed in the late 70's, Mike was employed by J.W. Kilgour and Sons as an inspector and foreman. He also helped to establish a furniture facto-

ry in Cornwall, Ontario. Much of Mike's leisure time was spent fishing with his son Patrick and numerous prize salmon and trout were taken from Eastern Township and Northern Vermont waters by the angling duo. Mike always managed to have that extra touch to come home with the big ones.

From the early seventies until her death in November 1992, Mike was the cherished companion of Ethel Bagley. They lived in Dixville and before her illness were quite active in the community.

Mike was a life member and held many offices with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26, in Coaticook. He served as president, vice-president, sergeant at arms and trustee. He was also known for his activities in the poppy campaign and acted as Parade Marshall for all Armistice Day ceremonies. He was also a past Master of Ashlar Masonic Lodge in Coaticook.

Quite an honor was bestowed on him on June 21, 1993 when his Excellency the Right Honorable Ray Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, informed Mike that he was awarded the Commemorative medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canada. The citation stated: "This award is being made to those persons who, like you, have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community, or to their fellow Canadians."

In May of 1994, Mike and long time friend Ronald Charland, traveled to Europe for the 50th anniversary of D Day celebrations. They toured England, France, Belgium and Holland. While in France he received the Liberte Medal from the French Government for his part in the invasion of Normandy.

A Masonic Service was held at Charron et Fils Funeral Home on the evening of February 13, 1995. His funeral service was held in St-Jean l'Evangeliste Church on February 14, 1995. Friend, Father Denis Grenier, officiated the bilingual service. The casket was draped with the Canadian flag, his medals, Legion decorations and beret laid on a cushion and escorted by a large number of veterans led by Branch 26 Legion President and close friend Ronnie Charland. A very touching and inspiring eulogy was delivered by Rev. Stanley Beerworth. At the end of this very solemn service the Last Post and Reveille were played and the choir sang Nearer My God To Thee. Comrade Charland handed over Mike's medals to his son Patrick.

Clowery hands were on the casket as it was led past an honor guard of veterans. The bearers being grandson Erin-John Clowery and nephews Kendall Clowery, Larry Clowery, Michael Clowery, Stephen Clowery and Mark Clowery. Mike was laid to rest beside his beloved Simone, on top of the hill at St-Edmond's Cemetery. Friends and relatives gathered after the funeral.

Left to mourn are his son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Johanne Clowery, daughter Helen and husband Richard Gosselin and daughter Louise and husband Gerry Gaulin. Granddaughter Julie Bergeron, grandson Erin-John and his wife Melanie Clowery, granddaughter Selena Clowery and grandson Philippe Gaulin. Brothers Arther (Merle) and William (Gilberte) and sister Edna (Leo Menard). Many other relatives and friends.

The many flowers, donations to the Princess Elizabeth School Foundation, Fondation Villa du Bonheur, Alexander Galt Scholarship Fund, tributes and largely attended funeral all spoke of the esteem, love and respect held towards Mike by his family and numerous friends.

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Good luck to Eric and Gloria Gendreau who have ventured to buy a brand-new highway tractor. he is hauling for a well known Transport company.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Shirley Tait who has recently undergone a hip replacement surgery at BMP Hospital.

"Lemons" to the people who put up their unsightly political candidate signs and don't take them down... I thought the government was against littering! "Laurels" to the responsible person(s) in Dunham who removed the Liberal ones the day after the byelection.

Word has been received of the death of Hilda (Tait) Rice, formerly of Frelighsburg who has been residing in Kingston, Ont. Sympathy is extended to the family.

The Missisquoi Historical Society held their annual supper meeting at the Anglican Hall with the A.C. folks catering. Jeane Corey and Reg Patterson were welcomed as new directors. Wallace Doherty remained as president.

Friends and family of Lorette Fry are pleased to hear that she is home from the Montreal General Hospital and wish her a return to good health.

Mayor Marcel Rocheleau, Marc Hébert, Danny, Terry and Thelma Rhicard attended our M.P. Denis Paradis' official admission to the House of Commons in Ottawa along with two bus loads of Bromes-Missisquoi supporters. Before the ceremony, Mr. Paradis thanked everyone who had helped him to achieve this position and remarked that he felt that it was easy as a lawyer to represent one person but to represent the 80,000 Bromes-Missisquoi residents is a very special challenge. Good luck, Denis Paradis... please do your best for Canada!

St. Andrew's Guild meeting

SHERBROOKE — A successful Food and Bake sale was held on February 15 at St. Peter's Church Hall under the auspices of St. Andrew's Guild. Mildred Goodfellow, President of the Guild, expressed thanks to the Sher-Lenn Club for their support.

At noon lunch was served by Nancy Brown and Mildred Goodfellow at the guild meeting and enjoyed by eight members.

The regular meeting was opened with prayer and devotions led by Isabell Beattie. Following the scripture reading from Exodus, chapter 3, Isabell read an interesting article on the Burning Bush which symbolizes the abiding presence of God. Nancy Brown was asked to take devotions at the March meeting.

After routine business was taken care of, a discussion on projects for the year took place. On May 6 a "Hot and Cold" supper will be held in the church hall from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The menu will include ham, chicken salad, scalloped potatoes, beans, assorted salads and pies. The price will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. A food and craft table will be available. A hot turkey supper on September 16 is also planned.

The next meeting will be held on March 21 at the home of Lorna Savage with Dorothy Smith as co-hostess. Visitors will be welcomed to enjoy a Silent Auction and social time. The meeting closed with prayer.

Deaths

ALACOQUE, Yves (Kiki) — In Invermere, B.C., on February 24, 1995, Yves Alacoque passed away at the age of 82. He was the son of the late Marie-Helene Girerd and of Roger Alacoque of North Hatley. A religious ceremony, in the presence of his ashes, will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Ste-Elisabeth Church in North Hatley at 11 a.m. The family members will be present at the Church one hour before the funeral to receive condolences. Other than his wife Jane Hack, he leaves to mourn his father Roger Alacoque (Pauline Martineau), his brothers and sister Jean-Claude (Valerie), Invermere, B.C.; Christian, Montreal; Francois-Xavier (Micki), New York; Hubert (Ann-Marie), St-Jean Terrebonne; Marie-Elisabeth, Montreal; his nephews and nieces Marianne, Nicolas, Daniel, Nathan-Claude and Lee Alacoque; as well as the families of Jacques Gabillet and Pierre Delfau of France and Paul Martineau and Georges Martineau, Coaticook and Germain Quirion, Magog.

DEISTING, Edward — Suddenly at the Sherbrooke Hospital on March 7, 1995, in her 73rd year. Beloved husband of the late Maria-Kristina Andreason. Dear father of Kurt (Pat Armstrong) of Denison Mills. Dear grandfather of Crystal Deisting and Rick Anderson. Survived by many other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 295 Main St. S., Richmond, Que. — 826-2502, where family and friends may call Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 1 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the Funeral Home, Friday, March 10 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Rodney Clark officiating. There will be a spring interment. Donations to the Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 281, Sherbrooke, Que., J1H 5J1, would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

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Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 77 hold meeting

WATERLOO — The Ladies Auxiliary met on February 14 at the Legion Hall. The flags of the country were brought forward by Sgt.-at-arms Audrey Blampin.

President Lucille Aitken declared the meeting come to order at which time she welcomed the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and with corrections made, approved by Juliette Champagne, seconded by Connie Peacock. Current correspondence was noted, letters of

solicitation voted upon and donations made. It was approved by Pat Cote and Juliette Champagne to increase \$50.00 on the Massey-Vanier Bursary effective this year. This is given to a deserving student of the Waterloo area.

Grace Rainville, treasurer, gave her financial report and outstanding bills approved to be paid.

Ann Harsell reported for Sick and Welfare and the members signed cards for Mrs. Dorothy Neilson and Valentine Vintinner who were hospitalized briefly.

Following the committee reports, the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was under discussion. It has been decided that Friday, March 17 will be the date and Shepherd's Pie the menu and will begin at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The price will be \$5.00 per person with a special fee for children. Additional info., contact President L. Aitken, 539-1582. Publicity by J. is in action with posters, newspapers, etc.

This concluding the business of the day, Sgt.-at-arms Audrey Blampin moved the meeting close.

Toodie agreed and the President asked that the flags be retired.

Refreshments were served at a table decorated in the St. Valentine's theme. Little packages were selected and Grace, Audrey, Rita and Lucille were recipients.

The March 14th meeting will be held in the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. The lucky colleens hosting will be O'Annie Harsell and Grace O'Rainville. See you there! Take note: Gossip is a typical orphan — Everyone loves it, but no one will own up to its birth!

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE — February birthdays were celebrated on February 21. We sent a card last week to Hazel Eldridge at the Foyer in Sutton. She was 99 years old on this day and her friends all wish her the best. Those celebrating also in February were Ben and Rejanne Caron, Louise Clermont and Ida MacKay.

Dinner gets better all the time. Juliette McDuff and Toni Lamothe baked the ham furnished by the Club, Rita Marcoux prepared potatoes. We had mixed peas and carrots and Juliette and Toni donated coleslaw for the occasion. George Hamelin made a johnny cake. Flora Jersey made all six pies, lemon, cherry and pumpkin, and they disappeared real fast. Thelma Wilkins made doughnuts and cookies, Huguette Levoy brought cookies. Hazel Steinbach made two cakes, one to be used next week and one

was the birthday cake (a chocolate one). A royal treat with pies, doughnuts, cake, etc. Thank you everyone! Alfred Vintinner furnished the fruit drink. Birthday greetings were sung in both languages.

A get-well card was signed for Alice Drouin who has returned to her home in Farnham, having spent several weeks in the B.M.P. Hospital at Cowansville.

Those giving prizes included the club, Rita Marcoux, Dorothy Woodard, Reginald Landry, Ida MacKay, Rejanne Caron, Huguette Levoy, Mildred Atyeo, George and Kay Bailey, Karl Steinbach, Flora Jersey, Briget Aiken, Berton Bailey and Reola Parent.

Door prizes went to Clifton and Flora Jersey, Karl Steinbach, Gertrude Murray, Toni Lamothe, Rita Marcoux, Reola Parent, Cecile Hamelin, Reginald Landry, Rejanne

Caron, George Bailey, Huguette Levoy, Silvia Côté, Thelma Wilkins, Juliette McDuff and Ida MacKay.

500 winners were Gertrude Murray, Toni Lamothe, Kay and George Bailey.

Game prizes: R.A. Pouliot, Mildred Atyeo, Huguette Levoy, Rita Mossa, Dorothy Woodard, Rejanne Caron and Ida MacKay.

Ben Caron was the winner of the half and half draw.

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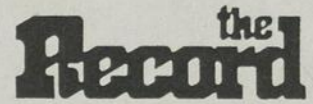
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Sports



Quebec wins first-place battle with Penguins Gusarov's goal gives Nordiques breathing space

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Quebec Nordiques waited until the last minute to strengthen their hold on first place in the Northeast Division.

Alexei Gusarov scored with 58 seconds left in the third period as the Nordiques beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-4 Tuesday night.

The Nordiques survived losing a 4-2 lead to improve their NHL-best point total to 35, three better than Pittsburgh.

The Penguins had beaten the Nordiques in the two previous meetings. They won last Tuesday's game in Quebec 7-5 with seven goals in the second period.

"We got a little rattled at times tonight but the guys were quick to recover," Quebec coach Marc Crawford said.

Quebec's poise was challenged in the third period when Pittsburgh overcame the 4-2 deficit on goals by Joe Mullen and John Cullen. Mullen scored on a power play and Cullen scored off a 2-on-1 after the puck bounced away from the Quebec defence.

"We didn't get shattered by that," Crawford said. "The guys stayed calm. It's tough playing two games in two nights against two tough opponents but we found a way to win."

The Nordiques beat New Jersey 6-3 at home on Monday. It was obvious that the Nordiques needed to have success against Pittsburgh.

"It means a lot," said forward Claude Lapointe, who had a goal and an assist. "We talked about being solid for three periods, especially after what happened in the last game."

After passes by Joe Sakic and Wendel Clark, Gusarov was alone against Ken Wregget from close range and scored his first of the season.

The Penguins are on a 2-5 streak and have gone 3-6-1 since

opening the season 12-0-1.

"The real question is where you go from here," defenceman Larry Murphy said. "We just have to get ready for Thursday. Come in here, regroup and pull out of this."

The Penguins were coming off a 2-3 road trip and that had coach Eddie Johnston worried.

"You're always concerned about that first game back," he said. "If we could have come out of here with a point tonight, we would have been happy."

Scott Young's two second-period goals gave Quebec a 3-2 lead. He got his first at 5:46 after

Lapointe forced a turnover by Kjell Samuelsson along the boards. Young scored again at 12:01 after Mike Ricci's pass deflected to him off Pittsburgh's Mike Hudson.

In between Young's goals, Ulf Samuelsson shot from the left point as Joe Mullen crashed into goalie Jocelyn Thibault to tip the shot. The goal was originally credited to Samuelsson but changed when replays were reviewed after the game.

Capitals 3 Bruins 1

BOSTON (AP) — Jim Carey stopped 36 shots, improving his record to 4-0 since being promoted from the minors and giving the Washington Capitals a 3-1 victory Tuesday night over Boston.

Carey, who was born in nearby Dorchester and his high school to three state championships, was playing for the Portland Pirates of the AHL until he was recalled last Wednesday. He was leading the AHL in wins (30), shutouts (six), and was second in goals-against average (2.76) at the time.

In the NHL, he is undefeated with a 1.75 goals-against average. And the Capitals, who won

only two of their first 16 games, now have won four in a row.

Kelly Miller, Keith Jones and Calle Johansson scored for Washington.

Ray Bourque scored Boston's lone goal.

Flyers 4 Lightning 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — John LeClair scored his 11th and 12th goals, and Eric Lindros had a goal and two assists as the Philadelphia Flyers defeated the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-3.

The Flyers improved to 10-9-3 and moved past .500 for the first time after a 3-7-1 start. With 23 points, Philadelphia is alone in second place in the Atlantic Division, four points behind the New York Rangers. Tampa Bay dropped to 9-12-2 and is 1-3-1 in its last five games.

Philadelphia had a wealth of good scoring chances, many at point-blank range. Lightning goaltender Daren Puppa dropped to 8-10-2 but came up with several impressive saves while facing 37 shots.

Blues 6 Ducks 3

Islanders 3 Whalers 1

Faucons finally break winless streak

SHERBROOKE — The Drummondville Voltigeurs were just what the doctor ordered to help

the Sherbrooke Faucons end an eight-game winless streak.

The Faucons exploded out of

their late-season slump with five goals in the third period to pick up a much needed 8-2 win Tues-

day night against Drummondville — the team's first victory since beating Halifax on Feb. 17.

Just about everybody got in the act, including Luc Bélanger who stopped 34 shots for the win.

Eric Lecompte opened the scoring with his 41st goal of the season 4:52 into the game. Yannick Tremblay, playing only his fourth game with the Faucons, scored his first of the season midway through the period.

André Roy cut it to 2-1, beating Bélanger late in the period. The two teams exchanged goals in the second. Mathieu Dandaneault getting Sherbrooke's 1:31 into the period. Stéphane St-Amour responded for Drummondville.

The Faucons then broke out five third-period goals to pull away. Stéphane Julien had Sherbrooke's first two of the period and set up the third goal by Charles Paquette. Christian Dubé made it 7-2 with his 35th of the season.

Gaétan Royer added Sherbrooke's final goal with only 13 seconds remaining in the game.

The Faucons have four games left to try and build a winning streak heading into the playoffs. Sherbrooke hosts Chicoutimi on Friday.



Luc Bélanger was solid in net as he stopped André Roy and the Drummondville Voltigeurs on Tuesday. Bélanger and the Faucons broke an eight game winless skid with a 8-2 win. RECORD: RICHARD LABEL

Nicholls second, Blott third

Bishop's skiers win giant slalom medals

By David M. Martin
LENOXVILLE — The Bishop's University Ski Team flew through their fourth weekend of racing with the four-member women's team taking its best finish of the year.

Andrea Nicholls and Cameron Blott finished second and third respectively on the first day of races at this weekend's giant slalom competition at Mont Garceau. Annelise McRae also broke into the top five for Bishop's in the 49-skier field.

"I think it was just a matter of

time before both girls were on the podium," said Bishop's head coach Rob Tweedy.

Tweedy said both skied well on the first day and showed consistency through the second day when Blott came fifth, Nicholls sixth and McRae eighth.

"All in all it's the best result for the girls all season, they have that potential and it is where they should be," he said.

The men's side of the team also fared well on the weekend with Robert MacLennan leading

the way with an 11th place finish on day one and a ninth place on the second day of racing.

"Rob's been our top guy all year and showed his abilities this weekend which allowed him to take fifth position overall in the circuit," Tweedy said.

MacLennan was not the only one to perform well at the GS competition. Jason Penman, who had yet to finish a race this season, finished 10th overall on Saturday, but came down with the flu on Sunday and could not race.

Jutta Riegel sets world record in pole vault

Regional athletes set Masters records

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Masters athletes from the Eastern Townships came home from the



Jutta Riegel... Returns from injury to set world record.

Ontario Indoor Championships laden with medals and set new Canadian and world records.

Jutta Riegel, 55, broke the world masters record for pole vault for her age category three times in a row during the competition.

"Each time I jumped I set a new world record," the Lennoxville athlete told the Record in a telephone interview.

Riegel, who returned to competition after being out for the last two years due to injury, also set a new Canadian record in the triple jump and won the 60-metre sprint.

Riegel, who broke both feet in a freak accident during training, is now working under Bishop's University track coach Kim Chapdelaine and is hoping to continue the season with the same success as last weekend.

Also return home with a chest-

ful of medals was Ian Hume, 80, who set three new Canadian indoor masters records for the men 80-84 category in pole vault, high jump and shot put.

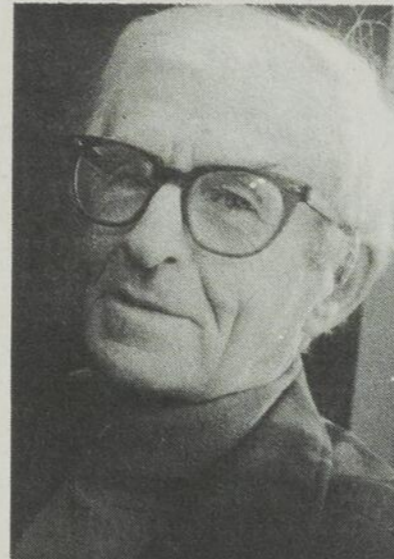
The Melbourne resident also won the long jump and triple jump events.

Also participating in the Indoor Games were Rock Forest resident Jocelyne Dumais, 35, who came in second in the 3000-metre race, and Gaétan Breton, who came in fourth in the 300-metre race for men between 45 and 49.

Some 200 athletes from across Canada and the U.S. took part in the competition held in Toronto last weekend.

Riegel said the four masters athletes from the region are gearing up for the Canadian masters championships in Hamilton, Ont. in June as well as the World

Track and Field Championship for Masters in Buffalo, N.Y. in mid-July.



Ian Hume... Another chestful of medals.

Skipping Rockets hitting the road

SHERBROOKE (RL) — The Rockets competition jump rope team is taking its show on the road again, showing people that skipping rope is more than just a playground activity.

Since last October, the award-winning competition skippers have performed and put on workshops for more than 2000 people. They have also competed in several organized events.

Last week, the Rockets competition skipping team took their show to Parkview Elementary School in Granby where they demonstrated indi-

vidual, pair, and group routines.

On Saturday March 11, the team will once again strut their stuff with a demonstration at the Carrefour de l'Estrie in Sherbrooke. The day begins at 11, with the last show at 5. Everyone is welcome to come out and support the team.

There will also be a freestyle competition for individual and pairs at Sunnyside Elementary in Rock Island on March 22.

The event begins at noon and should finish by around four. Once again, admission is free and spectators are more than welcome.

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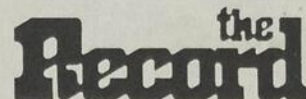
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Sports



Hard work, practise pay off in Waterloo

Windsor foursome take home bronze from Quebec games

By Robert Matheson

WATERLOO — It's amazing how a bronze medal makes you forget the aches and pains caused by four straight days of curling.

Angie Jones, Stéphanie Champagne, Amélie Bibeau and Marie-Christine Pruneau know that feeling after winning the bronze at the Quebec Winter Games on Tuesday.

Just making it to the Quebec Games was a dream come true for the Windsor foursome, but after a shaky round robin they peaked in time for the playoffs and came painfully close to playing for the gold medal.

"The goal of the season was to play in the Quebec Games and all of their efforts were focused on it," said a proud coach Marc Richard.

The team surpassed its own expectations — the foursome set a sixth-place finish as their goal — with a thrilling quarter-final win Monday night. Jones skipped her team to a 6-5 comeback victory against Marie-France Lafontaine, of Centre du Québec. Lafontaine was leading 5-0 after four ends in that match.

"That win really showed what this team was made of, to fight back like that," Richard said.

The win put the team in the medal hunt and the Estrie rink almost dethroned the favorites in an exciting semifinal Tuesday morning.

Saskia Hollands, of Saguenay-Lac St-Jean, picked up one point in the eighth and final end to break a 4-4 tie and move into the gold-medal game. Hollands only needed four ends in the final to beat Virginie Lessard, of Laval.

"It feels good that we lost to the gold medalists by only a rock," said Jones, a student at Richmond Regional High School, who was nursing a sore left hand

from sweeping too hard.

Richard said the Estrie team played a great semifinal match, but the Saguenay-Lac St-Jean team was just a little bit better on Tuesday. The match was up for grabs until the last rock and for awhile Jones looked like she was going to repeat her 5-4 round robin victory against Hollands.

The Windsor foursome retur-

ned from the disappointment to annihilate the opposition in the bronze-medal game. Jones stole two points in the second and third ends and stole another three in the fifth en route to a 10-0 win in six ends against Julie Thibault, of Mauricie.

"It's inexplicable. We didn't miss any shots and we had the right weight the whole time," said Champagne, also a student

at Richmond Regional, who had a sore back after four days of competition.

The result had a definite healing effect on the four young curlers. Jones, Champagne and Bibeau are all 15-years-old and Pruneau, the team's lead, is just

11. "She plays great though," Jones said.

The four have only been together for the past year and Richard had them practicing twice a week to get ready for the Quebec Games. It paid off.



The Estrie girls' curling team celebrated a bronze medal win Tuesday.



Stéphanie Champagne got a ice-level view as Marie-Christine Pruneau and Amélie Bibeau swept Angie Jones' rock into the house in Tuesday's bronze-medal match. Jones followed her shot as the Estrie foursome went on to a 10-0 win.

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Bromptonville shows beginners luck and skill

Estrie ringette team wins bronze in first-ever season

By Robert Matheson

GRANBY — Ringette players better beware at the 1997 Quebec Winter Games, because by then Estrie will be a region to be reckoned with.

The Estrie team served notice by winning the Pool B bronze medal 4-2 against Richelieu-Yamaska on Tuesday to cap the region's first venture into the ringette tournament.

"It's fantastic to get the bronze medal the first time we've sent a team to the Quebec Games," said head coach Michel Roy.

The players celebrated by hoisting goaltender Nancy Morin into the air and popping open some bubbly in a jubilant locker room after the game.

Roy expects an even bigger celebration in two years when

the majority of his team will still be eligible to play in the games. Eleven of Estrie's 16 players are bantam — 12-13 year olds — although the competition was open to 14-15 year old juniors.

"The majority are playing their first year, next time we'll have 11 players who have already played in the Quebec Games," Roy said. "The experience will be really helpful in two years."

Next time the team will be without Marie-Josée Côté, of Magog, who scored two goals and created havoc on the ice throughout the game. It will also be without Josée Côté and Angie Paquin who had the other goals. But there is plenty of up-and-coming talent to fill her skates.

All of the players come from the Bromptonville Ringette

Association, the only organized program in the region, and president Robert Forget is considering developing programs for 10-11 year olds and eight-nine year olds.

"We'll take any one who's interested," he said.

The sport is definitely popular in Bromptonville, home to 12 of the team's 16 players. Forget would like to see it expand to the rest of the region and maybe Tuesday's triumph will help spread the word.

BAD START

Estrie started the morning with a 6-2 loss to Abitibi-Témiscamingue in the semifinal — the team's only loss in the tournament — before meeting Richelieu-Yamaska for the bronze medal.

Marie-Josée Côté opened the scoring with a goal 2:30 into the opening half, while Estrie was killing one of 11 penalties it was issued in the game.

Marie-Josée put Estrie in front 2-0, beating Richelieu-Yamaska goalie Valérie Chaussé while both teams had one player in the penalty box.

Josée Côté extended Estrie's lead to 3-0 late in the first half. She neatly stickhandled the ring in front of the Richelieu-Yamaska goal and faked a pass before scoring the power-play goal.

Richelieu-Yamaska mounted a comeback attempt in the second half, starting with Marianne Séguin's goal 29 seconds into the half. Richelieu-Yamaska had a four-on-three advantage when Naura Ben Hassen spotted Séguin in front of the goal. Séguin flipped the shot past Morin.

BEAT DEFENCE

Marie-Pierre Savard cut it to

3-2 with 4:39 to play in the second half. Savard made a great one-on-one move to beat the Estrie defence and slide the ring under Morin.

Richelieu-Yamaska had a chance to tie the game with a

late power play, but Estrie struck instead scoring its fourth goal with 1:34 to go. Angie Paquin scored the goal, ripping the ring past Chaussé as she skated in from the blue line.

"It's a very emotional time,"

Roy said after the game. "We only joined the players together a month ago. We've only had three practices and one game before this. We were hoping to finish fourth, but this is incredible."



The Estrie players celebrated as they scored four times to win the bronze.

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Good stickhandling was a key to winning a medal.

Medal standings:

Region	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2	5	3
Bourassa	6	8	7
Centre du Québec	5	3	7
Côte Nord	4	5	2
Est du Québec	6	4	8
Estrie	3	4	7
Lac St. Louis	2	2	4
Lanaudière	3	13	9
Laurentides	3	3	4
Laval	11	10	8
Mauricie	2	2	1
Montreal	8	10	10
Nunavik	0	0	0
Outaouais	4	1	6
Quebec	21	12	11
Richelieu-Yamaska	1	2	5
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