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Local students skilled at public speaking

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Grade 5 Heroes Memorial student Karalee Bowles is awarded top public speaking honors by school board official Walter Horn and Farnham Elementary principal John Weideman.

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Community Calendar

Friday, March 22

A public meeting to discuss the master plan for the Township of Sutton will be held at 8 o'clock at the town hall. At that meeting, Parc Sutton will present a proposal for a feasibility study for a conservation park in the Sutton Mountains region.

There will be a 500 card party at 8 in the Anglican Church Parish Hall, South Main Street in Sutton. Admission is charged, and there will be prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome, so come and bring a friend.

Philipsburg Branch 82 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be holding another of its Cribbage Tournaments starting at 8 p.m. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Please bring your own Cribbage board.

Saturday, March 23

The East Bolton Chamber of Commerce will hold a general meeting in the Bolton Center town hall (Rte 245) at 2 o'clock. The public is invited to a lecture at 2:45 by Hélène Gosselin, who will report on a recent study of Missisquoi River problems.

The annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society will be held at 10:30 in the Archives Building, 130 Lakeside, Knowlton. All directors, trustees and members are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served.

There will be a Military Whist card party at St. Luke's Church Hall, Court Street in Waterloo, at 7:30 p.m. There will be prizes, and refreshments will be served. Admission charged, and all are welcome.

The 4th Lake Magog Scout Troop is holding a Flea market and craft sale at St. Paul's United Church, 211 Pine St. in Magog. Table rentals available. For more information, contact Ken or Jean Dezan at 843-9633 after 6 p.m.

Sunday March 24

The mayor and councillors of the Town of Brome Lake will present the Annual Brome Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital benefit dinner at The Loft in West Brome from 5 to 9. Tickets \$8.50 for adults, and \$4.50 for children; they are available at The Loft, Edwards General Store, Brome Lake Town Hall and from town councillors.

The Granby Branch of the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding its breakfast from 10 till 2 at the Legion Hall, 172 Court St. in Granby.

Monday March 25

Greg Gogan leader of the new federal political party Option Canada will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Od-

dfellows Hall in Knowlton. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, March 27

Massey Vanier High School students will be presenting a Spring fashion show entitled Vogue at 7:30 at the Massey Vanier auditorium in Cowansville. The evening will feature the latest fashions from local merchants. Admission charged at the door.

March 30 and 31

The Really Useful Craft Company Spring Show is this Easter Weekend at the Château Bromont, with 55 craftspersons participating. All sorts of items will be for sale, such as: functional and non-functional pottery, hand painted silks, sterling silver jewelry, dried flowers and herbs, toys, handcrafted furniture and glass weaving. Admission is \$2; children under 12 get in free. Open from 10 till 6.

Saturday, April 6

Foreco, a private forest management consulting firm, in conjunction with the town of Brome Lake, will hold a public meeting from 10 to 1 o'clock to discuss forestry issues. Consultant Justin Manase will open the session with a documentary film by David Suzuki. A panel discussion will be held on the effects of acid rain and the role of municipalities in regulating forestry issues on private lands. The meeting will be held at Theatre Lac Brome. Everyone is welcome.

Monday April 1

The Yamaska Valley Branch of the Canadian Club will hold its next meeting at 2 o'clock at the Château Bromont, 90 Stanstead St., Bromont. The speaker will be Dr. James C. Langley, a former Canadian ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, Mexico and Guatemala. He resigned from the foreign service in 1979 to study archaeology. Langley received his PhD from the University of London, where he subsequently became a research associate for the Institute of Archaeology. His talk, entitled "Mute Monuments or Eloquent Societies" provides a look at the Maya and Teotihuacan of pre-Columbian Mexico.

April 8, 9 and 10

There will be a rummage sale in Brome Hall between 11 and 7:30. The hall's entrance door will be open for donations from 9 till 6, from April 1 to April 6.

CHURCH SERVICES

- Grace Anglican Church, Principale Street in Sutton
- Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Sunday: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sunday School
- All Saints Anglican Church, Abercorn
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
- Church of the Good Shepherd, Glen Sutton
- Sunday: 7 p.m.
- Clavary United Church, Pleasant and Maple St. in Sutton
- Sunday: 11:15 a.m.
- Olivet Baptist Church, Maple Street in Sutton
- Sunday: 11:30 a.m.
- St. André de Sutton, Main Street North
- Saturday (during ski season): 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- St. Simon d'Abercorn
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
- Notre Dame des Grâces, Glen Sutton
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Arts Calendar

March 21 till March 31

Theatre Lac Brome presents John Pielmeier's gripping play *Agnes of God*. Produced by Emma Stevens Productions, it will showcase three actors from the area: Janet Rogerson, Jose Jones and Emma Stevens. The play will be presented for seven nights only, and only 100 tickets are available for each performance. *Agnes of God* will be presented nightly at 8:30 on the following dates: March 21, 22, 23 and March 28, 29, 30 and 31. For ticket reservations, call 243-6590. Tickets are \$12. One dollar for each ticket sold during the first week will go to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation. During the second week, a dollar for each ticket will be donated to Brome Lake Food Bank.

March 30 till April 28

Arts Sutton Gallery will present a members exhibit of recycled art. On display will be examples of paper, collage, assemblage, 2-dimensional art, mountings and 3-dimensional art. The vernissage will be held Sunday, March 30 at 2. The Gallery, located at 7 Academy St. in Sutton, is open Thursday through Sunday, from 1 till 5.

The Princess Theatre in Cowansville is showing *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2*. The lovable pizza-tossing warriors appear nightly at 7 and at 9. The cinema is located at 141 Main St. in Cowansville. Don't forget special prices Tuesday and Wednesday nights — only \$3.99.

Community Notes

The Brome County Historical Society is arranging a musical theme for its 1991-92 exhibit. To supplement its own collection, the museum welcomes the temporary loan of old musical instruments, music boxes, player piano rolls, Knowlton band posters, photographs, old sheet music and dressmakers forms (to make models). Please contact Louise Oliver at 292-3436.

Bible Meetings are being held Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Community Room, 63 Western, Sutton. These meetings are to help increase the faith of those who have faith, and to help others to find it. No obligation. All are welcome.

Experience the warmth of your community centre. The Reilly House Community Centre in Mansonville welcomes you to visit the Tea Room, tourist bureau with copier facilities, Etcetera gift shop, Nearly New clothing rooms, Bargain Basement of miscellaneous items including an amazing variety of reading material such as books and magazines. Place New Horizons is a hall with complete kitchen utilities, space to rent upstairs, and is home to the United Church office. Come and enjoy camaraderie of staff and volunteers.

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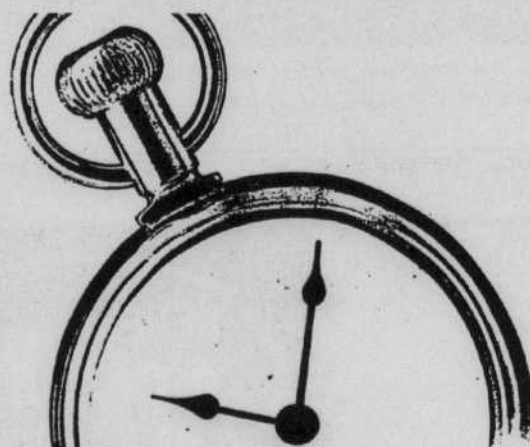
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Recession pinch hurting village of Knowlton

By Karen Stairs

KNOWLTON — Spring is traditionally a time of renewal and hope. It is especially so this year for Knowlton merchants.

The frontline businesses, like tourism and the retail trade, suffer most during a recession. This is bad news for a community that relies heavily on both.

Drew Macrae, spokesman for the local Chamber of Commerce, reports 12 stores and two restaurants have closed.

Knowlton attracts mostly day-trippers.

George Bristol, councillor responsible for Economic Development, cites the lack of major restaurant and hotel facilities as one reason why.

"People come here for the day but then return to Sutton or Bromont to stay," he says.

Macrae downplays the competition among the towns, saying each has a different appeal.

SALES DECLINE

Helen Brown of the Christmas Shop reports a decline in sales for the past three years.

You begin to wonder how long we will be discouraged," she says.

This year a combination of factors, such as the GST and bad weather, are being blamed for the lack of shoppers.

"Bad weather is worse than anything the government can do to us," says Brown.

January to March are always slow months, but this year light snowfall discouraged the normal flow of skier traffic at March break.

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Hardacker, reports hearing of many tourist cancellations during the usually busy mini-season.

The Robinson Building in the center of town, commonly referred to as the lemonade shack, now stands vacant except for the Homestead shop which has expanded into some of the empty space.

Homestead owner Henry Musty says high rents was one of the main reasons his neighbors decided to either close shop or move to cheaper locations.

"I was told by a supplier (Royal Doulton) that the rent we are paying here is comparable to Ste. Catherine St. in Montreal," he says.

Musty, whose main store is in Lennoxville, has not renewed his Knowlton lease and is playing it month by month.

SURVIVAL TACTICS

Increasingly, store owners are joining forces to lower operating costs. The recently opened Knowlton House, which contains five separate shops, has meant lower rents for its tenants.

Tania Goodman of Foggy Notion said she enjoys the spirit of cooperation she finds there.

"We all help each other out," she says. "If I'm not here I know someone is watching the store."

This also saves Goodman the expense of hiring an assistant.

Despite the bleak season, merchants are expecting an improvement. Hardacker sees the current slowdown as part of an economic cycle which will lift.

The Merchants Association is planning to help the recovery along. It conducts advertising for

the businesses at the heart of town and assists in getting group rates, on such support services as Visa. They will be discussing the Spring Promotion at their general meeting in three weeks time.

"It's time for Knowlton to put its best foot forward," says member Ron Martin, owner of the Blue Armoire.

Merchant Association president and owner of the Rose Window Gallery, Chris Severs agrees.

He believes those businesses with a clear concept have survived and are here to stay.

"My business is as good or better than it was last year at this time," says Severs.

Back at the Christmas Shop, Helen Brown is also in agreement.

SIGN OF RECESSION

"By the time the government recognizes a recession, I figure we are nearly out of it," she says.

The Chamber of Commerce is also planning a renewed offensive. In conjunction with the town, it has produced a new tourist map. It will be placed at the Regional Tourist Office, exit 68, on the Eastern Townships autoroute.

The Chamber's offices will be located in the Museum's new building or "Village Street Museum".

Macrae sees this as a mutually satisfying arrangement.

"The Museum has had trouble with funding and this way we will be able to share some services," he says.

If last weekend is any indication, the optimism local merchants are expressing for the spring/summer season is well founded.

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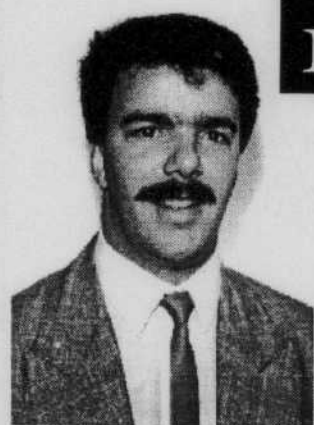
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W. Bolton: Ooops — town plan needs public OK

By Gil Smith

WEST BOLTON — A bylaw giving municipal approval to the town's urban development program was wrongly passed last month without public consultation.

As a result the bylaw has been rescinded and council will hold a new vote — following a public meeting.

Councillor and Urban Committee Chairman René Hébert asked council to reverse Bylaw 271, approving the urban plan and passed on February 5, due to incorrect procedure.

A public meeting, required before the plan can be adopted, is scheduled for Thursday March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in West Bolton town hall.

Hébert said the mixup stemmed from a simple error.

"It was a plain mistake," he said in a telephone interview. "We didn't realise that a public meeting had to be called before the bylaw accepting the plan could be officially adopted."

Hébert also said the planning committee he chairs met late last month to review a number of outstanding items in the urban plan. That meeting followed one with an official of the regional municipality (MRC) of Brome-Mississquoi, he said.

"Our initial application to the MRC involving urban plan matters contained some minor errors," Hébert told council at a recent meeting.

He proposed minor amendments for study including West Bolton's three wetland areas, and the cutting of trees in conservation zones such as Glen Mountain.

"Concerning the wetlands, we want to add that farm wells and

farm roads are allowed without restriction within those wetland areas," Hébert told council.

The wetlands are the northeast bank of Sally's Swamp, the Partridge-Taylor Pond, and southwest of Lot # 84 in Range 1. The wetlands classification is required under Brome-Mississquoi MRC guidelines.

Hébert said the proposed conservation-zone logging amendment would state that regular standards "won't apply if cutting is for the implantation of recreational equipment, ski hills, golf courses, parks or cross-country ski trails."

Hébert also touched briefly on cottage industries, which might be called "craft industries" to conform to MRC guidelines. A paragraph could be added to the plan stating that the type of craft industry involved "must be acceptable to the environment."

There was also some discussion of acceptable sizes beside lakes and streams.

In a subsequent interview Hébert, who has chaired the town planning committee since its inception, said the plan was "a position paper."

"It's a different from the bylaws. They're the laws of the municipality. The development plan is how we on the urban committee see the evolution of the municipality's areas."

The MRC directive said "Every municipality is required within 24 months following the coming into force of the plan, to adopt a planning program for the whole of its territory, or to amend it if necessary so that it is consistent with the objectives of the development plan."

The MRC's 1987 resolution came into force September 14, 1989. It

gave municipal politicians and managers the means to influence the development of their territories. The control of land use is the method most often used.

West Bolton's land has been divided for three main uses — agriculture-forestry, recreation-forestry, and conservation. Housing densities recommended for the various areas are also indicated in the MRC directive.

Quoting the Quebec land use, planning and development, act, West Bolton's urban development program stated that "the objectives of a development plan include not only the aims that are explicitly set forth in the plan, but also the principles implied by the bringing together of its components."

IN OTHER MATTERS

• West Bolton's 1991 budget notes with satisfaction that the mill rate has been established at 27¢ cents per \$100 of property, down from 36¢ cents in 1990.

Despite the reduced mill rate, many assessments show a net increase. This is due mainly to increased MRC property evaluations to which the mill rate is applied. One ratepayer reported a jump of 108 per cent in his house valuation in the space of a single year.

• Revenues are still expected to increase by \$26,545. Biggest increase in expenses: Administration, up nearly \$9700 over the previous year.

• The 1991 tax bills have been sent out and are due on March 29.

• Council heard a complaint about alleged damage to Spicer Road as a result of logging there. Mayor Fred Lahue, defending the loggers right to be there, noted that they would be responsible for any damage they cause.

Stanbridge East Women's Institute meeting

On March 1st the regular meeting of the Stanbridge East Women's Institute was held at the home of Dianne Rhicard with co-hostesses Mary Boomhower and Alice Corey.

The Vice-President, Mary Boomhower conducted the meeting in the absence of President Thelma Rhicard who was in Florida.

Motto: The best way to destroy an enemy is to make her (him) a friend. Roll Call: Something interesting you have read or heard of another W.I. branch's meeting. Several members were absent for health reasons.

Secretary Mary Harvey read the minutes from February meeting, also thank-you notes. Treasurer Dianne Rhicard gave a detailed financial report, and also announced that one of the afghans made for wool gathering, was given to a shut-in neighbour.

Convenors' reports — Home

Economics and Welfare: Barbara Harvey gave a cake recipe and a number of household hints.

International Affairs: June Lamey read a letter from pen-pal, Dorothy Van der Pole WAA, South Africa, telling about her trip to Hong Kong, Canton and Macau.

Fund Raise — Hilda Soles told what brands of food and other products have refundable UPCs.

Sunshine: Doris Rhicard reported that 15 valentines were sent

Card party

WATERLOO — Prize winners at card party for Beaver Chapter No. 7, O.E.S., held at the Elementary School on March 9th with nine tables in play were: Ladies' 1st, Doreen Gibbs; 2nd, Muriel Coupland; low, Vivian Beakes. Men's 1st, Herb Riti; 2nd, Russell Lawrence; low, Onis Leduc.

Drawing of box of groceries went to Dot de Solla.

to shut-ins and friends of the W.I. June will be our delegate to the Mississquoi County Convention on April 18 to be held at St. James' Church Hall, Stanbridge East.

A motion was carried to inquire of Butler School principal Shirley Wescott as to choice of prizes to be offered at end of school year.

Following conclusion of the meeting and the Grace luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Door prizes: Muriel Coupland, Elvia Johnson, Georgette Long, Ola Streeter, Kay Gummer, Dot de Solla, Doris Porter, Dorothy Mizener, Lottie Benoit, Ethel Marsh, Vivian Beakes, Dorcas Tinkler, Russell Lawrence, George Bailey, Oral McGovern, Onis Leduc, Bruce McPherson and Carlton Ladd.

Next card party on April 6, same place at 7:30 p.m.

From world peace to a four-day school week...

Student orators talk about promise and peace

By Sharon McCully

FARNHAM — Junior orators at the third annual District of Bedford public speaking contest expressed their views on peace and promise.

Grade 4 and 5 students spoke on the topic "Friends of Peace".

Who is a friend of peace? Well, according to the speakers, anyone from Mikhail Gorbachev to your kid sister.

One student said he felt South African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela was a "Friend of Peace."

"But," he told the audience, "unfortunately I was unable to find too much about him in the encyclopedia."

Some of the young speakers related the topic to their own lives. Resolving difficulties at home, at school and on the school bus were viewed as a good start to securing peace in the world.

TOYS AND TELEVISION

The ten- and eleven-year-olds pointed to toys of aggression, and gratuitous violence on television and in movies as factors which contribute to violence on a larger scale.

Students in in the senior contest for Grade 6 and Secondary 1 students addressed the topic "If only..."

The student wish list ranged from world peace to a four-day school week.

"Think of the stress of a five day school week," one impassioned speaker said, while advancing the idea of a three-day weekend.

School board administrator Walter Horn helped calm the butterflies of young speakers as they approached the podium.

Horn has been instrumental in staging the event for the past three years. Farnham Elementary has hosted the junior speakers since its inception.

"It is becoming a tradition in our schools," Horn said.

IMPORTANT SKILL

Horn told the youngsters it was important to learning to speak in public at a young age. He said it will help students play an important advocacy role within their schools and later in their communities.

Twenty eight students from Knowlton Academy, Mansonville Elementary, Waterloo Elementary, Heroes Memorial in Cowansville and Butler School in Bedford and Farnham Elementary participated in the contest.

Farnham elementary school hosted the contest for Grade 5 and 6 students. The Grade 6 and Secondary 1 competition was held in Waterloo.

Students from the host schools also provided lunch for the visiting speakers.

All speakers at the annual competition were already winners. Before entering the regional speak-off, the young speakers had been selected in competition at their school level.

JUDGES AND WINNERS

Judges, mainly school board officials and retired teachers, selected the following regional winners:

• Level 4 — Lindsay Jones, Butler School; Kevin Scott, Heroes Memorial; Kathleen Astles, Parkview Elementary;

• Level 5 — Karalee Bowles, Heroes Memorial; Emily Spour-Willy, Mansonville Elementary; Benjamin Martin, Ecole Sutton School;

• Level 6 — Lynn-Marie Jones, Parkview Elementary; Marc Beaudoin, Ecole Sutton School; and Clayt Cornell, Knowlton Academy;

• Secondary 1 — Ingrid Marini, Butler School; Derek Johnston-Main, Knowlton Academy; and Shawn Pouliot, Mansonville Elementary.

Winning students selected from a large array of prizes provided by the District of Bedford School Board. The favorite prizes included board games, books and craft kits.



Grade 4 speaking-contest winner Lindsay Jones receives plaque from School Board administrator Walter Horn and Farnham Elementary principal John Weiderman.

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Participants in the Grade 4 public speaking contest.



Participants in the Grade 5 public speaking contest.

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Bushy's Birds bring home silver



Lacing up for Knowlton were: (back row left to right) Tom Foster, Joe Lapierre, Ted Colson, Pierre Morency, Bob Halde, Norm Labreque, Bob Kay. (front

row) Roger Page, Ralph "Bushy" Bushenbaum, Gaeton Halde and Des Senior.

KNOWLTON — Knowlton's Bushy's Birds brought home the silver medal from the annual Can-Am Old Timers international hockey tournament played in Quebec City last weekend.

Playing in the Canadian division, 35 years and over, Bushy's Birds lost 4-3 in the dying seconds of the final game to the American Rhode Island Relics.

The skilled Relics, scored the winning goal with 55 seconds remaining in the game to capture the gold. The Relics line-up included some ex-professionals from the World Hockey League, and several U.S. college teams.

The Birds had come out on top in all regular games leading up to the final, with scores of 6-2, 7-0 and 7-5.

only to lose in the final.

Leading scorers for the Knowlton team were Ted Colson with nine goals, followed by point getters Roger Page and Bob Kay.

The Bird's Pierre Morency won the tournament shoot-out competition.

Participating teams were from Quebec, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Golden Age Club News

MASONVILLE — Golden Agers enjoyed soup and sandwiches on March 12. Raymond Bedard and Alice Drouin supplied cakes and the club furnished the basics.

Door prizes won by Pearl Greenham, Jeanne D'Arc Carrier and George Hamelin. Dot Woodard made Pearl's prize, a beautiful doll toilet paper caddy. Jeanne D'Arc received paper towels and George, six oranges donated by the club.

"500" winners: (1) Jeanne D'Arc Carrier (2) Juliette McDuff (1) George Hamelin (2) Pete Aiken.

Game prizes: Dot Woodard, Mary Schoolcraft, Pearl Greenham, Juliette Laliberté, Rose Alma Pouliot, Lina Tomuschat, Raymond Bedard, Alice Drouin, Flora Jersey, Flora Drouin, W. Smithers, Verlie Aiken, Rita Mossa and Bertha Nichols.

President Rita Mossa read a thank-you note from Dot Woodard for a recent fruit basket.

Sympathy cards were signed for Mary Schoolcraft and Rita Caron, one lost a brother-in-law and the other, her mother. Sympathy is ex-

tended to the Magoon family in the death of their brother Gordon Magoon and the Caron families who recently parted with their mother, Clarisse Roy Caron. A mass was paid by the club for Mrs. Caron and a donation was sent to Owl's Head Cemetery in memory of Gordon.

Pete Aiken gave a donation to future lunches for which Rita thanked him.

There will be no club meeting on March 26 due to an annual bus trip to Erabliere à la Chute at Upton, organized by President Rita Mossa.

KNOWLTON — The Golden Agers met at the Legion Hall on February 21 with Mrs. Elsie Royea in the chair. About 45 members were on hand. Mrs. Royea greeted all members with a warm welcome.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Muriel Cook, secretary, and accepted as read. Happy birthday was sung by all in honor of Muriel's birthday.

500 was played at eleven tables. Prizewinners: High, Ladies,

Gladys Frizzle, score 4300; Gents, Lawrence Page, 3260; Ladies 2nd, Hildred Gibbon 4220; Gents 2nd, Bill Ardington 3220; Consolation, G. Ferguson 1124.

Several door prizes were won by lucky ticket holders.

Refreshments and a social hour followed.

KNOWLTON — There were 50 members attending the Golden Age group at this meeting on February 28. The members were welcomed by President Elsie Royea to the 500 party.

The minutes were read and approved by Muriel Cook, Secretary, and accepted by all as read.

Cards were played at 12 tables, winners being: Ladies 1st, Hilda Marsh, score 3980; 2nd, Suzanne Quilliams, 3960; Gents 1st, Oral McGovern, 3360; 2nd, Ormonde Brown, 3180; Consolation, Molly Jones, 900.

Door prizes went to lucky ticket holders.

Refreshments and a social time were enjoyed by all.

Tourist association misses the point

There's no yellow brick road. No popcorn. Not even an arrow to guide visitors through the Montérégie region of the Eastern Townships.

Have I missed something?

I always thought the mandate of a regional tourist association was to promote tourism within its own territory. Yet whole towns are omitted from a rather spiteful looking map at the regional tourist office situated at the Cowansville-Granby entrance to the Eastern Townships.

Sitting outside the tourist bureau, I felt like a high school kid with a geography quiz.

It seems that if towns don't pay a fee, they don't get on the map. As a result, what tourists see are squiggly lines en route to nowhere on a huge fill-in-the-blanks billboard with four towns identified.

Inside the tourist office, brochures invite tourists to visit the ski hills of Bromont. And the golf course in Bromont. And the spa in Bromont. And hotels in Bromont. And antique shops in Bromont. An entire wall unveils the pleasures of Bromont in full living color.

That's because the town of Bromont has dumped big bucks into the promotion of tourism making it more affordable for the little guy.

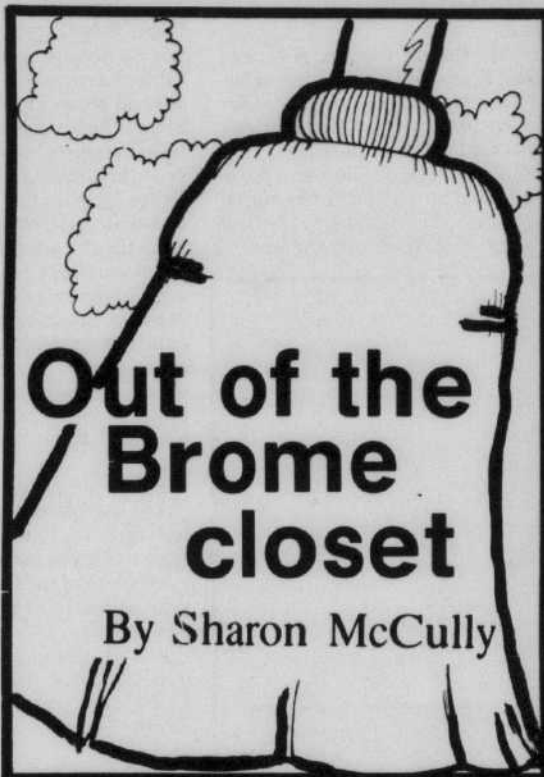
Bromont has also established a local tourist office in their own town to greet visitors when they arrive. Bromont town council accords tourism the same importance it gives any other business in its world-renowned industrial park.

Other municipalities have left the responsibility of attracting tourists to small shop owners who can barely turn a profit let alone pick up the tab for promotion. Consequently, they've been wiped off the map.

Small restaurant and auberge owners can't possibly fork out the money to attract tourists to the region. The most we should ask of them is to treat visitors well when they get here.

Agents at the tourist office responded to questions about such hot spots as Bromé Lake and Sutton by shrugging their shoulders and pointing to an empty rack. An estimated 75,000 cars stop at the regional tourist office every year.

The Quebec Department of Tourism has relegated its responsibilities for tourism promotion to the regional tourist associations. The regional offices have passed on the responsibilities to the municipalities. All but a few municipalities have passed it down to



the small merchant. And yes, it has finally made it's way down to the tourist.

Visitors are now asked to pay for some information materials — not the least of which is a regional map, complete with place names — to help them get where we want them to go.

Instead of producing lengthy reports telling those in the tourist industry what an abysmal year they've had, regional associations should be doing some aggressive campaigning to attract tourists to the region. And once they get here, municipalities should be encouraging them to visit the shops and activities in their towns.

Heaven knows it's going to take all the encouragement everyone can give to entice visitors off the autoroute onto our roads from hell.

Fordyce Women's Institute hold meeting

The regular meeting of the Fordyce Institute was held in Emmanuel Church Hall on February 6 with a fair attendance, several members being absent for various reasons. Mrs. Evelyn Lewis opened the session by welcoming everyone and asked all to repeat the Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Motto: "No one is a failure who is enjoying life". For the roll call members were asked to tell a joke, this proved to be hilarious at times.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Mrs. Lewis thanked all who had helped in any way for our Founder's Day pot-luck dinner which was very well attended. We were reminded of the Sugar Party at St. Gregoire for those who wished to attend. Trips for our August outing were discussed, more information to be brought in at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was read. One bill was brought in and ordered paid.

Correspondence: A letter of resignation from Mrs. Elaine Bromby, due to other unavoidable commitments. We were very sorry to lose a member, a thank-you from

the Stewart family for a donation to the Memorial Fund, a verbal thank-you from Mrs. Williams for food, donations and cards received at the time of the death of her brother, Mr. Hollis Vaughan, and also for a donation to the Memorial Fund in his memory.

Convenors' reports: Agriculture — Mrs. Williams read about how Canadians will get an opportunity to speak out on sustainable agriculture this spring. Canadian Industries — Mrs. Dustin told about the Hyundai lay-offs of about 55. Citizenship and Legislation — Mrs. Paquette read about Mrs. Gabrielle Bertrand, M.P. for Brome-Missisquoi, presenting the Literacy Volunteer Award to Mrs. Freda Hudson of Knowlton. She also told about Quebec and Ottawa signing the Immigration Accord.

Education and Cultural Activities — Mrs. Lahue, (replacing Mrs. Alger), read an article "Out of the Brome Closet" by Sharon McCully informing us of companies and store keepers donating new and used materials to schools in the area. These materials are used by students to raise funds for school

activities and in some cases, in the classroom as work materials. Home Economics and Health — Mrs. McClure told about pineapples being the original exquisite fruit. International Affairs — Mrs. Molenaar read an article on the Persian Gulf War saying that "the war is now behind us, but ahead of us is the difficult task of securing a potentially historic peace."

The Treasurer, Mrs. Barrand, being away on vacation for an extended time has been temporarily replaced by Mrs. Bea Alger.

Pennies for Friendship, birthday and tea money were collected. The birthday ladies were Mrs. Ada Goodhue and Mrs. Claire Hauver. It was suggested that we might make cookies for shut-ins occasionally, and also make teddy bears for children in hospital, or to give to policemen for children involved in accidents or other traumatic incidents.

The meeting was then adjourned, followed by a social hour and refreshments served by Hilda McEwing, Ada Goodhue, Margaret Raymond, Helen Damant and Doris Dougall.



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Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 holds regular meeting

COWANSVILLE — On March 4, Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 held their regular meeting with 25 members present and Sister Elaine Fowler, N.G., welcoming everyone on such a wet night, and also D.D.P. Elizabeth Goyette of Golden Rule Lodge No. 20. Lodge opened with Regalia Drill and in form. Sister Phyllis Durkee, P.N.G., introduced Sister Elizabeth who was given the Honors and seated to the right of the Noble

Grand.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Sister Shirley Vaughan P.P., and with one minor correction were approved.

It was reported Sister Rose Monteith P.N.G., was ill but Brother William Monteith had good results from his tests in Montreal. Sister Darline Lefebvre fell since she went home from hospital and hurt her head but it was improving. However, her foot is still giving her

much discomfort. Sister Gloria Taylor's husband has been on the sick list but is feeling better and out again.

Sister Elaine Fowler, N.G. and Sister Freda Ruiter had visited Sister Joan McClatchie's family after her passing to offer our services. However they were declined. They mentioned in lieu of flowers, donations could be sent to the Memorial Fund of Emmanuel United Church. This was done tonight.

Communications: A letter was received from the chairman of the exchange table, Sister Donna Luce, P.N.G., asking each member to donate something for the table at Assembly. There were also several books of tickets to be sold. Sister Phyllis Durkee, P.N.G., will be in charge of these. Sister Shirley read the letters from the Heads of Order in bulletin, also about the Rebekah Assembly to be held May 24 and 25 at Castel Hotel in Granby.

Committees: Sister Freda Ruiter, chairman of the Tree Legacy reported Sister Irene Williams had called Mayor Charbonneau to inquire about trees. He said they would be planting them in April and he would contact our lodge and we could have some of theirs to plant.

Sister Jean McClay, P.N.G., asked members about the dinner for April 14. It was decided we'd have a chicken pie dinner. She solicited some of the food. The Oddfellows will be contacted as this is a joint project.

New Business: A sum of money will be taken from the General Fund and put in the Savings Account.

Good of Order: The N.G. Sister Elaine Fowler asked Sister Elizabeth Goyette to speak. As all the lodges have been asked to "Spring into Action" concerning new members, Sister Elizabeth reported Sister Thelma Picken P.P. would be

at their lodge hall on April 6 to explain about the Rebekahs. She also will be showing slides on events from Sovereign Grand Lodge and around here. This is to familiarize new candidates the importance of belonging to our order.

Sister Shirley expressed thanks to all the sisters who visited the funeral home where her father-in-law Hollis Vaughan was resting. She and Doug appreciated it. Sister Irene expressed thanks for food, phone calls and cards as he was her brother.

The charter was reverently draped for Sister Joan McClatchie who joined Prosperity in 1946 and became N.G. in 1959-51. She held many offices. In later years she did not attend lodge but always donated when asked. Those taking part in the draping were Sisters Joyce Wilson, Freda Ruiter and Bernice Thomas. Sisters Edith Fuller and Irene Williams sang two hymns — "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden".

After the silver collection was deposited in boxes by the members, lodge closed in form and all retired to the lower hall where sandwiches, pickles, tea and coffee were served by Sisters Marilyn Mahannah, Bernice Thomas and Elizabeth Pow.

The birthday song was sung for Sisters Alta Forster and Gillian Merick. This brought to a close a night of good fellowship.



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Massey Vanier presents A Midsummer Night's Dream

By Sharon McCully

COWANSVILLE — It has all the elements of a Hollywood box office hit: fairies and fantasies, royalty and star-crossed lovers.

This is not a Stephen Spielberg production starring Julia Roberts.

This enchanting play was written by William Shakespeare and will be performed by Massey Vanier High School students under the able direction of drama coach Doug Hooper.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is viewed as one of the most magical plays ever written.

"But it is not the fairies' magic, potent as that might be. It is Shakespeare's magic and power he had over words, a power stronger than that of Thesus the conqueror or Oberon the fairy king," notes one reviewer.

Once again this year, Massey Vanier's Hooper will introduce students to the wonders of Shakespeare.

AMBITIOUS

"It's an ambitious project," Hooper admits.

Last year, the high school drama club wowed an appreciative audience with another Shakespeare classic, Romeo and Juliet.

Students have been remaining

behind after classes to rehearse the lengthy script for the past few weeks preparing for the April opening.

"It's pretty hard to ad lib if you forget your lines," commented one member of the large cast.

The story opens in the palace of Thesus, played by Doug Hooper, who is waiting anxiously for his wedding to the Queen of the Amazons.

A group of Athenian workmen, hearing that Thesus intends to have mirth and revelry on his wedding night, decide to put on a play for him.

It is the workmen's intense earnestness that makes them so funny, for they are convinced that they are men of great wit, talent and competence, while they are actually a very poor group of amateur actors. The result is hilarious.

COMPLICATIONS

Meanwhile, Egeus, one of Thesus' subjects' comes to the duke to discuss a problem with his daughter Hermia, played by Sarah Biggs. Hermia has run off into the moonlit woods to meet her true lover Lysander (Rick Birt) to escape marrying Demetrius (Billy Castle), the man chosen for her by her father. In the meantime, Hermia's best friend Helena (Natalie

Foster) is drawn into the drama because she is in love with Demetrius.

The escapades of all three pre-nuptial couples provide for an evening of entertainment for theatre audiences.

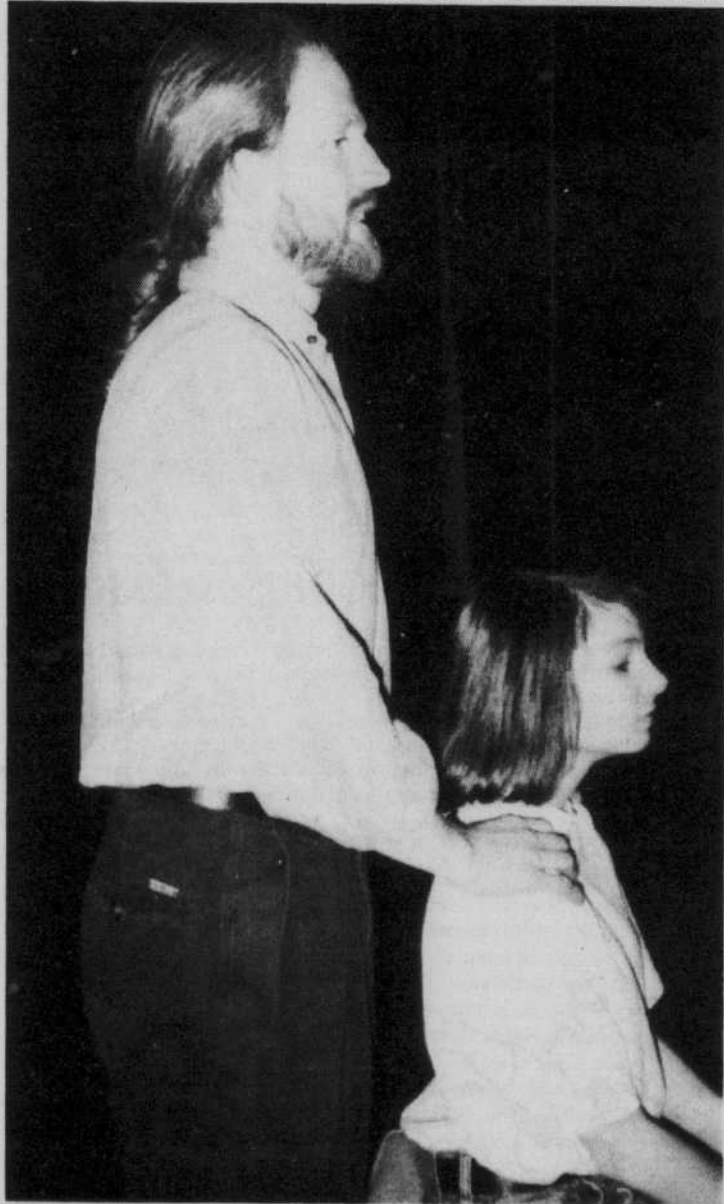
Other members of the cast include teacher Sextus Feehan as Egeus, father of Hermia; Jeannine Mulliner as Philostrate; Robert

Polka as Peter Quince; Ngaio Richards as Snug; teacher Danny Poirier as Dick Bottom; Jason Bell as Francis Flute; Justin Weiss as Tom Smart; Bradley Picken as Robin Starveling; Melissa Bissell as Hyppolyta; guidance counsellor Jim Colley as Oberon; Kathy Massé as Oberon; and Robin Whitford as Puck. Vanessa Fraser

is Peaseblossom; Diane Durocher is Cobweb; Amy Tector is Mosh; and Jennifer Woodrow plays the role of Mustardseed. Other teachers involved in the production include Gail Marquis and Barry Turvey.

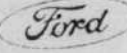
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Wilbert and Georgina Doe stricken with Gladiolus fever

By Sharon McCully

WEST BROME — The bulbs should have come with the warning: "Growing these flowers can be habit forming." Wilbert and Georgina Doe, now in their seventies, were first stricken with gladiolus fever when Wilbert returned from the war in 1945.

"Our son was five months old when Wilbert left for the war and five years old when he came back," recalls Georgina.

"Those young men who came back from the war needed something to get their minds off the terrible things they experienced," she said.

Creating something of beauty became very important to her.

"I didn't come from a farm, nor did I know anything about gardening," says Wilbert who has since become a master gardener.

The Doe's West Brome retirement home explodes with the color of some 50 varieties of gladiolus and dahlias each summer.

"Our first garden was a flower bed 15 feet by two feet," Georgina commented. "We were lucky enough to get on the head table at the first show we attended with our

entries."

HOOKED ON GARDENING

"After that, we were hooked," admits Georgina. "We started entering the annual exhibitions sponsored by the Quebec Gladiolus Society and gradually got more and more involved."

From their modest garden, the Doe's gradually expanded to include 50 different varieties of gladiolus.

Georgina Doe now acts as a judge at provincial and national gladiolus exhibitions, while Wilbert has worked with the Society at the organizational level.

"I suppose our adventure in gladiolus actually began at that first exhibition," says Georgina. "Our daughter Helen says she can't remember not having glads around."

Helen entered her first flower competition at age five and has never looked back. Now a professional flower arranger, she credits her parents with introducing her to a life of color and beauty.

Turning pro is not unusual for growers who exhibited at those annual exhibitions. Georgina says. Other locals who carved a career out of gladiolus growing include Vivian Aiken, Doug and Hazel McCourt

and Marilyn Tenneson.

PROVINCIAL REPUTATION

The Does have also become organizers and judges of competitions held both locally and provincially. The couple has earned a reputation as one of Quebec's leading participants in the annual gladiolus show-off.

There are some sixty Gladiolus Societies in Canada and the United States. In addition to local exhibitions, the Does have exhibited at the Toronto World's Fair and the Montreal Botanical Gardens.

When it comes to growing prize winning gladiolus, the Does don't

fool around.

The experts say gladiolus are easy to grow. The major requirements are full sun and good drainage. Most any garden soil will do, they say, although soil with plenty of humus is a must for growing spikes suitable for exhibition.

The Does' hobby follows them indoors for the winter. The basement has been renovated to accommodate rows of drawers to store the wide variety of gladiolus bulbs, known as corms. Each drawer is painstakingly identified with a marker to indicate the color and type for planting purposes the following

season.

As the Does wait for the ground to thaw, Wilbert occupies himself in his workshop crafting furniture while Georgina busies herself with her second love, painting.

"But even in the winter there's a lot to do," Wilbert said. "Every small bulb has to be cleaned and ready to be put in the ground."

The Does have received numerous awards and tributes for their contribution to the Gladiolus Society.

"We do it because we love it," says Georgina.



Georgina Doe... 'We do it because we love it.'



Wilbert Doe... 'Even in the winter there's lots to do.'

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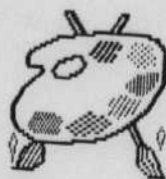
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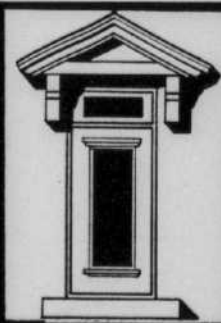
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Photo mix-up confuses readers

Don't expect to see the Anne and Charles Harcell pictured in last week's issue of Brome County News featured in the new Canadian Mortgage and Housing video.

As the result of a photo mix-up, pictures of Georgina and Wilbert Doe found their way into the spot reserved for the video stars.

Anne and Charles Harcell have resided for the last ten years at the Waterloo housing complex chosen to represent Quebec in the CMHC promotional film.

The film also features interviews with residents Monique Choquette, Denis Leduc, Patricia Cote, Claire Norris, Jeanette Caron and neighbors Mrs. Boud and Mr. Gillis.



Kay's five favorite onion soup recipes

In answer to a request for Onion Soup recipes (she wished for several) from Mrs. Gladys Macmillan of Knowlton. Hope one of these will be what you want.

This first is taken from a Madame Benoit collection and was classed by her as "scrumptious".

FRENCH VELOUTE

3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons bacon fat
2½ cups thinly-sliced onions
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups light cream
1 egg, well beaten
pinch of dried thyme
salt and pepper
1 or 2 celery ribs, cut in even-sized dice

Heat the butter and bacon fat together and add the onions. Mix well, cover and simmer over low heat for 20 minutes. Beat together until well mixed the flour, cream, egg and thyme. Add to the onion and stir until slightly thickened. Season to taste.

Serve as is, or pass through a sieve to puree. This can also be blended in an electric blender for 1 minute. Garnish each cup of soup with 1 teaspoon of the celery.

Another recipe from "The Art of Madame Jehane Benoit":

SOUP DUCHESSE

This is most delicate in flavour. If wished particularly creamy, use ground rice rather than tapioca.
2 tablespoons minute tapioca or ground rice
4 green onions or 1 small onion, chopped
4 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

½ cup old cheddar, grated
2 tablespoons parsley or chives chopped
2 tablespoons butter

Kay's kitchen korner

BY KAY TAYLOR

Cook the tapioca or ground rice, green onions or onion, milk, salt and pepper in the top of a double boiler for 15 minutes. Add the grated cheese, chopped parsley or chives, and butter. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Mix thoroughly and serve. Serves 6.

TOURAINES CREAM OF ONION

Madame B. notes that Tours is renowned for its fine cuisine. This soup is a delicate, creamy, ivory colored creation which lives up to the reputation of its province.

3 large onions, thinly sliced
3 tablespoons butter (unsalted)
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper, freshly ground
¼ teaspoon nutmeg or mace
grated peel of ½ lemon
4 cups milk or light cream
cheese, grated
parsley or chives, chopped

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the onions and sauté over medium heat until golden brown; the color of the onions determines the ivory color of the soup. When ready, stir in the flour, salt, pepper, mace or nutmeg and lemon peel. Stir until the flour disappears into the onions.

Add the milk or cream and bring to a rolling boil while stirring. Cover and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes, then verify seasoning. To serve: place into each cup 1 tablespoon grated cheese, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley or chives and pour soup on top. Serves 4.

ONION SOUP "FRENCH PAYSAN"

For richer flavour replace water with undiluted consommé.
1 can onion soup
1 can water
French bread
cheese slices

Simmer together for 5 minutes, the onion soup and water. Pour into individual custard cups or small casseroles. Then cover with a layer of French bread, a thick slice of cheese, another layer of bread and another slice of cheese. Bake 10 minutes in a 475 deg. F. oven. This soup is a meal and is to be served with a fork and spoon, and a glass of red wine (recommended). Serves 6.

And from an old Montreal Star Cook Book

FRENCH ONION SOUP (six to eight servings)

5 cups thinly sliced onions
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon salad oil
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon white sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 cups beef stock or 1 can (10½ oz.) beef bouillon, diluted with water to make 4 cups
½ cup dry white wine or sherry
Salt, pepper
6 to 8 rounds of white bread drizzled with oil and dried out in the oven
1½ cups grated cheddar, Parmesan or Swiss cheese

Heat butter and oil together in large, heavy saucepan and sauté onions very slowly, covered for 15 to 20 minutes. Do not allow to dry out or burn. Add salt and sugar and

continue to cook over very low heat for 30 minutes or so, stirring occasionally, until onions are gold coloured.

Add flour and stir in. Add beef stock and wine and simmer, partially covered, for 45 minutes.

Season to taste. At this point soup may be cooled and refrigerated until needed.

Half an hour before serving time, have soup at simmering temperature.

Pour into a large, fireproof casserole, or individual fireproof soup dishes, top with dried rounds of bread, sprinkle each generously with cheese and bake for 20 minutes at 325 deg. F. The last minute or two broil to brown. Serve at once.

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The successful applicant will possess the following qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree in social work, recreation or other related discipline or pertinent experience with a strong emphasis on community development.
- An excellent knowledge of spoken and written English and French.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents.
- An understanding of rural life and of diverse cultural communities.
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COWANSVILLE — In response to the shortage of qualified manpower in the restaurant sector, the District of Bedford Protestant Regional School Board is meeting the challenge by offering an exceptional training program which will realistically respond to the need for highly specialized chefs.

To ensure the success of this venture, the board is cooperating with

internationally-renowned chefs Luc Montagne, executive chef of the Chateau Montebello and graduate of the District of Bedford School Board; Jean-Pierre Berthoneau, head chef and teacher at the Swiss cooking school and owner of the Restaurant de l'Hotel du Peru de Neufchatel in Switzerland; and Gerald Burgdorfer, graduate chef from the Swiss cooking school and

owner of the Granby restaurant, Le Petit Suisse.

These three leaders in their field will be teamed with Pierre Gadbois, master chef at the District of Bedford School Board.

GADBOIS FITS IN

Gadbois is not in unusual company with these extraordinary chefs. Suffice it to mention he was named executive chef at the athletes' restaurant when the Olympic equestrian events were held in Bromont in 1976.

As well, Gadbois was requested as an assistant chef at the Economic Summit of the seven most highly developed nations of the world when that widely publicized international event took place at Montebello in 1981.

In fact, Gadbois has served royalty and heads of state of the seven most important nations in the world.

Development and overall implementation of the project will be carried out by Jean Guy Roy, coordinator of vocational studies and initiator of this ambitious program.

The principal objective of the

course is to train highly qualified manpower for the restaurant industry.

With this in mind, Roy has contacted several highly esteemed hotels and restaurants in places such as Alberta, Quebec, New Brunswick and Switzerland. These institutions have agreed to participate by accepting students who have successfully completed the course for on-the-job training.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

It is important to note that the five students chosen by an independent jury as being the most competent and will each be offered an exceptional apprenticeship for three months.

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Other training sites will be chosen from among the best hotels and restaurants in our region.

It is significant that large organizations such as major hotel chains are experiencing difficulty in recruiting well-trained chefs.

As a professional training orga-

nization, the school board has accepted the challenge to produce these much needed future employees. But to succeed it is necessary to establish higher standards than those currently in place. Consequently, entrance requirements, both in terms of previous studies and personal characteristics will be tough.

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The course will last one year. The minimal academic prerequisite is a high school leaving diploma. The program will be accredited by Quebec's Education ministry.

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Early Missisquoi Bay settlers deprived of church

Here is another in our series of articles on churches in the Brome County region written by local authors.

By Flora J. Rhicard

The area around "Missiskouie" Bay was first settled by refugees from the American Revolution.

Coming as they did in the early 1780's they were without many of the amenities they had previously known.

One deprivation was the lack of a clergyman. There was no one to baptize, marry or give Christian burial.

Three sisters in the St. Armand West area were determined to remedy this as much as possible. All three had babies of nearly the same age. Considering the frequency with which babies arrived in those days this was not at all surprising.

In 1791 or 92 they travelled to Montreal with their babies. Crossing the St. Lawrence on the ice they entered the walled city, had their babies duly baptized and registered and returned home.

VISITING MINISTER

Rev. Mr. Doty of Sorel, knowing the plight of the Loyalists at Philippsburg, visited them in 1798 and again in 1799.

As well as administering to their spiritual needs he learned that they were anxious to establish a Church of England in their area. He received an offer of 200 acres for a glebe as well as sufficient acreage for a church and burial ground. Money was also forthcoming.

The St. Armand area alone pledged 30 pounds to be paid annually. It seemed assured, as Bishop Mountain wrote that "a foundation will be laid for the legitimate introduction of the Gospel and the establishment of the worship of the Church of England in all the Townships recently laid out on and near the province line, forming

already one of the most important settlements in this country and increasing every day with astonishing rapidity."

HOPES DAMPENED

Alas, high hopes were soon dampened. It was learned that before the government would give financial assistance the annual amounts of the subscriptions must be absolutely guaranteed. This would entail placing a mortgage on the subscriber's property, a lien that would continue to be in effect even if the property were sold. This brought an abrupt halt to the pledges. No settler was willing to encumber his property in this manner.

In late October of 1799 Bishop Mountain wrote to the Lieutenant Governor Robert Shore Milnes, explaining why settlers would not agree to such a stipulation. He pointed out that the security required by the government would greatly diminish the value of their property if they should wish to sell.

NO HOPE

Milnes greatly feared that if this requirement was not rescinded there was no "hope of their obtaining a clergyman of our church and will leave them and their children without the benefits of the sacraments and either entirely without religious instruction or what is perhaps worse than none, with such only as they receive from ignorant enthusiasts or designing hypocrites (already very busy among them) whose doctrines have little tendency to form them to the observance of either good Xians, good men or good subjects."

The letter bore fruit. In December 1799 Bishop Mountain wrote to thank the Lieut-Gov. for the assurance that 100 Pound Sterling would be paid annually to the Rev. Robert Question Quirk Short as minister of the Church of England in "Missiskouie" Bay.

Rev. Short served until January 1801 when he was replaced by the

Rev. James Marmaduke Tunstall. Mr. Tunstall had been Rector of Montreal but because he did not get along with his congregation he had been sent to the Mission of St. Armand. Rev. Short was transferred to Three Rivers.

SHORT STAY

Rev. Tunstall's stay was short. He was reputed to be rather quar-

relsome (he slept with two pistols under his pillow) and there may have been discord between him and his new parishioners. At any rate he was gone by 1804 for in that year the Church Register was issued to the Rev. Charles Caleb Cotton.

Cotton was not happy in his new mission. He felt the people had

little regard for religious rites.

Because it was cheaper, they usually chose to be married by a magistrate, and were not regular communicants. On Christmas Day only six received Holy Communion and at Easter only five. In 1808 Mr. Cotton left for Dunham where he served successfully for nearly for-

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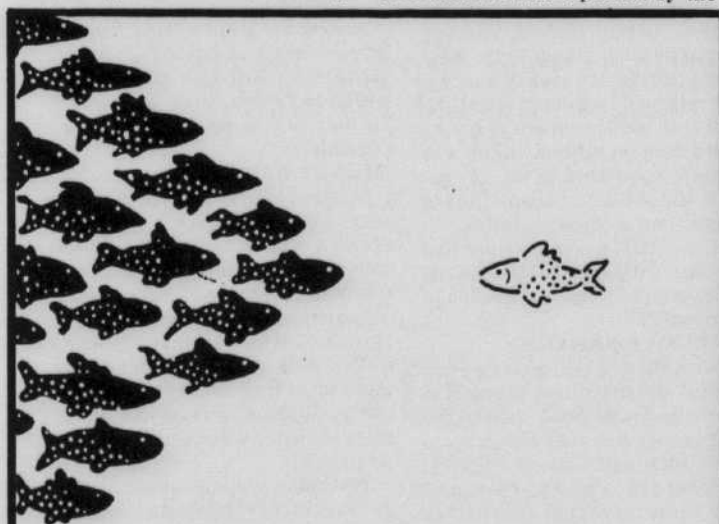
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Storm spells disaster for neglected church in 1843

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Enter Charles James Stewart, fifth son of the Earl of Galloway. His education began with a private tutor in his ancestral home, Galloway House. He next attended Oxford University where he graduated in 1799 with an M.A. After being ordained priest he went to Peterboro where he served for eight years. He then offered himself to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) and was sent to the Mission of St. Armand where "there was not the semblance of a church and the first service which he held was performed in a room in the village inn."

FALLING APART

The Mission of St. Armand appears to have been in a deplorable state when Cotton left on Mar. 28, 1808. Yet on May 20, 1808 Stewart wrote to his mother: "The people are worse in appearance or rather in manner than in reality or principle. They are very free and rude but less profligate than in our country. I never was so much engaged in the exercises of religion as I have been since I came to St. Armand and I never was happier. I have persuaded the people here to build a church and it will be fit for divine service to be performed in it before next winter."

This was not an idle boast. By January 1809 he was performing divine service in the new church in Frelighsburg in the eastern portion of his mission. This was the first church in the entire Eastern Townships and it is claimed that one thousand people attended that first service.

Stewart did not rest on his laurels. There must now be a church in the western part.

SECOND CHURCH

The site chosen for this second church was not in the village of Philipsburg but about half-way between there and Moore's Corners (later St. Armand Station). This location was known as Solomon's Corner. At that time a road, long since abandoned, went from the Solomon farm on the Moore's Corners — Philipsburg road to the Luke farm on the Vermont Border. The new church, to be called St. Paul's, was built in 1811. It was a wooden frame building about 55 ft. by 39 ft. It had a steeple and the total cost was 800 pounds.

Due to Stewart's efforts religious fervor in the St. Armand Mission was now greatly revived. Children and many adults were baptized, marriages were performed and in August 1809 Bishop Mountain confirmed sixty persons.

Feeling that things were progressing satisfactorily Stewart, in 1815, left his mission under the temporary care of the Rev. James Reid and sailed for England. While there he visited his elderly mother and started a subscription for a fund to build churches in the poorest settlements of Canada.

NEW MINISTER

Reid had been born in Scotland and had come to Canada as a missionary for either the Presbyterian or Congregational Church. After serving as minister in Ontario for some time he had accepted a position as schoolmaster at Missisquoi Bay.



Before being left in charge of the St. Armand Mission he was ordained Anglican Priest by Bishop Mountain. He was now responsible for maintaining religious enthusiasm in a scattered population and conducting services in two widely separated churches.

At that time there was no real road between Philipsburg and Frelighsburg, a distance of some twenty miles, partly through swamps and partly over steep hills. Reid proved equal to the task. When Stewart returned in the fall of 1817 he found both congregations in a very satisfactory condition. Reid was formally appointed to the St. Armand Mission and Stewart left to conquer new worlds in Hatley.

A firm religious foundation had been laid with the building of the two churches. Now a parsonage was needed.

EXCLUSIVE SERVICES

Information was received that the first congregation to build a parsonage would be entitled to the exclusive services of a clergyman. In 1823 work began in both villages. Frelighsburg won the race and Reid remained there until his death in 1865.

The Rev. Richard Whitwell was Reid's successor. A native of Yorkshire, England he had volunteered under the auspices of the SGP to serve in one of the missions in the backwoods of Canada. He arrived in Canada in 1821 and was sent to the new mission in Shefford. There he stayed for five years and in 1826 came to Missisquoi Bay.

Unless there was an earlier rectory, of which there is no record, Whitwell moved his family into the large frame house on the St. Armand Road which in 1991 is the property of the Rev. Mr. Eddy.

Like Stewart and Reid, Whitwell was energetic. When invited he performed funeral services at Bedford and soon began preaching there on a fortnightly basis. This he did without remuneration for about seven years when the people of Bedford were persuaded to build their own church.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Whitwell also took part in community affairs. For many years he was the secretary of the school board and kept careful minutes in excellent hand writing.

In 1843 disaster struck.

Maintenance on the little church had been neglected. There were large openings where part of the ceiling had fallen. On April 22 a mighty gust of wind entered the base of the steeple by these openings and lifted the spire to a great height. It then turned a somersault and came down spire first. It crashed through the roof, about the middle of the building, went through the floor and came to rest with the base resting against the balcony.

Whitwell at once began planning for a new church. Meetings were held and many diverse opinions expressed. It was finally decided that the location at Solomon's Corner was unsuitable.

A new St. Paul's, this time of brick, would be built in the village. Material from the old church, which had been made of the best lumber, would be used wherever possible.

MONEY RAISED

Money was raised in various ways. Whitwell hired a curate at his own expense and made several soliciting trips, one even to Upper Canada, raising over 200 pounds.

Societies, such as the SPG, gave 70 pounds. Whitwell gave 30 pounds of his own money. Parishioners gave what they could, sometimes in cash and sometimes in the promise of money when crops or cattle were sold.

The ladies gave a sum of money as well as providing the commu-

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Way to go, Canada!

PARTICIPATION

Solomon's Corner chosen as site of second church

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nion plate, the pulpit, a lectern, carpeting and rich draperies for the chancel.

The new church was completed in 1846. It was a plain rectangular building with arched windows and a very tall steeple.

In 1846 ill health forced Whitwell to retire. He acquired the rectory from the parish and lived there until his death in 1864.

STILL STANDS

His two daughters, who never married, remained active in church affairs. They bought the old, unused Congregational Church on Day Street and gave it to the parish for a church hall. The building still stands.

The parish has known many clergymen since the days of Whitwell. Some stayed only a short time and were soon forgotten. Others, like the Rev. Hugh Montgomery and Archdeacon Naylor, will long be remembered.

One not likely to be forgotten is the Rev. Frank Allen. By the time of his incumbency the congregation had dwindled, partly due to a lack of religious fervor and partly to a declining English population.

Rev. Allen, who was best known for his eccentricities, referred to the church contemptuously as "that old barn".

The story is told that one night he partially sawed through some of the wooden supports and the decla-

red the building unsafe. This may, or may not, be true, but it is a fact that in 1895, just before he left the parish, he had the church demolished.

Plans were made for a new, but smaller, brick church to be built on the same site. The Rev. A.C. Wilson was the clergyman when on Sept. 29, 1896 Bishop Bond laid the cornerstone for the present St. Paul's.

MORE CHANGES

There have been many other changes over the years.

The old Whitwell Hall on Day St. has been sold and a new one built beneath the church.

In 1951 Pigeon Hill and Phillipsburg ceased to share a Rector. At that time Pigeon Hill was joined to the Parish of St. James the Apostle in Stanbridge East. The rectory, which replaced the one built in 1823, is no longer needed.

St. Paul's is now served by the Rector from the Parish of St. James in Bedford. There will no doubt be other changes, but at the present time the affairs of St. Paul appear to be progressing favourably with the support of the Parishioners and the Archdeacon, the Rev. J.W. Sparling.

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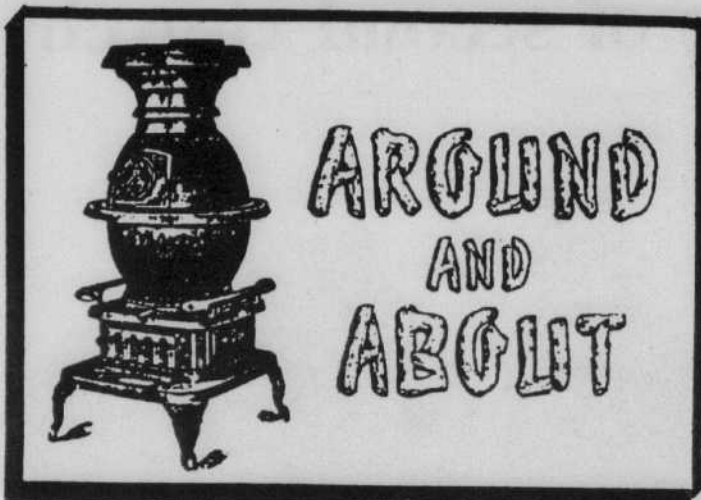
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Mr. Peter Perrott spent a day in Montreal recently to visit his sister Mrs. Margaret Legros who was a patient in the Lachine General Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of the late Willard Barrette who passed away February 27 in Mahopae, New York.

Stanbridge East

Norma Miller

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bellingham who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 10.

Miss Madeline Dubois is enjoying a holiday in the Caribbean. Friends of Mrs. K. Shepardson

are sorry to learn that she is not in the best of health.

Ms. Karen (Lackey) Ryan and daughter have taken up residence in the apartment of Kevin Tremblay on Academy Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rhicard spent a holiday in Florida, making part of the trip by motor bike.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crandall and Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Rafaelson were in New Hampshire, where they attended the marriage of their son and nephew, George Crandall, Jr.

Mansonville

Bertha Nichols
292-3258

The community is saddened by the death of Gordon Magoon who died on March 8 in his 79th year.

following a long illness.

Friends of Merry Webb will be pleased to know she was discharged from the CHUS on March 1 and is at home slowly resuming her schedule within the community but still feeling the bruising from her car accident on February 14.

Happy birthday is wished to the following March celebrants: James Clark, Robert Blumenfeld, Phyllis Marcoux, Ethel (Mrs. Graham) George, Edgar Tracey, Randy Smith, Bruce Nichols, Mario at Jack's Pizzeria, Roseleen and Keyworth George, Verlie Aiken, Gayle and Amber Chouinard, Henry Everett, Noella Coutu, Angel Woodard, Betty MacAulian, Gladys Willey and all you March people.

Sutton

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538-2946

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edson Smith and family in the death of her mother Mrs. Playfull in Burlington, Vt. recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miltimore were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Shirley Wilson in Fulford.

Lydney Kirby, Brome, and Mary Hamelin, Mansonville, were luncheon guests at the Boyce home on March 12, the occasion being Harold's 89th birthday. Other callers at the Boyce home were Gordon Bailey, Robinson's Bay; Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, Bondville; Ricky Foster, Knowlton; O. Davies and M. Kirby, Foster; Win-

ston, Joan and Leland Foster, Sutton, David Foster, Sutton and Montreal, Nancy Boyce, West Bolton.

Mrs. James Ireland and daughter Jennifer, Halifax, N.S. spent a few days with Mrs. Bernice Boule.

Cathy and Vincent Royea have arrived home after a vacation in the Caribbean.

Lyndon Royea is home after spending some time with his daughter in Huntsville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drouin have returned to their home on Western Ave. after spending three months in Florida.

Sympathy extended to the family of the late Gill Bonneau who died suddenly in hospital at Sherbrooke.

June Aseltine Young, Dayton, Ohio, called on Bid Lachapelle recently.

Pat Korman and June Aseltine Young were visitors of Mrs. Ellen Rumsby.

Friends of Mona Charters will be happy to know she is able to sit up and visit a bit after her stroke.

Word has been received from Rimbey, Alta., of the death of Irene Cushion (Mrs. Romeo Cushion) formerly of Glen Sutton, Que. Sympathy is extended to relatives in the area.

Brigham

Doris E. Dougall

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Stanley Crossfield is still a patient in a Montreal Hospital being treated for a knee problem. Her friends all join in wishing her a satisfactory recovery soon.

Friends of Mr. Cedric Dougall

will be sorry to hear he is again hospitalized in the BMP Hospital, having undergone major surgery. All wish him a good recovery soon.

Mrs. Archie Pettes, Albany, N.Y. and Mrs. John Madden, Georgia, Vt. are spending a few days with their mother Mrs. Cedric Dougall.

Mrs. Michael de la Mare went by bus with her Figure Skating Group, "Miraculeux", to Noranda on February 24 to attend the Provincial Synchronise Figure Skating Competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pauw were recent weekend visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pauw. They also called on his aunt, Miss Grace Hawthorne at the Regal Nursing Home in Cowansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waterhouse, Richford, Vt. were March 13th dinner guests of Mrs. Ada Goodhue.

Mrs. Eunice Stowe spent the afternoon of March 13 with Mrs. Cedric Dougall.

Mrs. Bernice Thomas and Miss Hilda McEwing of East Farnham were afternoon callers of Miss D. Dougall and Mrs. A. Goodhue. Mrs. June Royea spent a recent evening at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGrath, Abercorn, were dinner guests on March 8 of Mrs. Ada Goodhue and Miss Doris Dougall. Afternoon visitors at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waterhouse, Richford, Vt., also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gladden, Richford, Vt., the happy occasion being Mrs. Goodhue's birthday.



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