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TOWNSHIPS DIGEST

Suspected car thief messed
with wrong wheels

Staff

SHERBROOKE

A man suspected of trying to break into three cars at a Waterville watering hole will be able to think about his actions for a few days, from a hospital bed.

The owner of a pickup truck found someone trying to break into his vehicle late Tuesday night while it was parked near a pub.

An altercation ensued leaving the suspect with serious injuries including a damaged jaw. Sherbrooke Regional Police responded to the call and don't anticipate pressing charges against the owner of the truck because the other man used a screwdriver in the altercation. Police spokesman Cst. Serge Fournier said the injured man may face charges because he is suspected of trying to break into at least two other vehicles.

The Comfort Corner

It's winter and the aftermath of the century's worst ice storm. We're having to cope with the cold, less daylight, winter roads, increased chances of illness, having to don boots and scarves and extra layers of clothing. This is prime time for yearning for comfort and momentary escapes.

Do you have:

- a recipe for comfort food?
- a photograph that always brings a smile to your face?
- a poem or story (real or imagined) that you've composed that is cheerful?
- another way to lift your spirits?

Share your source of comfort secrets with other readers. Send your suggestions for beating the winter blahs to The Comfort Corner, c/o The Record, 2850 Delorme, Sherbrooke, J1K 1A1, fax: (819) 569-3945. A comfort gift will be given to one of the Comfort Corner participants chosen at random.



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Townshipper designed national symbol for Duplessis

Original flag still in Townships

By Paul Cherry
SHERBROOKE

Yesterday the province acknowledged, but held off celebrating, a symbol that has taken on a life of its own and has a connection with the Eastern Townships.

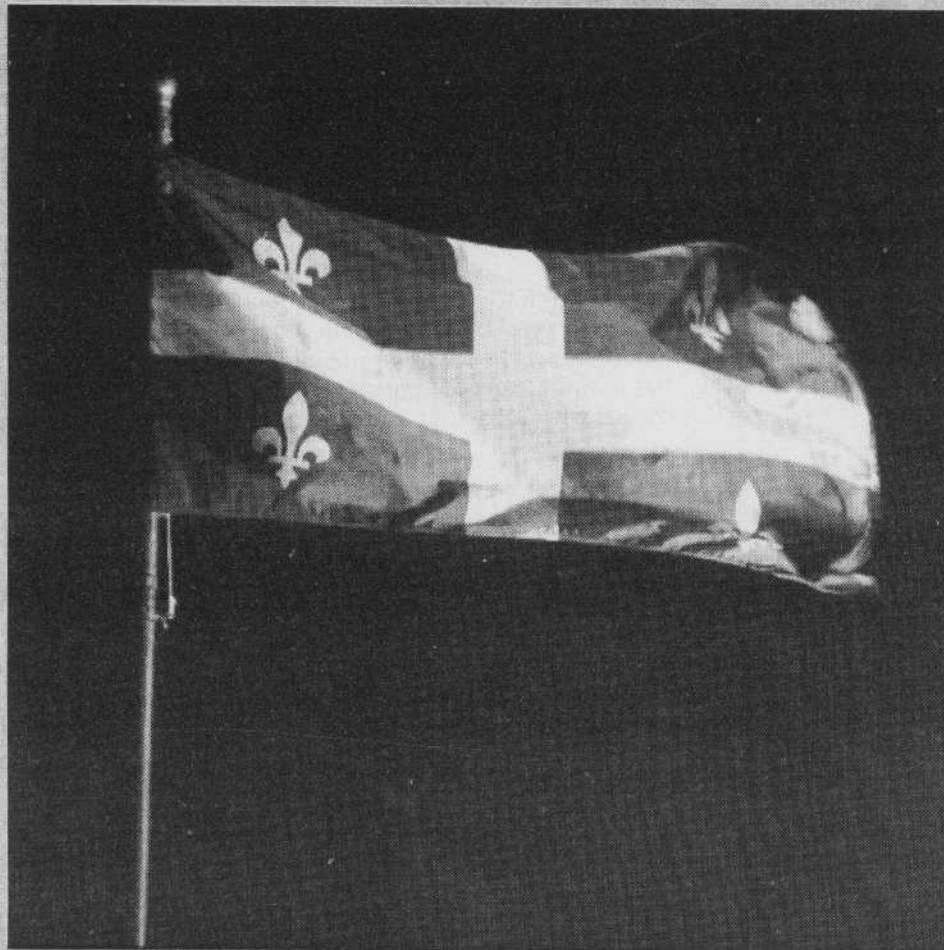
The fleurdelisé flag was unfurled by former Premier Maurice Duplessis 50 years ago. It was a somewhat controversial point in Quebec's history of which much has been written. But precious little has been written of the man who designed the flag, Alphonse Montminy, a draftsman working for the provincial government 50 years ago who spent his retirement years in Sherbrooke.

"He was a tall, thin, friendly man who liked to play tricks on people," said Dan Mignault, Montminy's grandson and the former Sherbrooke industrial commissioner. "But I don't think he was a very political person."

Mignault now lives in Ottawa but the very first fleurdelisé ever made remains in the Townships in the possession of his sister Pauline who lives in Deauville but could not be reached for this article.

"For years I remember my aunt flying a fleurdelisé at her home on Lake Magog on St-Jean-Baptiste Day. I always thought about how big it was but I didn't know until I was older that it was the original flag," Mignault said yesterday.

Montminy drew road maps for the provincial land and forestry department when Duplessis asked him to design a flag for the province. The draftsman came up with the design and crafted it along with his daughter Françoise, who would later raise it at her home on Lake Magog. The blue back-



ground of the original is linen and the cross and flowers are made of felt. The composition of the flag is steeped in Quebec's French history.

The fleurdelisé is inspired by a similar flag flown by General Louis-Joseph de Montcalm's soldiers when they fought off an attack by the British at Fort Carillon - now Ticonderoga - in 1758. The French were outnumbered almost three-to-one but the British suffered many casualties in the battle.

The blue in today's flag is reported to be the same shade as that used in a flag Champlain planted in the ground after his ships arrived on the shores of what is now Quebec, in 1608.

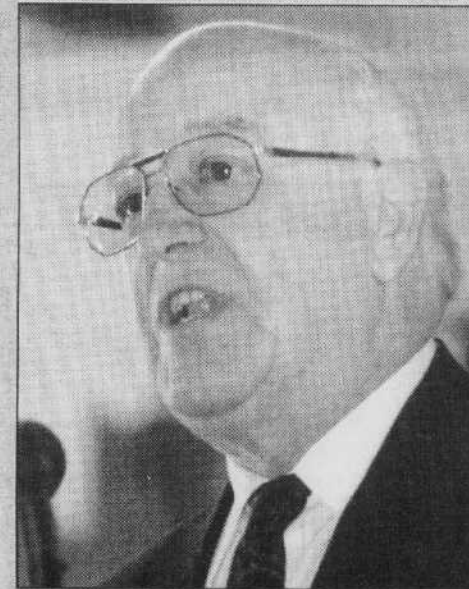
The fleur de lys flower is ingrained in French and Christian culture. Joan of Arc carried it as a symbol and Charles VII used the flower on a blue background to symbolize France's unity during his reign.

Mignault said the original Quebec flag once waved in the breeze above the National Assembly in Quebec City. On first inspection, Duplessis told Montminy it was fine.

In true Duplessis fashion the premier arranged the unfurling of his somewhat secret project on January 21, 1948 and called on other members of the legislative assembly to take a look. It came as a surprise to many and kick-started Duplessis' campaign to have the fleurdelisé officially adopted as the province's flag.

Two days ago, the provincial government decided the timing wasn't right to celebrate planned festivities for the province's drapeau. With people scattered all over the southern region of the province still

toughing out the aftermath of the ice storm, the festivities have been pushed back probably into the month of March.



The original fleur de lys was designed by former Sherbrooke industrial commissioner Daniel Mignault's grandfather, Alphonse Montminy, a draftsman for the provincial government.

Grace and athleticism combine to make skating fantastic Figure skating dominates television schedule

Have you noticed the amount of coverage figure skating has received on television during the past four weeks?

Competitions to determine each country's pick for the Olympic Winter Games, in Nagano, Japan as well as novice, junior, amateur and professional competitions. We have also been rewarded with special presentations such as the Elvis tour of Champions and the Canadian Professional Skating Gala. Watching all this talent skimming over the ice in beautiful artistic performances is a wonderful experience. Canada will be represented by some fantastic skaters at the winter Olympics.

The training, practice, and sacrifice behind every performance is unimaginable. Add to this the accidents and heartbreaks that may occur in any sport and these skaters merit awards for valor. Because of the comments and information from the announcers during skating events, we learn a lot about each skater and some of their perils.

Barbara Underhill who skates as a pair with Paul Martini is a good example of courage. Barbara was distraught when her daughter Stephanie accidentally drowned. Her sorrow kept her off the ice for a while but she returned. With Paul's understanding, her determination and love of skating, she was able to make a comeback to entertain us with their exciting arrangements. She has founded the Gift of Wings Foundation in memory of her daughter Stephanie.

One of the most extraordinary comebacks was made by Ekaterina Gordeeva. She lost her husband and skating partner Sergei when he died of a heart attack during practice. At age 22 she was left alone in grief with their daughter Daria. Over a year later she turned up skating alone on the ice as a professional. That is some feat after years of sharing the ice with a partner and the man

OUR MAN THURSDAY



WILLIAM COX

you love. Seeing the graceful art of this beautiful delicate woman leaves you in rapture. Knowing her story and to see her competing solo with the elite of the figure skating world is even more impressive. The book dedicated to her life titled "My Sergei: A Love Story" is excellent reading.

That promising young skater, Oksana Baioul, who was a model for aspiring youngsters all over the world made a serious mistake. She had an automobile accident while intoxicated and was charged with impaired driving. Almost a year later she appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show to apologize to the whole world. Today she is back on the ice competing with the best.

And who can forget Scott Hamilton who has entertained us with his talent, sportsmanship and good humor for so many years. Fighting cancer, he came back to join his fellow skaters in a spe-

cial show for his public. Even in a toned-down presentation, his performance was not lacking his usual professionalism and enthusiasm. He gave it all he had like a true fighter.

It is heart warming to see the success that Josée Chouinard has attained in her career after several setbacks. Her performances leave you fascinated by her talent, beauty and disarming smile.

There are many others who have had to face hardship during their careers like Nancy Kerrigan, Brian Orser and Isabel Brasseur who skates with Lloyd Eisler.

My companion is an excellent skater. I am sure she would have been among the top if she was directed to figure skating when a young girl. Fate had it that she became a hockey player at age 16 in one of Quebec's first female hockey teams. You should see her gliding over the ice on the ponds or in the arenas. Seems like she has wings on her skates. Ninety percent of the people on the ice cannot keep up with her. Including me.

Losing characteristics run in families

Born losers may be born losers

By Celia Hall
FOR SOUTHAM NEWS
LONDON

Some people really are born losers and may inherit characteristics that lead to a succession of disasters.

Researchers in Cardiff, Wales, say their studies of depression suggest that bad luck runs in families and that such individuals may have a genetic propensity to create lifestyles that court crises.

Not only do depressed people suffer more setbacks - being passed over for promotion, burgled, mugged or underpaid - than others, but so do their brothers and sisters.

Prof. Peter McGuffin, a psychiatrist at the University of Wales, says it had been

known for some time that there were genetic factors in depression and that depressed people reported more 'adverse life events' than well people.

"What surprised us was that when we looked at their relatives we found they also had more adverse life events," he said.

McGuffin said that bad events like bereavements were obviously shared by family members, but what was curious was that events broadly beyond a person's control, like accidents, were also more

common among other family members. The findings, originally from a twins' study, have been confirmed in a new study of brothers and sisters in Cardiff closest in age to a sample of depressed people. The research includes families with no depressed individuals for comparison.

"We wondered how these things could run in families," McGuffin said. His best explanation is that people may inherit their tendency to create mayhem which induces their depression. "They may have a tendency to live

chaotic lives," he said.

But it is not all bad news for born losers because they can create their own luck. Cognitive behavioral therapy, which teaches people to alter the way they think, is successful in treating depression, McGuffin said.

He has also studied outgoing, sensation-seeking people and found they have low rates of depression and seem to be protected from it.

"One explanation of our findings is that people who are outgoing and enjoy new experiences are able to take life's happenings in their stride and are not stressed by events even when they turn out to be hazardous and unpleasant," he said.

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REGIONAL FORECASTS	MAX	MIN
Sherbrooke Mny Sunny	M12	M23
Thetford Mines Mny Sunny	M14	M28
Cowansville Mny Sunny	M10	M22
Richmond Mny Sunny	M11	M25
Stanstead Mny Sunny	M11	M25
Lac Megantic Mny Sunny	M14	M27

Outlook for the Eastern Townships for Friday:
Increasing cloudiness in the morning followed by snow, max minus 4

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Nursing home to lose 55 beds

Ste-Anne-Marie closing on hold, for now

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

A Danville nursing home for seniors, which may be on the chopping block, may have gotten a temporary reprieve.

In December, the regional health board decided to ask the government to notify the home that its permit would be cancelled.

The board is considering a move to save some \$400,000 by closing the Foyer Ste-Anne-Marie nursing home in Danville and move its beds to a larger facility in Asbestos. While a final decision has not been made, the board said it had to cancel the permit by the end of December or it would have been auto-

matically renewed for another year. The board voted to cancel the permit with a promise to reconsider the decision at the February board meeting.

But at Tuesday's board meeting, health board director Jean-Pierre Duplantie said that rather than cancelling the contract with the private nursing home operators, which are part of a larger Montreal group of institutions, the government reduced the group's overall permit by 55 beds.

Duplantie said that will allow the board to complete its analysis of nursing care needs in the area.

The Ste-Anne-Marie home had been expecting a reduction in the number of beds, but not a complete shutdown.

News of the potential closing raised the ire of the community with dozens of angry residents showing up at December's meeting to insist the Danville home is needed so that elderly people can remain in their own community.

In the meantime, a Ste-Anne survival committee has been formed of local citizens, families of patients, employees, municipal representatives and local MNA Yvon Vallières to try and ensure the survival of the home.

"Our people are happy here," said Linda Frost, who represents English patients and their families on the committee.

Also at Tuesday night's health board meeting, members voted to support

"shelter on wheels", a program for street kids.

From a small surplus of money not spent on community groups last year, the board granted \$15,000 to support "On prend le bus ensemble".

The program sponsored by a Sherbrooke coalition of street workers will operate a CMTS bus to provide a variety of services to street kids. The idea is to reach out of streets kids, prevent suicide, isolation, drug and alcohol abuse, delinquency and to dispense information about health care and referrals to social service agencies.

The program is also supported by the City of Sherbrooke and its transit corporation and local CLSCs.

No shortage of volunteers

Shelter gets help from pro

By Tanya Singfield
Waterloo

Denise Allain has been the director of the Centre d'Action Benévole in Waterloo since 1986. When the former rehabilitation center was opened as a shelter for victims of the ice storm, she offered to help.

"The shelter was very well organized," said Allain. "Suzanne Bellefeuille, president of the Waterloo Red Cross, and town councillor Pierre Brien were doing a wonderful job, and the response from the people of Waterloo was incredible. At the volunteer center we have approximately 160 volunteers; at the shelter, 280 people volunteered in the first three days alone. At one point, we had too many!"

Donations of food, blankets and other items were also pouring in, so it became necessary to make schedules, assign volunteers to particular jobs, supervise the distribution of food and so forth. That's where Allain's experience as an administrator and coordinator of volunteer services was put to good use.

Allain has no idea how many hours she's put in at the shelter. "We weren't counting the hours, we were doing whatever needed to be done. As soon as one problem was taken care of, there would be two or three others to take its place. When you're concentrating on the job, you lose track of time.

Allain said she wasn't the only one putting in long hours. "It was a group effort as people mobilized their forces and there was a great sense of collaboration that made the whole thing work as well as it did."

Allain said that regular services at the Centre d'Action Benévole were not really affected as a result of the storm. However, there was an increased demand for food, so the volunteer center donated food from its food bank to the



TANYA SINGFIELD

Denise Allain used her talents as director of Centre d'Action Benévole in Waterloo to coordinate relief efforts for storm victims.

shelter in order to have one centralized distribution point. They also sent trays usually used by Meals-on-Wheels for the elderly or handicapped people at the shelter who were unable to walk to the cafeteria for meals. When Aliments M & M delivered two truckloads of food there was certainly plenty for everyone. "They were eating like kings!" said Allain.

Allain was especially moved by the large number of students who offered help. Many of them were stuck in Waterloo after the holidays when CEGEPS and universities could not reopen. Instead of sitting around, many of them went to help out at the shelter. "It's good to see so many young people getting involved in volunteering and helping others in their community," she said.

Company shuts down for four days IBM in Bromont running on generators

By René Bruemmer
KNOWLTON

After a four-day shutdown imposed by Hydro-Québec, the IBM plant in Bromont returned to full production last Monday with the help of nine industrial-strength generators brought in from Illinois last Friday.

Although the plant never lost power, Hydro-Québec asked the plant to close on Monday, Jan. 12 to conserve energy. This gave the organization a chance to try out its emergency measures program.

"We're glad it worked," said spokesman Jean-Guy Fournier. "We never had the chance to implement the plan before, so this was an excellent practice session."

Fournier noted that the shutting of the semiconductor plant, which sold \$3.1 billion in memory and microprocessor chips last year, making it one of the largest exporters in Canada, was a very complicated procedure.

"It's not just a matter of pulling the plug," he said. "Because we work with a lot of chemicals to produce our products, there is a very complex system of alarms and ventilation in place. It's a huge plant, and we had to make sure all areas were evacuated and that things were closed in the proper sequence."

In addition to seeing to the needs of production, IBM's emergency plan looked after employees in need,

Fournier said, supplying generators, firewood and organizing temporary lodging. Any of the 2,200 employees who missed work would be paid, management said.

"For us, January right after the holidays is a slow time anyway, so it wasn't the worst time to be closed," Fournier said.

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The company wasn't yet certain how it would make up for lost production, but Fournier speculated some workers might be asked to work overtime. IBM Canada's Bromont plant is a main link in IBM's production network. The facility imports chips from IBM plants in the U.S., packages them on circuit boards and sends them back to the U.S., where they're sold to makers of personal computers and mainframes.

IBM officials were quick to point out that the nine rented 1.1 megawatt generators were designed for use only in plants built to U.S. industrial standards, and thus couldn't be used anywhere else in Quebec. Hydro-Québec said the plant could operate using generators. The company did find a huge three-megawatt generator in Connecticut owned by IBM which it lent to Hydro-Québec.

IBM Bromont is hoping to return to electricity by Jan. 25 or 26, but said it would have to wait until it received the okay from Hydro-Québec.

St-Césaire remains key to restoring power

More Townships municipalities lighting up

By Maurice Crossfield

KNOWLTON

Residents of the westernmost sections of the Eastern Townships are gradually getting their power back, but things still won't be fully back to normal until Hydro Quebec gets its St-Césaire substation back on line.

"Once St-Césaire is back it will solidify the network," said Hydro spokesman Robin Philpot Wednesday. "We are now aiming to have it operational by Friday."

By Wednesday about 80 per cent of Cowansville had power once again, with Hydro carrying out power-sharing to give more residents access to electricity. While some sectors had their lights restored earlier in the week, most residents who had been without power for most of the last two weeks saw their power restored Tuesday night and during the day Wednesday.

Philpot said Cowansville's return to the power grid is due to electricity being brought in from the Des Cantons power station north of Sherbrooke. But because St-Césaire is still not operational, there isn't enough power to go around.

"There's only so much current we can bring in," he said. As a result, Cowansville factories will remain closed until St-Césaire is running again.

Farnham was also power-sharing, with its electricity being brought in from Highgate, Vermont. About 85 per cent of Hydro customers in Farnham have had their power restored.

Philpot explained that power from the Des Cantons substation has been routed into Vermont, and then re-directed from Highgate to the Bedford, St-Sébastien and Farnham substations. That has resulted in the reconnection of many border areas, including Philipsburg, St-Armand and Frelighsburg.

Philpot explained that those lines are usually used to send power south of the border, but Hydro regularly brings some back into Quebec when demand is higher. In this region, demand is usually highest in winter, while New England's higher demands tend to be for air-conditioning in the summer, Philpot

said.

In Noyan about half of the tiny municipality had its power restored Wednesday. However the other half and nearby Clarenceville will most likely have to wait until Jan. 25 to get its power back. Philpot said the big problem there is local damage.

"Our distribution crews are very active down there now," he said. "But some areas won't be restored until the 25th."

Philpot said in some remote areas customers may even have to wait a bit longer, as crews try to tie up loose ends and restore individual customers.

Meanwhile residents of Granby and the region are getting their homes warmed up following the blackout. Power there is limited as well, and load-sharing is being carried out to cut consumption.

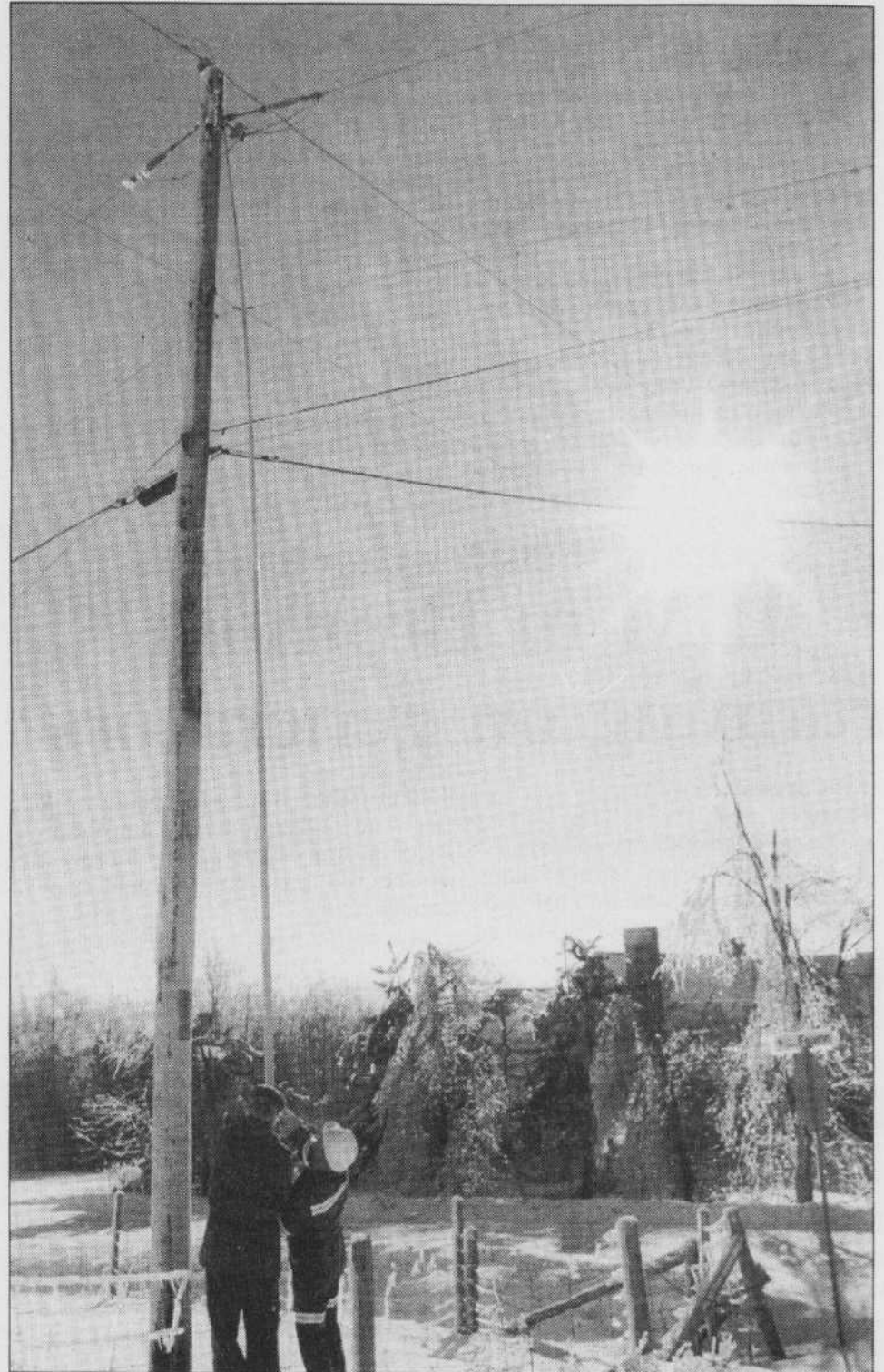
Nearby in Abbotsford, residents living along Route 112 got their first taste of electricity in over two weeks Wednesday. While residents along the main street have their power back, other parts of the mountainside municipality are expected to remain in the dark for at least a few more days.

The key to it all remains St-Césaire. The main line feeding the so-called Black Triangle comes from Boucherville to the Rouville substation and on to St-Césaire. From there it is distributed to Marieville, Farnham and Granby. From those points it then branches out to feed the rest of the crippled region.

Philpot said the Rouville substation was powered up Wednesday, but St-Césaire still needs a lot of work before it is ready to run. Once power is restored there it takes several more hours to warm up the transformers before power can be sent out.

But while many of the easterly sections of the Black Triangle are slowly getting their lights back, the core of the region still remains in icy darkness.

"In St-Jean the situation hasn't changed very much," Philpot said. "We aren't expecting it to change very much until St-Césaire is running again. After that things should change quickly."



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Repair crews, starting the cleanup, from Hydro and Bell have been spotted throughout the Townships this week.

New vouchers available

Clean-up crews prepare shelter for school

Staff

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With the lights coming back on in Cowansville, the town has taken on a festive air.

"It's going super well," said town secretary Lise Thériault. "People are getting to go back home for the first time in many days. Everyone is very happy and relieved."

By Wednesday the shelter at Massey-Vanier was emptying out, with most of its several hundred ice storm refugees venturing back home. Thériault said the town is now looking for new accommodations for those who still aren't able to

go back home. That way clean-up crews can prepare Massey-Vanier for reopening next Monday.

Those who can't go home are the unfortunate ones living in pockets here and there around town still without power. Meanwhile those who do have light and heat will be sharing power with other sectors for the next few days until the St-Césaire substation is operational once again.

Thériault said about 4000 people picked up the first issue of the \$70 storm vouchers. The second allotment is now available, but only for those who did not have power for at least a 24-hour period after Monday.

For more information, contact the Cowansville town hall at 263-0141.

Ice storm hurt woodlot owners too

Compensation may be slow for forestry sector

By René Bruemmer
KNOWLTON

Ministry of Natural Resources official Yves Lauziere said he expects sugar bush farmers and other agriculture producers to be compensated for their losses, but he's not so sure about members of the forestry trade.

"Historically in Quebec, foresters are the last to receive compensation, if they receive any money at all," Lauziere said. "Hopefully this year, with all the charitable work they've done during the storm, they will be more appreciated than is usually the case."

Lauziere was referring to the multitude of tree cutters and woodlot owners who donated their time, wood and effort to supply firewood to storm victims. As the agent responsible for the distribution of firewood in the Estrie region over the last two weeks, Lauziere says foresters "who have families of their own to feed and look after," worked tirelessly to provide wood for the needy. Lauziere hasn't had any new requests for firewood since last Saturday.

After the last big freeze-up in 1983, sugar bush farmers in the Lanaudiere and Laurentides regions were compensated by the government, Lauziere said. He said he would be surprised if they weren't compensated again.

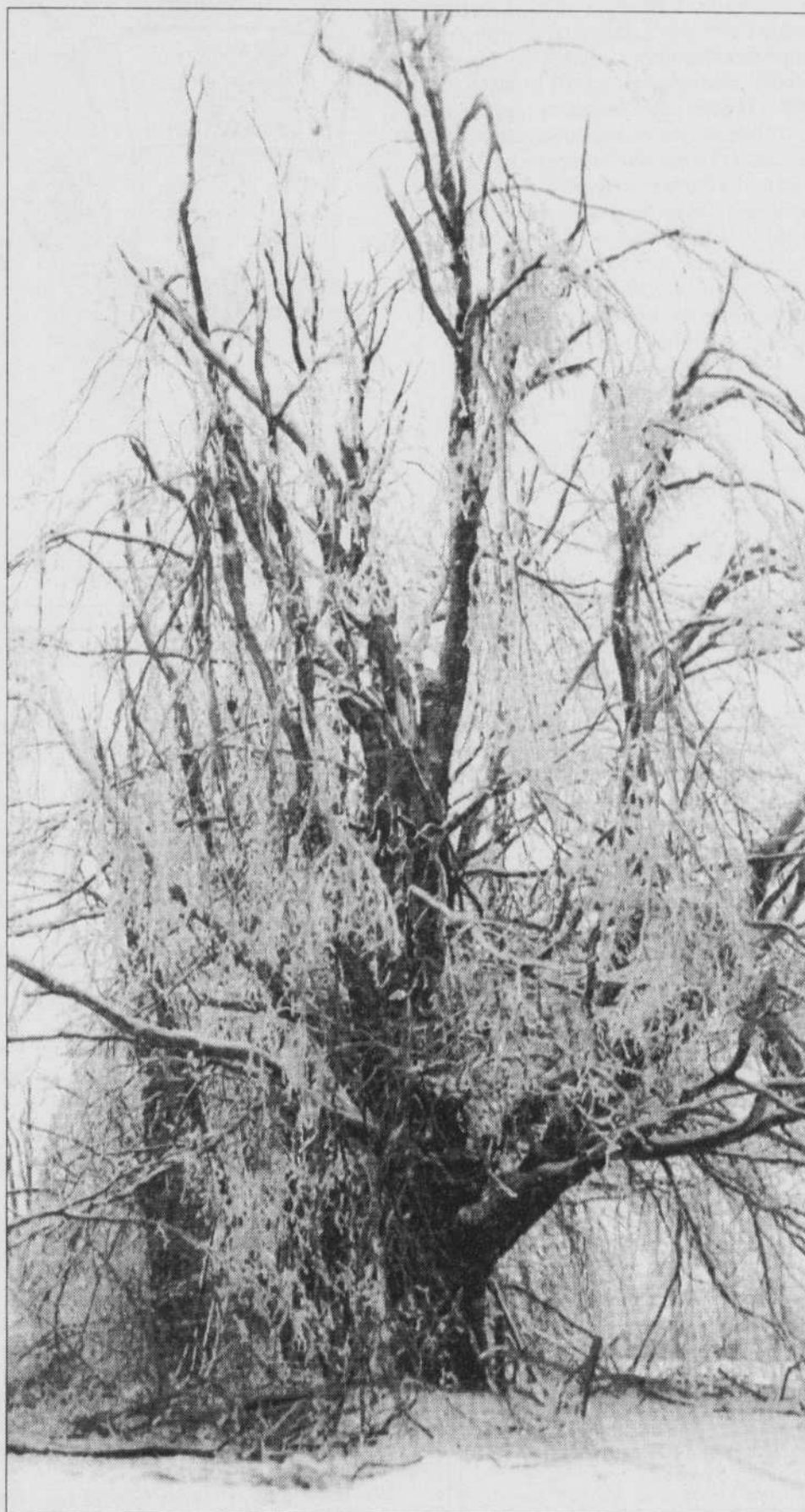
Quebec sugar bush farmers account for 60 to 70 per cent of all syrup production in Canada, with annual revenues in the area of \$100 million dollars. The Quebec Maple Syrup Producers Federation estimates 8 million of the 25 million trees tapped in the province were damaged due to the storm. Sections of the Eastern Townships escaped the full effects of the storm, but areas southwest of Montreal such as Hemmingford, Ormstown and Huntingdon and areas within the "triangle of darkness" have been demolished.

Spokesmen said they didn't know yet if prices would rise as a result, because producers unaffected by ice might be able to make up for lost production.

Provincial Agriculture Minister Guy Julien has already supplied aid to sugar bush farmers in the form of unemployed workers dispatched to help clear forests. Monetary compensation has yet to be discussed.

Foresters and the woodlot owners are often overlooked, Lauziere said, because their needs are deemed less critical and the extent of their losses are harder to calculate.

"Of course the government has to look after dairy farmers and that type of producer first, because their need is crucial," he said. "Then there's the maple farmers, because their season is starting soon, and they need to get ready. But foresters suffer too because of missed



SUSAN MASTINE

It could take trees like this one in St-Felix-de-Kingsey months to recover from the ice storm.

work and the destruction of trees, and often this is overlooked. It's just 'thanks for the work,' and then go back to your job working 18 hours a day for \$7 an hour. Like they're just cheap labor."

Forestry officials were scheduled to meet on Friday to discuss the damage

and possible solutions. Lauziere noted that several farmers said damage estimates were diminishing after the first week as some trees bowed by ice bounced back. Initial damages may have been inflated because people were only looking at forests from the outside

where the majority of damage occurred, while in the bush conditions were better.

"At first we were getting reports of 75 per cent losses," Lauziere said. "Now it's down to 25 per cent in some areas."

He emphasized that people should wait at least another week before venturing into forests because the danger of falling ice and branches is still high. Vibrations from chainsaws or cutting down trees could cause trees to crack, Lauziere cautioned.

Sugar bush farmers working on private land were forced to work in the bush because they have to prepare for the upcoming run-off, he said.

Maple syrup supply and price could remain unchanged

Staff
KNOWLTON

Forestry engineer Christopher Chapman said it's still too early to know just how the ice storm will affect the maple syrup industry.

"There will be specific owners who will not be able to sugar at all for several years," he said. "But for the consumer it is possible things won't change that much."

Chapman said much of Quebec's maple production comes from the Beauce region, which was not nearly as hard hit by the storm as other areas. That, combined with a long productive season could mean both supply and prices could end up changing very little.

But in the affected areas things will be difficult. Many producers who use pipelines will have to reinstall miles of tubing, after digging it out from under layers of ice, snow and fallen branches.

Despite the damage many of the trees will still flow in the spring, and Chapman reiterated his message for sugar bush owners to let Mother Nature take care of things.

"If you leave things alone in a heavily damaged area, it may only take one generation before you can sugar again," he said. "But if you cut it all down, your grandchildren won't even be able to sugar there."

COMMUNITY FORUM

Hydro's failure

Tuesday, January 20, marked the completion of the second week that Upper Ulverton has been without hydro power. Seemingly we had made more plans for a major power failure than had Hydro-Quebec. Most of us had wood stoves and full pantries; Hydro-Quebec, on the other hand, had no backup whatsoever.

Hydro spokespersons have made much of the severity of the ice storm, "the worst in a 100 years. Having spent three sleepless nights listening to trees fall all around the house and wondering if one was going to fall on our house, I will not downplay the severity of the storm. That it is not to say that more severe worst-case scenario can not be imagined. What if there had been a major snowfall on that first weekend followed by a week long cold snap? When would Montreal have got its power back?

It is amazing that Hydro had no contingency plans. After all Montreal is located on a fault line. What if an earthquake occurs in the winter destroying transportation routes and hydro lines? Surely somebody at Hydro or at the provincial government should have considered this possibility. Hydro-Quebec has encouraged the population to become dependent on electricity, implying that its power is safe and secure. This myth has been shattered for all time.

My personal dealings with Hydro-Quebec reveal them to be overly bureaucratic and rule-bound. Our house is located in the woods at a considerable distance from the road. It is obviously more likely that trees will fall on hydro lines in such a setting than in town. However, the same safety rules apply to our location as to any other.

In the ten years that we have lived here I have often phoned to request that Hydro cut trees along and under our line. Their response has been very limit-

ed. This past summer I actively pursued my concern. I spent a considerable amount of time talking to telephone computers, leaving messages, and occasionally talking to an actual human. Finally a Hydro representative appeared at our house. He was pleasant enough, and I stress that my complaints have nothing to do with Hydro's front-line employees. They have all proved their mettle in this disaster.

I explained that the ground was swampy and that the trees grew very quickly. Trees were threatening to touch

the lines from all directions. They were mainly birches, poplars and tamaracks, all likely to lean over in a heavy storm and fall upon the hydro line. I gave him permission to

cut as many trees as necessary to ensure the security of the line. He informed me that Hydro only cuts trees that are within 18 inches of the line and not to expect any action. Maybe this makes sense in an urban area where a tree on the front lawn is a valuable commodity, but it makes no sense in a rural wooded area.

I never heard from Hydro again until this Sunday after the storm. A car drove up. The representatives took note of the jumble of fallen trees and broken lines. They informed me not to expect electricity (or telephone, or water for that matter) for three weeks. The fallen hydro poles and broken lines along the range roads of Ulverton, South Durham, and L'Avenir have still not been repaired so their forecast is looking accurate. Once the main line is repaired, we will have to wait an extra couple of days before our home line is repaired.

Hydro-Quebec's failure to take the appropriate steps to protect one line from threatening trees is a small but illustrative example of the mentality that failed to consider the possibility of a major hydro breakdown.

VIEWPOINT

RON EWING



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hemmingford still needs help

DEAR EDITOR

The Village and Township of Hemmingford, population of approximately 2,500 have been without electricity since Tuesday January 6, 1998.

The mayor, Donald Hadley from the Township and the mayor Claude Mailloux from the village, with their council, employees and municipal inspectors have united their forces to help their citizens in every possible ways.

A temporary shelter was opened at the City Hall but due to lack of space we later transferred our shelter to Hemmingford Elementary School where we can receive a capacity of 200 people if needed. The shelter can provide three meals a day, donated by the Hemmingford population and local and outside merchants. We started with 30 people per meal and we are now up to 150. We sheltered 20 people on the first night, and the numbers have gone up to 50. We expect numbers to go up, or people will find shelter with families or friends who have a wood stove.

We have had a tremendous response from volunteers in the community and everyone has helped in every way. The Legion, Lions Club Christmas basket, Red Cross, Volunteer ambulance and fire department, later the Sûreté du Québec and the First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA) from Shilo, Manitoba joined us to maintain public security.

The damages are beyond belief: 95 per cent of sugar bushes are destroyed, 80 per cent of all trees, it will take generations to regrow, and 90 per cent of telephone and hydro are down.

We have recently opened a pet shelter and the service is available to all citizens with pets. This way, we can encourage people to leave their homes without worrying about their animals.

The Village and Township of Hemmingford are buying wood and are giving out one quarter of a cord of wood per household every three days. Because of lack of fire wood, we must ration it this way for now.

We are in need of wood, generators, hygiene kits, non perishable food, games and toys for children, kerosene, lamp oil, batteries, candles, flash lights, wicks for oil lamps, and any other donations are welcomed. Also thermal containers for food and eggs.

We would appreciate any assistance from radio stations, newspapers, and TV stations in order to convey up to date information to our citizens.

Also for Hemmingford residents please note that the post office will be opened from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We encourage people from the Township to pick up their mail during these hours.

If you would like to donate anything please contact the Shelter at 247-2022 and ask to speak with Willa Daigneault.

Thank you all.

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ON THE WILD SIDE

If you can't hire a farm kid, hire a mother

The victims who have complained the least

Quebec's farm families were among those hardest hit by Natural Disaster No. 1998-1.

But as a group, they are the victims who have complained by far the least, and also the ones who have been most able to carry on their daily lives. I guess there are two main reasons for this - where they live and what they do.

From society's point of view, the place where farm families live is the end of the line. In many cases this is literally true, with Hydro's line of poles ending where the barn begins. It's the same with roads, mail routes, school-bus transport, telephone service, pizza delivery - you name it; the end of the line is probably somebody's farm. And out at the end of the line, something is always going wrong with these chains of supply.

Needless to say this furthest link is a most important one as well. For a society without its own farmers is a society without its own food - and therefore a

society always entirely dependent on supplies from outside.

Speaking of food supplies, almost all farming activity in southern Quebec requires raising animals. There's quite a variety, and the animals may be dairy or beef cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, turkeys, horses, fish, ostriches or emus, more or less in order of importance. These animals must be fed, watered, and in many cases sheltered, every day of the year.

In addition to directly caring for their livestock, most farms also produce at least some of the feed their animals eat. So as well as barns and houses, farms may require other buildings to store feed or milk, protect equipment and serve any number of other farm functions. They also require dozens of specialized machines to do the heaviest work.

Many essential farm activities are

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CHARLES BURY

seasonal in nature. And because they live in isolated places where there is no one else with the required skills, and no money to bring in specialists, our farm people - husbands, wives, sons and daughters, hired hands and often neighbors too - all must acquire a whole pile of country skills. As well as animal husbandry and making plants grow, farmers must be

capable mechanics, welders, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, loggers and heavy-equipment operators. They also have to be accountants, and by their nature, businesspeople too. And the best of them also know the stars and the weather.

In other words, being a farmer means never having to say 'what do we do next?' or 'how do we do it?' When the chips are down, farm people know what to do and how to do it. No matter what, they still must get the job done.

Whether there's an ice storm or not, whether there's a Hydro failure or not, whether they feel like it or not, when it's milking time it's milking time - period. The work must be done.

Living in this context, for example, most of the farmers I know anyway have owned their own generators for years. They may not use them often but when the power goes down, they start them up. The animals may hate the noise, but at least they're kept alive. Same thing with the wood stoves so many still have in their homes. They may make the kitchens dusty but they keep the pipes - and the people - from freezing.

Not so much today but over the years, in different careers, I've had to hire a lot of people for various jobs. Long ago I made myself the following rule: If all else is equal, hire a farm kid. They already know how to get the job done.

If you can't hire a farm kid, hire a mother. But that's another story.

Observations of El Nino from the Wales Home

The year 1998 was barely a week old when El Nino waggled his busy little bottom into the Richmond area. Ice that had, up to now, only made walking treacherous, edged upward. Softwood trees stood like silver sentinels; their weighted branches straining to Mother Earth for comfort. Ethereal twigs and branches on hardwoods gleamed like fine crystal, and snapped with the tinkling sound of shattering glass. An eerie blue flash marked the passing of a final power source. The town of Richmond, and the surrounding area, was plunged into darkness.

Just north of town the generator in the Wales Home clicked on. The management and staff decided to share their good fortune. Beds were set up in recreational areas. Staff members worked around the clock. Space was cheerfully shared by residents. Fifty to fifty-five El Nino victims found shelter within the sheltering walls of the Wales

Home. Amazingly, the day-to-day routine was maintained.

Mega plans were made to entertain the residents and visitors. One pastime was storm watching. Icicles turned bird-feeders into glass cages. A lone deer passed within 100 feet of the building. There was no TV, but the radio reported more power lines down. Rumors filtered in: Fire had demolished a landmark at the corner of Craig and Main. A man had died in the fire. The funeral parlor was lit, only by candles. Water had been turned off in apartments in town. One refugee to the Wales Home declared that had she been able to flush her toilet, she would have remained in her cold apartment. Establishments in town were taking turns creating meals for storm victims. Fire-

wood was being issued to anyone who could use it to keep warm. Devastation to the trees was unbelievable. Where was "Green Peace"?

Police were protecting vacated buildings. The drug store was also lit only by candles. The druggist was putting up prescriptions in his overcoat. People who owned generators were rushing about to maintain a bit of heat in their homes and those of friends and family. Driving reports ranged from "not very good" to "pretty tough going."

A week passed. The staff absorbed the added workload. The only visible signs of hardship were the piles of laundry, waiting for the return of full power. At forty percent power return, some of the guests went home. Others were unable

to because of storm related damage. Our guest decided it was time to return home also. Ross and I took her, then went down to the country to see how our son's pine trees had survived. They looked pretty good at first glance. Closer scrutiny revealed many tops missing. Maple trees in neighboring farms were not so lucky. They stood stripped of most of their branches, a petrified forest, behind wire fences that sparkled like diamond studded necklaces. Two repair trucks were working to restore power and/or telephone lines in the area. Those work crews must be exhausted!

We came back to the peace and security of the Wales Home, feeling lucky to be residents, lucky to have so many efficient care-givers in charge of our well-being, and amazed at how dependent we have all allowed ourselves to become on such a fragile thing as a strand of wire.

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FINANCIAL PLANNING

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Get the most out of your RRSP with international investments

Finances has gone global. For investors, this presents a world of investment opportunities. If you decide to hold foreign investments in your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), however, you can only do so within the limits set by the Income Tax Act.

Investments in eligible foreign securities are limited to 20% of the "book value" of your RRSP. Book value refers to the original cost of securities held or reinvested in an RRSP, rather than their current value. This figure does not necessarily increase as investments appreciate. For example, if the original investments in your RRSP cost \$100,000, the allowable foreign content is \$20,000. So while a \$100,000 investment may have appreciated to \$150,000 over time, the foreign-content limit remains fixed at \$20,000. Investors who exceed the 20% limit are subject to a penalty imposed by Revenue Canada.

Fortunately, there are some techniques you can use to effectively increase the foreign content holdings in your RRSP without running afoul of Revenue Canada restrictions.

In some cases, mutual funds that are eligible for the Canadian content portion of an RRSP can be used to enhance international investments. This is because Canadian mutual funds that are RRSP-eligible are allowed to hold up to 20% of their assets in foreign securities. By investing in the Canadian content portion of your RRSP in mutual funds that take full advantage of this provision, you can effectively increase the overall foreign content of your

RRSP to 36%.

For example, a portfolio with a book value of \$100,000, will normally be allowed to hold \$20,000 in foreign assets, with the remaining \$80,000 invested in Canadian assets. But if the Canadian portion is invested in Canadian mutual funds that have 20% of their own assets invested in foreign securities, that's an additional \$16,000 in foreign assets. The total foreign content then becomes \$36,000, or 36%.

For more experienced investors, there are a number of other strategies ideal for increasing foreign content. Some of these require the flexibility of self-directed RRSPs. They include:

- Selling assets and then reinvesting the proceeds within an RRSP. Foreign content is then based on the cost of the new investments.

- Investing in mutual funds that take advantage of specialty derivative investment products to circumvent foreign content rules. These funds may use a combination of Canadian securities and future contracts to assemble a portfolio that qualifies as Canadian content but mirrors the performance of a foreign market.

If you're considering maximizing your foreign content, speak to your financial advisor. Holding a high level of international investments in an RRSP isn't suitable for every portfolio, so make sure you're on the right track before you explore the world of global investing.

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January a hot month for women newsmakers Cattle ranchers lasso Oprah into court

TORONTO

Women are getting the kind of attention these days old boys in smoke-filled back rooms could only dream of. The three biggest stories of mid-January were Paula Jones, Karla Faye Tucker, and Oprah Winfrey. In the U.S. they probably received as much coverage as all other events combined.

Tucker is a woman who committed a gruesome double-murder 14 years ago, but she's attractive, articulate, and has found religion on death row. Normally this combination should be enough to save her from the gallows. More than enough, because in the last 100 years Texas has convicted scores of women of murder, including some ugly and tongue-tied ones, but has never put any to death.

With her appeals rejected, and only executive clemency standing between her and the lethal injection chamber, Tucker began hustling the media in the reasonable expectation that publicity might save her life. Though her on-air performance has been flawless, arousing the old-fashioned chivalry of people as diverse as evangelist Pat Robertson and knight errant Oliver North, her ploy may have backfired by reversing the usual polarity of left and right on the political spectrum.

The commutation process, which has been routine for women in Texas since the Civil War, suddenly came under close scrutiny. Left-lib commentators, like CNN's Bill Press, were gravely suggesting that the death penalty "ought to apply across the board with no consideration of gender." This climate resulted in Governor George Bush Jr. sending an ominous message to the Larry King Show, saying that "the laws of the state of Texas apply both to men and women and the governor is sworn to uphold the law."

Heavy stuff. As things stand at present, Tucker may become the first woman in Texas to die as a direct result of feminism. This is my view, not the media's, I hasten to add.

As for Paula Jones, the press has now discussed her evidence from every conceivable angle, except one. No one has yet explained how she has suffered \$2 million, or even \$200, worth of damages.

Bill Clinton didn't behave like a gentleman — if Ms. Jones' story is true — but a civil court isn't a

charm school. For something to be actionable, it must have caused some injury. People normally end up in court only if they've hurt another person's body, pocketbook, or reputation. (Or maybe his or her feelings, at a real stretch.)

But how does this fit Ms. Jones? On her own evidence, she wasn't harmed in any way. Her only complaint seems to be that the mere sight of her caused him to unzip his pants.

Does being found irresistible damage a person's feelings or reputation these days? Not so long ago it used to be something to brag about, not to go to court for.

As for Clinton, in his deposition he's said to have denied any memory of ever meeting Ms. Jones. This being so, should a jury find him liable at trial, America would end up with a president who, on the balance of probabilities, either lies under oath, or has unzipped his pants so often that he genuinely can't tell one occasion from another.

Oprah Winfrey has fallen afoul, if you'll pardon the pun, of the latest food defamation laws adopted by 13 American states in recent years. In these states it's now possible to libel a peach or a chicken.

Winfrey didn't comment on peaches or chickens, but she had a vegetarian guest on her show who said that cows are being fed the remains of dead cattle which can cause the spread of mad cow disease.

This type of feed, apparently, isn't used in the U.S. any more, but hearing about it Oprah uttered the fateful line: "It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger." The next day, coincidentally or not, beef prices took a nosedive. Some cattle feeders promptly went to court. Now the multi-million-dollar lawsuit is becoming the social event of Amarillo, Texas (population 180,000).

Meanwhile in this country, we have another way of protecting agriculture. This month a young Manitoba farmer named Clayton Desrochers was sent to jail for 60 days for the heinous offense of exporting his barley without a Wheat Board permit. Now that there's no Soviet Union any more to jail people for economic crimes, Canada feels obliged, I guess, to step into the breach.

Dixville may get community centre

The local chapter of the "Center d'action bénévole" met recently with municipal officials to request their help in developing a community centre.

Members of the chapter hope the municipality will acquire a building where specific services for the young and old can be offered; where cultural events can be held for the entire community; where local groups can meet; and where receptions can be held or any other uses beneficial to the population.

At the January meeting, councillors agreed to sponsor a committee to study the project. The specific mandate given to the committee by the mu-

nicipality is as follows: to consult the public to ensure its approval; to develop a project according to the needs of the population of Dixville; to raise the funding needed for the project.

In the meantime, the council will look into the possibility of acquiring the St-Cuthbert's Anglican Church, as members have been looking for an opportunity to save their building.

More information will be given to the community before a survey is taken. Anyone wishing to make comments or participate in the project can contact the municipal office.

— Mary Brus
Secretary-Treasurer, Dixville

100 per cent still without power

Residents coping in South Durham



CATHY WATSON/CORRESPONDENT

Shelter residents April and her children come here for the supper and enjoy the fellowship.

By Cathy Watson
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SOUTH DURHAM

The streets in the village of South Durham remained dark in the cold winter night on Tuesday as cars pulled into the church parking lot across the school.

One hundred per cent of the population of 988 people of this rural municipality are still without electricity and more than 200 residents congregate at this shelter each evening for a hot meal, a look at the news on T.V. and a chance to commiserate with neighbors before returning to candle-lit homes.

"We opened the shelter on Friday the 9th and now we're serving about 250 to 260 people here at lunch and supper each day. Also, we've had up to 30 people supplying food. The first place to help us was Plessisville - they've done a lot for us. They have sent food and firewood. Since then, the Red Cross, the CLSC and the provincial government have helped us too," Proulx said.

Proulx has been busy delivering firewood to South Durham residents.

"We delivered 40 cords of wood to different households in one day," he said, waving a long list of names of those who requested firewood.

Counsellors like Proulx, as well as the local volunteer fire department, have been working almost around the clock since the lights went out on Jan. 7.

"Our firefighters have done an extraordinary job," said Proulx. "They spent two days clearing trees, poles and wires

off of the roads, went door-to-door to check on residents, did night patrolling with the S.Q. to ensure the safety of people's property and took generators around to people."

"We have four generators at our disposal and take them to people's houses to help keep freezers cold, pump water and run furnace fans," said a tired Gaston Manseau, head of the volunteer fire department.

Manseau said he was glad to have seen Hydro trucks working in the area that day because he was slowly losing his workforce as firefighters were being called back to their paying jobs when power was re-established in other local municipalities.

They have had relatively few problem cases, having had to talk only one elderly person into leaving her home.

"We had one 84-year-old woman - she had no source of heat, not even a candle, and it was so icy that we had to sit her in an armchair and slide it across the ice from the house to get her out," said Proulx.

Another case they were looking after was that of an elderly woman, living with her daughter, who was sent home from the hospital to recover from a broken hip. The family have no electricity, except that supplied by the municipal generators, and are having meals delivered to them from the shelter until power returns.

Only minor irritations arose between occupants of the shelter itself.

"Some people snore loudly and oth-



CATHY WATSON/CORRESPONDENT

South Durham shelter residents line up for supper.

ers complained of people staying up too late," said Proulx. "Now we've established a curfew and we have two watchmen at night."

"It's not the same as at home. There are a lot of us here - you have to get used to getting along living with so many others," said Julie, a resident of the shelter for almost two weeks.

As far as feeding the tired, hungry and cold visitors to the shelter, counselor Madeleine Côté and her crew are real crowd-pleasers with their full-course meals. Tuesday's supper consisted of cream of broccoli soup, spaghetti and a choice of fruit salad and cookies or blueberry pudding for dessert.

"We have a good supply of food," said Côté, showing off the room full of provisions at the disposal of South Durham residents.

Some of the grocery stuffs are being

used to feed people at the shelter but items are also available to South Durham residents at large.

"We even had clothes sent," said Côté, pointing to a corridor full of boxes. "But we haven't had a demand for them or a chance to sort it all through. We'll probably donate it to a 'Comptoir Familiale.'"

Those who congregated at the school on Tuesday evening had nothing but praise for the shelter.

"We come here for supper every night," said April, who's staying in her home with her husband and three children and appreciates the good food served at the shelter.

"The kids went through some culture shock at first, with no power to T.V., etcetera. They even got physically ill, but the meals here have perked them up a lot."

Power continues to light up Richmond area

By Cathy Watson
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Even though Richmond's electrical power was restored last Thursday and Monday marked the return of regular work days for local business and industry, several surrounding municipalities are still partially without power. These include Melbourne Township, Ulverton, Cleveland Township and St-Felix-de-Kingsey.

Other lucky municipalities to join Richmond on the restored list are Kingsbury and Melbourne Village.

There are 20 per cent of Cleveland Township residents still without electricity and the mayor and counsellors are keeping tabs on those still in the dark.

The municipality procured generators for some residents, including retired couple Mary and Murray Lockwood.

"The municipal council in Cleveland sent us candles and oil and a hot meal each day - we've been used good," said Murray Lockwood, who got his electricity restored last Thursday.

"When they saw we wanted to stay in our home - we had moved down into the basement near the wood stove - the provincial police brought us a generator and hooked it up," he added. "Everybody was so good to us. Our neighbors call and brought water. We want to thank everybody."

Melbourne Township still has approximately 100 residents without power. Secretary/treasurer John Barley reported that the municipality had prepared a shelter at St. Andrew's Church at the beginning of the power outage, which went unused as people went to the now-closed shelter at École Sacre-Coeur in Richmond.

"We also make door-to-door checks," said Barley. "There is a certain amount of frustration on the part of those without power, a sense of being neglected."

He also said wood was available, and a generator in cases of personal safety, where power is needed for oxygen or heating purposes.

Residents of St-Felix, where 50 per cent of the population is still without electricity, can go to a shelter at the village school for a hot meal or a warm bed. The crew at the shelter is currently serving about 100 meals a day and housing 20 people. The village of St-Felix has electricity at the moment, courtesy of Cascades in Kingsey Falls, but the supply is not a permanent one.

In the hamlet of Ulverton, the population is enjoying the kindness of people they've never met.

"I was very surprised and happy to see

how generous people are - it is in such a situation that we can see what people are really like. We received food and clothes from Chicoutimi, even from New Brunswick!" exclaimed municipal secretary France Côté.

Côté added that a shelter is still operating in the church beside the town hall for those who need a hot meal or a place to stay until the power returns.

"About 50 per cent of our population is still without power, but a little more comes back each day, one or two municipal roads," said Côté, who said the mayor and counsellors are on hand every day to help out at the shelter and check on the heat and food situation of residents.

Soon, all residents will have the chance to exclaim, like Murray Lockwood did, "It was a pretty good sight to see the lights come on!"

Surviving nature's whims

Being self-sufficient means preparation

As reports of Quebec's great ice storm reached the rest of Canada and the United States, many of us were flooded with calls from friends and loved ones checking on our safety. Everyone who called me was confident things would be near normal in my house even if the power stayed off for an extended period of time.

Most of my friends know I am a survivalist and ever since my first book was published this fall, *One World, One Family, Many Recipes*, I have been in the middle of writing my second book on surviving disasters that are triggered by sudden changes to our environment.

My phone also rang with calls from friends in some of the worse hit areas, like the South Shore and Montreal West, asking how to heat their homes safely, cook in a fireplace or on top of a wood stove and how they could keep food from spoiling.

Years ago when I was learning to become self-sufficient, it became a struggle to find information that would apply in an urban setting. Most survival books deal with the identification and preparation of wild plants, roots and berries that can be eaten when a person is lost in the woods for a few days.

Knowing what wild berries to eat or how to find an underground spring for fresh water is useless when the lights go out in an urban center in the dead of winter. We need to know the simple things that can be done to prepare ourselves, even in the limited space of a small apartment.

It takes a lot more time and energy to handle an emergency if you are not prepared. Simple things like where the sun rises should be considered when choosing an apartment or home.

When purchasing this small farmhouse, my first consideration was for the

living room and master bedroom to have large windows facing southeast, allowing the sun to do some of the heating during the daytime. I quickly tore out the dividing wall and created one huge room that is bright and warm from sunrise to sunset and installed my wood-burning stove in the center of the room facing the hallway, making it easier for the heat to circulate to the remaining rooms.

When facing an emergency in cold weather, crowd family, friends, pets and plants into the room with the auxiliary heat source. If you have no emergency heat, then go to a room on the south side, hopefully one that will heat up when the sun shines. Hang blankets or sheets over the doorway to keep the cold out and your heat in. At night, place pieces of cardboard in front of windows for added insulation.

There are many ways you can work with nature while living indoors, but one of the most important things to learn is keeping your food from going bad in an emergency.

I found it shocking that people were throwing away food after only two or three days without power. The normal temperature in a refrigerator is between 35°F and 40°F, the outside temperature was around 32°F. Frozen food could be wrapped in newspaper and set outside in a box, then covered with all those pesky ice chunks everyone was trying to get rid of. The food in your refrigerator would keep for days set on a 35°F porch.

One of my biggest requests when house hunting was that there be an enclosed porch on the north side of the house. In this perfect place, a freezer will run on less electricity, even in the summer, and make it much easier for you to save the food inside during a dis-

NATURE'S WAY

ANNA MAY KINNEY

aster.

In 1976, the year Hydro had a big strike and the power was off for almost a week, everyone was throwing out what was in their freezers by day two. It was 90°F outside and four days

later, when the power came back on at my home, everything was still frozen in my freezer.

It only takes a little planning and quick action. As soon as the power goes off, before you know the reason, take a large pile of newspapers and cover the top of your freezer about four inches thick, then take as many blankets and bedspreads you can spare and place them on top, making sure they drape over the sides of the freezer, and whatever you do, make sure the freezer is not opened until the power is back on.

The only time this rule should be broken is if the freezer is only half full, or the power is off for more than five days. The freezer can be opened to put in dry ice. The best solution is to run a generator once every couple of days.

When the power returns, if the meat in your freezer is thawed but still good, it can be cooked and refrozen. If you have a huge chest freezer that is full of meat, it may seem overwhelming at first. When facing large amounts of ground beef, fry it loose with a little salt and pepper and when cool put into plastic bags and freeze. It is now ready to add to many dishes like, spaghetti sauce, pizza and chili. Roasts can be cooked, then sliced before freezing.

You can fill your oven with different kinds and cuts of meat, cooking them at the same time will make the job go quickly - you do not want this meat sitting around another day. Most refrigerators are not large enough to accommodate cooking in bulk. Meat will

quickly cool to a safe temperature when set in an unheated, enclosed porch.

This last week, I have had so many inquiries on how to prepare meals on a wood stove not designed as a cook stove that I felt there must be many more people who could use a little information.

One of the problems faced was the shortage of firewood; this meant rationing and low fires. (It would be a good idea if you plan to depend on your wood stove or fireplace during a crisis to invest in a good supply of wood). Unless you have a wood heating stove with a special top designed to heat pots, it takes a long time to cook even with a high fire.

Use heavy, covered pots; stainless steel or cast iron will heat faster and hold its heat longer. A double boiler can be used to cook two things at once: While potatoes cook in the bottom, soup or water for tea can be heated in the top.

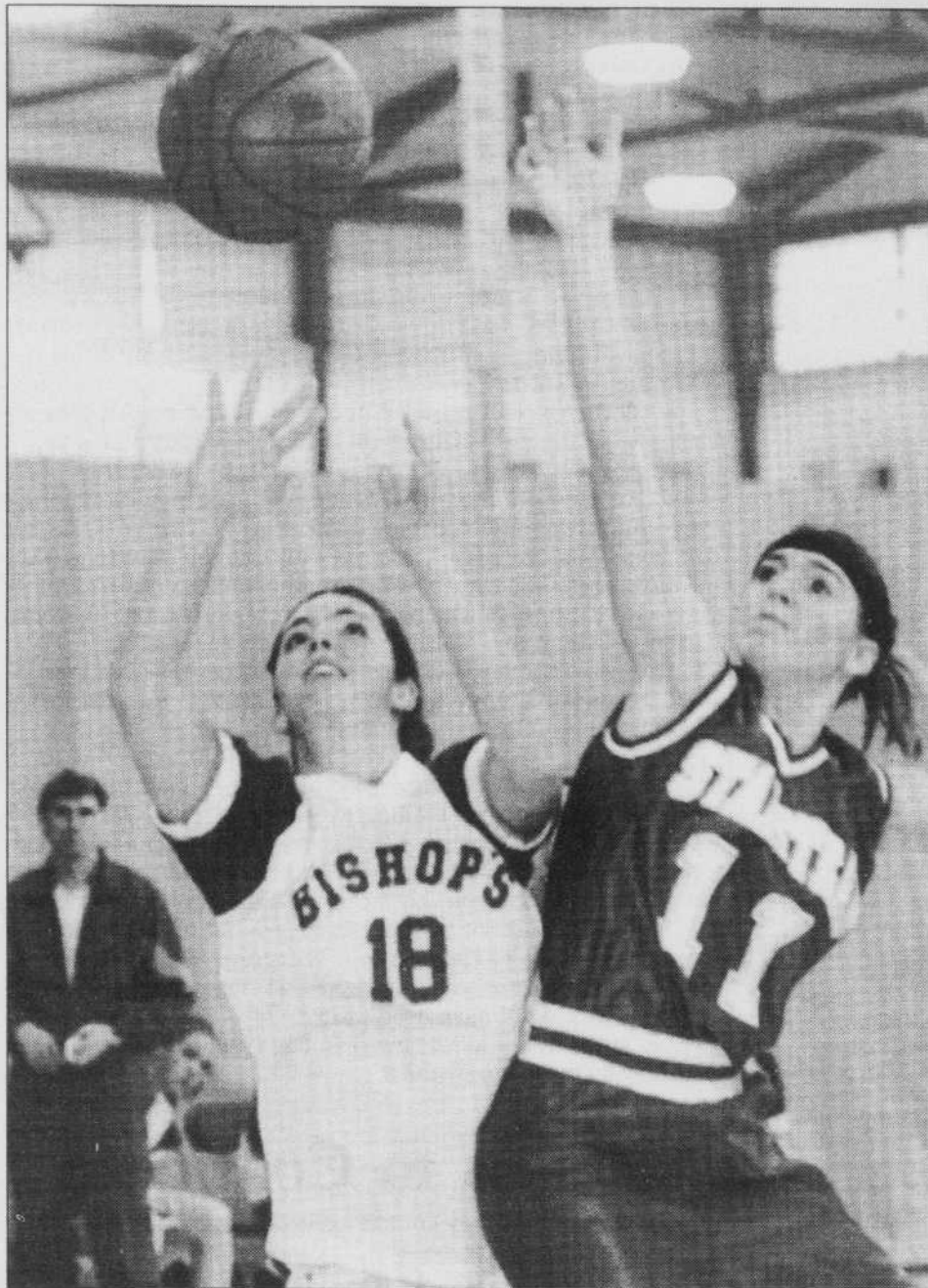
A large, covered skillet is perfect to prepare a pot roast or chicken with potatoes and vegetables. Set the meat in the middle, surround with vegetables that have been cut into chunks, add herbs, salt, pepper and two cups of water. Simmer until the meat is cooked and vegetables are tender; time will depend on how hot your stove is. If your stove is really hot, cook on the side - you do not want this dish to boil.

There is no way I can cover all emergency cooking techniques and recipes in this column. My survival book will have a detailed section on cooking on a wood stove and fireplace.

With most of the power back on, this is the perfect time to get ready for the next emergency. Do some experimenting with your auxiliary heat source and test out different recipes in various pots and pans. The next time the lights go out, your family could be warm and well-fed.

SPORTS

In boys' and girls' b-ball

BCS defeats Stanstead twice in one day

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The girls go for it.

By Christopher Martinez
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENNOXVILLE

Bishop's College School defeated Stanstead twice on Wednesday in both boys' and girls' basketball, evening a 10-1 hockey loss the previous night.

With each team playing for the first time in about a month, poor play and untimely shooting was evident in both games.

"Right now, our team is at about three-quarters speed," said BCS girls' coach Dave Turner. "Right now, with the way things are going, we are just trying to hold on for playoff time."

The first scoring in the girls' game did not come until the 5:42 mark of the first quarter, when Stanstead's Robin Mills connected on a lay up.

Both teams traded baskets for most

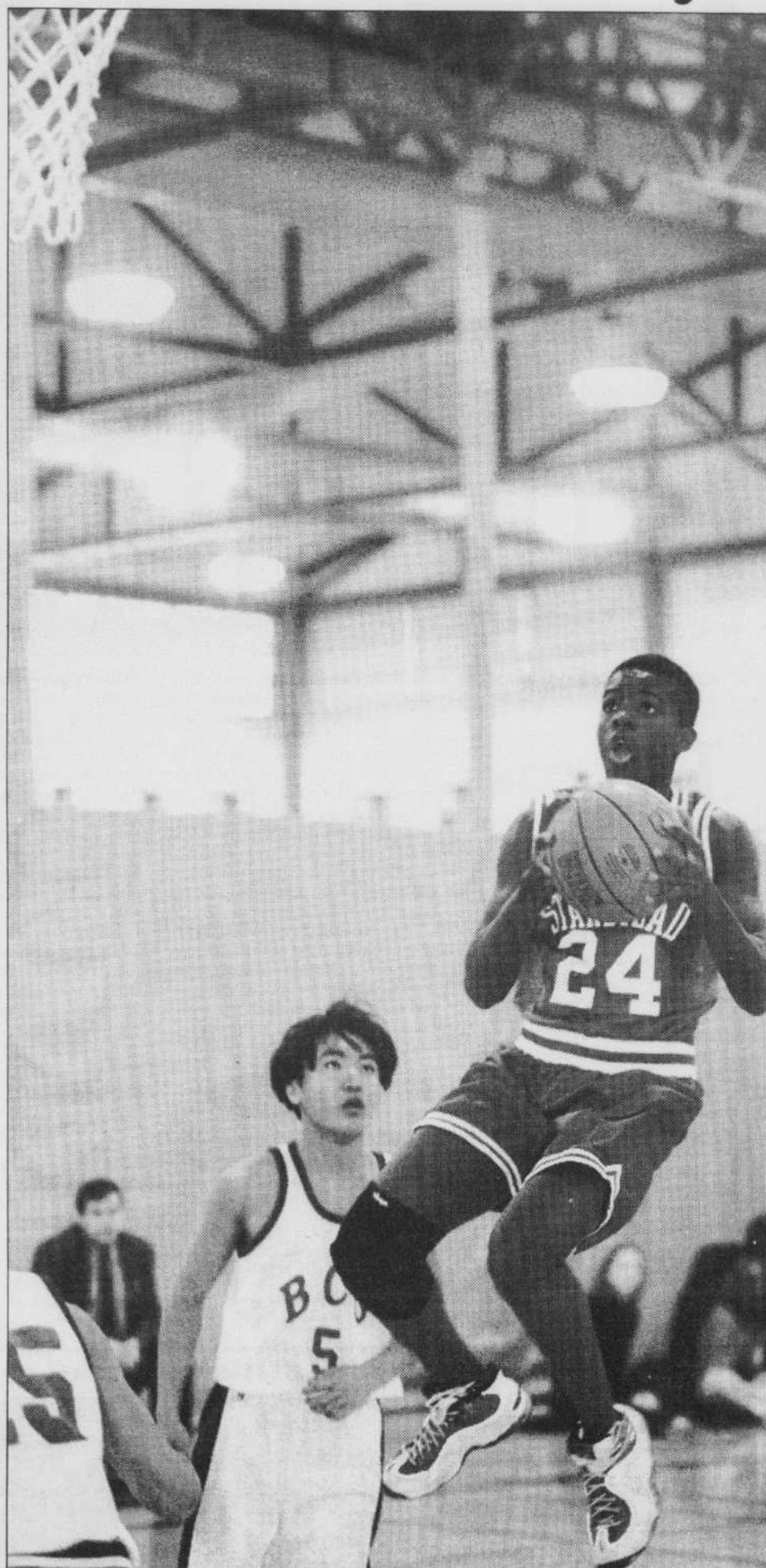
of the game, however the BCS Crusaders pulled ahead 28-27 in the fourth quarter to hold on for a 48-42 victory.

Mills and Joan Ocivecca each led their respective team's individual scoring with 13 points.

In the boys' game, three different players scored in double figures as BCS defeated Stanstead 61-48 in a game where the score looked better than the plays.

"We have a very young team and I think that it really showed," said Stanstead boys' coach Andre Simard. "I think if we just play within ourselves, we can be a good team. Sometimes what work you do in practice can really turn out to be a whole different picture on the court."

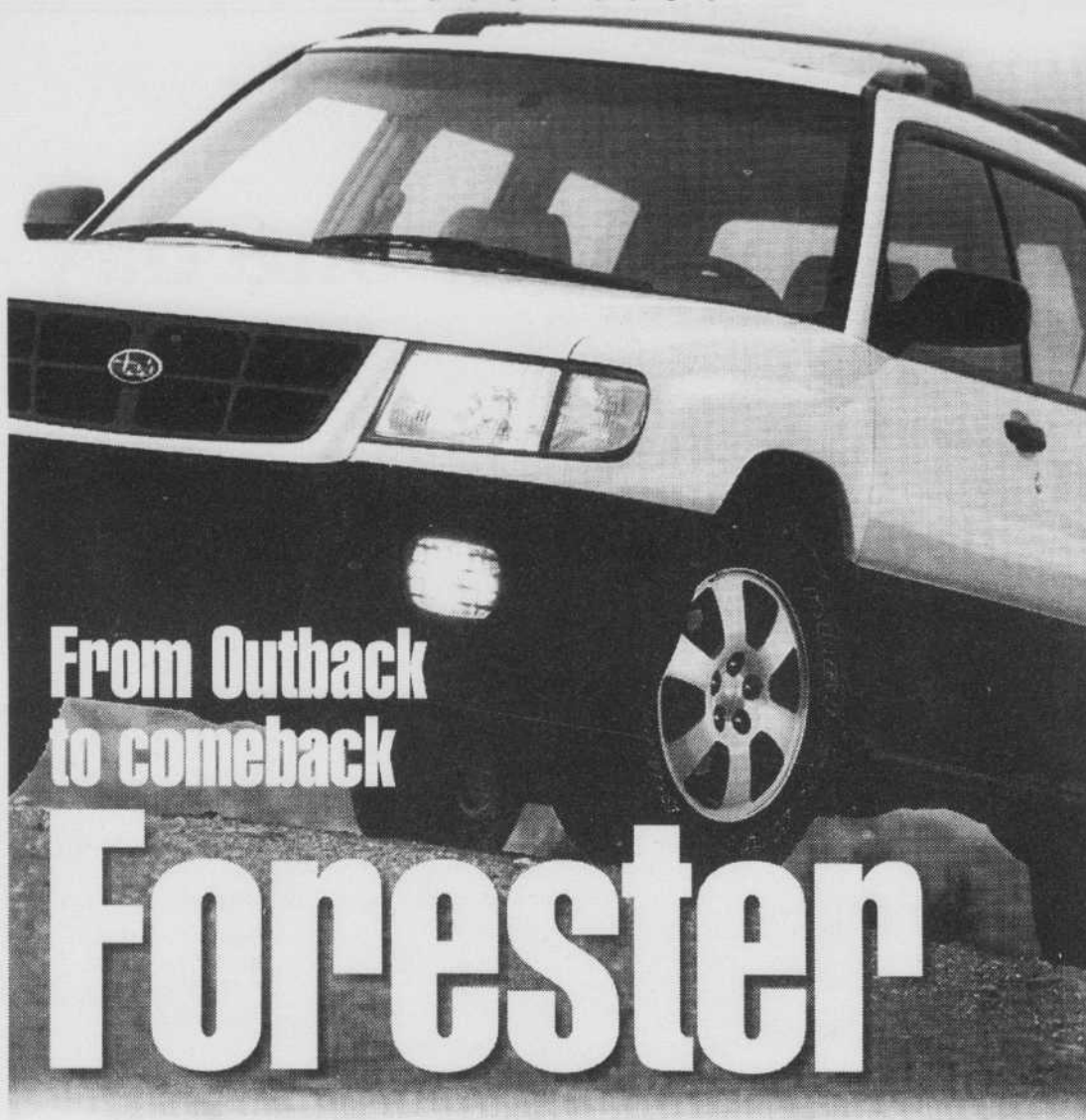
The two teams will meet again in one week at Stanstead College.



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

A Stanstead basketball player feels the air up there.

A u t o P i l o t



From Outback
to comeback

Forester

By MALCOLM GUNN
SPECIAL REPORT

For a car company, Subaru is flying high these days.

Not only has it scored big with the sensational Legacy-based Outback, followed by the junior-league Impreza-derived Outback Sport, but the company is about to grab another big chunk of multipurpose sport ute business with the fresh new Forester.

This boxy all-wheel drive (like all Subarus), go-anywhere machine comes complete with an oversized greenhouse, four big doors and a giant rear liftgate. The grinning grille grafted onto the front fascia looks borrowed from the Ford Explorer, but is also reminiscent of the gap-toothed Legacy Outback, as is the substantial side cladding that protects its outer flanks from both off-road as well as parking lot dangers.

Surprisingly, the Forester is based on the smaller Impreza platform, which has proven its worth as Subaru's chassis of choice in factory-sponsored World Team Rally events.

The Forester offers extremely

practical interior dimensions that its chief competitors, the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V can't match. Nor can they directly compete with the Forester's muscular (Legacy-based) powerplant, a 2.5-litre horizontally-opposed 16-valve four-cylinder 'boxer' engine that generates 165 horsepower, 45 more than the RAV4 and 39 greater than Honda's sport-ute offering. Transmission choices consist of a five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

The five-speed's all-wheel drive system directs most of the power to the rear wheels under normal driving conditions. Opt for the automatic, however, and 90 per cent of the Forester's power goes to the front wheels. Both systems are quick to

redirect power when slippage is detected.

Stripped-down, bargain-basement automobiles are simply not part of the Subaru equation these days. And the Forester is no exception. Base L models come equipped with heated power outside mirrors, power windows, AM/FM/cassette sound system, fog lamps, roof rack, ABS, power door locks, rear cargo tray and rear bumper cover. The top-of-the-heap Forester S adds goodies such as air conditioning, cruise control, four-wheel disc brakes, heated front seats, sporty 16-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry and a chrome grille.

Marketing for the Forester takes on the same character as the campaign for the other Subaru models: high-frequency TV commercials that feature 'Crocodile' Paul Hogan, his Nicole Kidman look-alike co-star and a cast of comical evil-doers. There's nothing funny, however, about the Forester. This very serious sport utility has a combination of square-jawed good looks, cavernous interior, gutsy power and all-terrain capability that help to round out Subaru's all-wheel-drive all-star lineup.

FLIGHT DATA

1998 Subaru Forester

- ★ Four-door all-wheel drive sport utility available in L and S models
- ★ 2.5-litre 16-valve four-cylinder engine, rated at 165 horsepower
- ★ Five-speed manual, or optional four-speed automatic transmission
- ★ Tall shape results in large-capacity cargo space
- ★ Powerful engine tops all competitors
- ★ Base price: \$26,700

THE RECORD

SPORTS

Faucons 5-game winning-streak ends

By Michael Innes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SHERBROOKE

It was supposed to be a showcase game. "Come see the Faucons eat up the Huskies," said the ad from the Sherbrooke Faucons. Too bad the marketing people forgot to let the players in on it. The faucons were eaten alive by the Huskies 9-1.

Even though the Faucons outshot the Huskies 36-24, Mike Ribeiro (1-3) and Pierre Dagenais (2-3) led the Huskies to the win. Frederic Brindamour started the game in the net for the Faucons but was replaced after giving up three goals on 11 shots in only 22 minutes of play. Dany Sabourin filled in for the rest of the game and was often times left alone against the Huskies attack. The Faucons were just not there for the game and suffered their first loss of the new year putting an end to their five-game winning streak.

Steve Vandal (2), Denis Boily (2), ex-Faucon Patrick Pelchat and Jimmy Verdure completed the scoring for the Huskies.

Jean-François Fortier was the only Faucon able to score. Faucons Head Coach Robert Mongrain met with his players for a long time after the game. "We were dominated in every aspect of the game," said Mongrain after the loss.

The Faucons play their next game on the road this Friday as they visit Quebec before returning home to face off against Hull at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Faucons General Manager Normand Dube made one final deal before Monday's trading deadline of noon. Team captain Eric Jenkins was sent to Chicoutimi in exchange for a third-round draft pick. The news did not come as a surprise to Jenkins whose name has been in trade rumors for weeks.

"I'm disappointed because I am leaving a good gang of players. I have been here for four years now," said Jenkins.

Meanwhile Dube said, "if we had not got Philippe Parent, Jenkins would not have been traded."

No more trades are allowed in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey league before June 6.

All-stars in Coaticook

Even junior hockey couldn't escape the ice crisis. Michel Gaudette, president of the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League, announced Tuesday that, "because of the ice storm the all-star game that was set to take place in St-Hyacinthe on the 31st has to be moved. . . . The stars of the league will meet on the 31st and it will be in Coaticook"

The announcement was made at a benefit dinner in front of 350-guests in Coaticook.

The game is moving to Coaticook as a result of Sylvain Nadeau's hard work. The Frontaliers front-office man offered to host the game that will see some of the best AAA talent in the province.

It's the second time in three years the Frontaliers will host the annual all-star game. The game is set for 3 p.m. with a skill competition just before the game.

The Frontaliers will be well represented at this year's game with six players and two coaches. Dany Beaulne, Dave Bolduc, Eric Arseneault, and Yvan Morin along with both goaltenders Marc Tanguay and Stephen Comtois were selected to the Sherwood Division team that will be led by Frontaliers coaches Pierre Cliche and Luc Boucher.

Meanwhile, the Frontaliers can be seen in regular season action this weekend with two home games. On Friday, the Frontaliers host Contrecoeur at 8 p.m. before hosting Montreal on Sunday. The Frontaliers first-round draft pick, Alexandre Landry should join the team soon after being cut from Chicoutimi in the Quebec Major Junior League.

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SPORTS

Wells nets a hat trick

Stanstead defeats BCS in hockey action

By Christopher Martinez
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENOXVILLE

John Wells recorded a hat trick and added three assists for a six-point evening as Stanstead College defeated Bishop's College School team 10-1, Tuesday night in Lennoxville.

Just one night earlier BCS lost its team leader, John Osborne who broke his right wrist during a practice.

"I think that this was just an after-

shock of the emotion that this team is feeling after losing one of their best players," said Mike McNamara, coach of Stanstead hockey team.

The Spartans scored three goals in the first ten minutes of the game before Jason Giroux scored the lone BCS goal, with the puck bouncing in front of the goalie, Giroux dumped it into the net, making it a 3-1 game.

Cameron Bonspiel then helped put his team in cruise-control, scoring at

13:16 of the period to make it a 4-1 game heading into the first intermission.

In the second, Wells scored three goals in 42 seconds for what is believed to be the fastest hat trick in Stanstead history, putting the Spartans up 7-1.

The Crusaders scored two more goals in the second including Bonspiel's second of the game at 10:12, giving Stanstead a 9-1 lead after two.

Bonspiel completed the scoring at

12:05 of the final period, giving him the hat trick and four points on the night.

Because of suspensions to six players and two others getting injured, Stanstead only dressed 14 players while Bishops only dressed 13.

"It was nice to get some of our younger players on the ice tonight," said McNamara. "They (the younger players) did not look like they were out of place and some of them even has a couple of points each."

Goodbye '97. Hello '98.

Jays' manager Tim Johnson makes his mark

By Tom Maloney
SOUTHAM NEWS
NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.

He hasn't made his first pitching change and already rotten luck seems to be cursing Tim Johnson's first year as manager of the Blue Jays.

His most dangerous hitter, Carlos Delgado, is out until June 1 due to shoulder surgery. One of his platoon catchers, Benito Santiago, suffered head, leg and back injuries by driving his Ferrari into a tree.

Woe are the Blue Jays.

So how does Johnson respond? With optimism relentless as the water rushing over Horseshoe Falls - and with challenges to his players.

"No question losing Delgado hurts," Johnson said, as the team's annual winter caravan made its first Eastern stop Wednesday. "We're going to mix-and-match. . . . You may see all three catchers in the lineup. . . . Everybody's going to have to step up."

He talks about replacing Delgado in the batting order's cleanup spot and in the field at first with free agent signee Mike Stanley, "one of the best clutch hitters in the game."

He let it be known that Jose Cruz will be moved to center field, changing places with Shannon Stewart. Stewart would prefer to remain in center, but he's entering his first full Major League season under a new manager. What can he say? "I'll play wherever they want me to play," the leadoff hitter says.

Johnson invites Cruz and Shawn Green to duel for the No. 3 spot in the

order this spring. Says Johnson: "You've got to be a stud to be the third hitter. I mean, you've got to have no fear."

He endorses signing free agent Jose Canseco, budget permitting, saying: "He's good for a team." He also loves to hit in the SkyDome, being one of three players to have reached the fifth deck with a homer.

He points to the quality of clubhouse leadership imported with the signing of Stanley and former Expos catcher Darin Fletcher.

And repeatedly during an interview at the Table Rock restaurant overlooking the Falls, he exploits the Delgado injury to emphasize what was already going to be the dominant theme of spring training - manufacturing runs.

"The offence is the No. 1 spot the organization has had," Johnson said. "We're going to create runs. I've had so many discussions with Sarge (hitting instructor Gary Matthews) about what our spring training is going to become. We're going to teach these young kids to have good at-bats. We've got some guys now who have an attitude. Now we're going to teach these younger players to have this attitude offensively."

Joe Carter set the me-first tone of spring training last year by refusing to be the designated hitter. Then-manager Cito Gaston endorsed his star's position, saying Carter had earned the right to call his own shots.

Good-bye '97.

Hello '98.

"When I was here (for inter-league play) with the Expos last year, this team was kind of lifeless," Fletcher said.

"That's no dig on anybody or anything." Just fact.

As a bench coach with Boston in '95, the team fighting for the AL East title, Johnson heard Roger Clemens tell his then-Red Sox teammates: "Why not us?"

That's Johnson's theme now.

Where Gaston had become surly and disinterested, Johnson is peppy and filled with ideas.

Where Gaston put Green into his doghouse repeatedly, Johnson says: "Many people tell me he's on the verge of becoming one of the game's next superstars."

Where Gaston allowed his hitters to flail away in a futile quest for stat-padding numbers, Johnson lets it be known that selfish hitting won't be tol-

erated.

"You have to drive the run in," Johnson said, repeating the words for effect. "I've had 12 of these guys in the minors or in winter ball. They know what kind of positive person I am. These younger guys are going to find out that my philosophy is to start believing you can win right away. Right now. We're not going to do it when the season starts. We're going to do it in spring training."

JAYS NOTES: First baseman/outfielder Phil Plantier, owner of the biggest upper cut in the game, signed a minor-league contract. . . . Stewart agreed to terms on a one-year deal. . . . GM Gord Ash has talked with the agents of Canseco and Geronimo Berroa.

Richmond to make up games

By Christopher Martinez
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LENOXVILLE

Richmond Regional High School officials announced that all teams, at all levels, will make up games that were lost due to the ice storm that kept the school closed for nearly three weeks.

With the plan, the school will play the rest of their schedule, while rescheduling games that were lost during the poor weather.

"This is a time where our athletes are going to have to step up both on the court and in the classroom," said Don Nixon, interim boys basketball coach.

Since teams cannot practice after school, due to a power limit within the area, they'll have to practice during their lunch breaks.

"The teams are taking the situation very well," said Nixon. "I just hope that we can play as well as we did right before we went on break."

Richmond will get back on the basketball court this weekend with games at the BCS tournament.



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KNOWLTON
The Brome County Historical Society presents the exhibit "Daily News From the Eastern Townships: 100 Years of The Sherbrooke Record," Mondays-Fridays, January 19 to February 27, 10 a.m. - noon, and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 130 Lakeside, (514) 243-6782.

STANBRIDGE EAST
St. James the Apostle ACW is hosting a card party in the Parish Hall on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and prizes. Admission charged.

LENNOXVILLE
The St. Francis Naturalists' Club will hold their annual meeting and have a program on Zimbabwe by the Herrings on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:45 p.m. at the CLSC. welcome to all for this special event.

SHERBROOKE
The Sherbrooke Hospital Retirees meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 2 p.m. in the Norton Lounge - this is the first for 1998.

Marie-Claire Fountaine will demonstrate cake decorating.

NORTH HATLEY
The 3rd annual Massawippi Storytelling Festival will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, January 25 in Stoddard Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church featuring the Townshippers Tellers and others. Free entry. Refreshments. For all ages.

EUSTIS
Card party at the Eustis Parish Hall on Friday, January 23, starting at 1:30 p.m. for the benefit of victims of the Ice Storm. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.

SHERBROOKE
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 280 Frontenac, Old Tyme Hymn Sing with Rev. Blake Walker at 3 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

WATERVILLE
Tentative dates for the following events to be held at the Waterville United Church. Luncheon and Bazaar Thursday, May 7. Rummage sale Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. Luncheon and Bazaar Thursday, November 5.

SHERBROOKE
All secretaries and office workers are invited to attend a workshop (in English) on Friday,

January 30. Theme: "True Colours", a look at personality/temperament types in the work place. Come celebrate the differences. Information 566-0250.

AYER'S CLIFF
The Common Ground Writer's Association - Evening of Reading, January 30, 8 p.m., Cliff House. Local writers Margie Brand, Marjory Bruhmuller, Jackie Hall, Brenda Hartwell, Laurie Labreque, Janice Laduc, Carolyn Rowell and Ann Scowcroft. Information 838-5961.

BROME
Hymn Sing at St. John's Church on Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. Led by Mrs. Edna Badger of Knowlton. Everyone welcome. Come and bring a friend.

EAST HEREFORD
All Saints' Church supper and card party Friday, January 23 at 5 p.m.

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$5.00 fee, \$8.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$11.00 for 3 publications. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$5.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Inverness Maxine McCrea 453-2346

Doreen Cox of Ottawa was a holiday visitor of her family in this area and a Christmas Eve guest of Karen Pomerleau.

Christmas dinner guests of Grace Cox were Dale, Carolyn, Marie, David and Doreen. Grace and Doreen had Christmas supper with Dale, Carolyn and family.

The Cox family visited Ruth Graham at the Wales Home, Richmond during the holidays.

Margaret Cruikshank travelled by train from Quebec to Toronto to spend the Christmas holidays with her son Bill and his wife Sharron at their home in Gormley, Ont. Daughter Caroline from Cali-

fornia also spent Christmas with her family there.

Glenn, Kym and April Robinson of Edmonton spent a few days visiting his parents, Bernard and Mildred, and brother David. They were also visitors at the Allan Robinson home.

Helen Lowry and Maxine McCrea visited their mothers at the Wales Home during the black-out period and were pleased to find everyone warm and well cared for in spite of the difficulties of having no hydro power. The Home has sheltered many extra folk for this period and all seemed calm and comfortable.

Eaton Corner Mrs. George Pinchin

Elva Glen was a guest of Joe and Sylvia McComb on Saturday, December 27th for supper. Barry and Cathy Shaugnessy, Kenny and Rebecca, of Ontario were also guests. Elva attended the Red Cross Dinner at the United Church on Wednesday.

Gary Richards, Johnstown, Ont., spent a week at the home of Chilston and Mildred Lowry. Kay Richards spent four days with them. Christmas dinner guests of the Lowrys were Bill

and Lynda Raymond, Crystal and Mark, of Lennoxville, Robert and Shirley-Ann McVetty, Kevin and Christopher. Chilston and Mildred were supper guests of Leslie McLeod's in Island Brook on Sunday night. Callers at the Lowry's were Christine Laduc and Terry Loyd. Chilston and Mildred were supper guests of Bill and Lynda Raymond on Friday night in Lennoxville.

Guests on Christmas Day of Hilton and Helen Gillespie were their daughter Mary, her husband Pete Sylvester and children of Bury.

Annie and Lloyd Hodge spent Christmas with Annie's daughter, Pat Harmer, Ken and family on Spring Road.

Oh Hush

Oh yes, I remember summer
And how I longed for
A nice cool breeze
But I guess then I didn't think

Of how it would feel
To remove from the yard
That foot of snow
When it was a muggy 90 degrees

I wonder today how
A nice cool fall of rain
Would have lessened my pain
While I was steaming atop
The climb up to Roundtop

Or trying to sleep
Through the long nights of heat
How welcome just for a day
A reminder of winter would be

How wishes and dreams
For all of us become real
All in due time
Our wishes are almost His command

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Of what even to yourself
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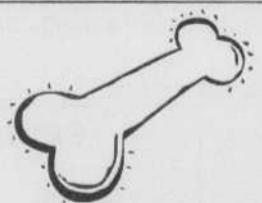
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NOEL-HARDING - On December 22, 1997 Carol and Mike Harding were blessed by the birth of their daughter Elise Marie Soleil weighing 4.1 lbs at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Proud grandparents are Norman and Rita Noel of Richmond, Rean and Rollande Harding of Roxton Pond. Thanks to all of our friends and family for their continuous support. The staff at R.V.H. and especially to Dr. Alice Benjamin for her compassion and help in making this miracle happen.

Cards of Thanks

DOYLE - Sincere thanks and appreciation to family and friends for visits, cards, gifts and flowers since my accident. Especially to nurses and staff for good care.

FLORENCE DOYLE

FOWLER - Many thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Hotel Dieu for the week I was there; for visits from Rev. Potter and friends; for delicious goodies, flowers, cards and phone calls since I got home, especially my family for their constant care. Wishing all a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely

ALTA FOWLER

In Memoriam

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Burns, who passed away on January 22, 1995 in Ottawa, formerly of Scotstown, Quebec.

Burns' life is a precious memory,
His passing is a silent grief.
He sleeps in God's beautiful garden,
In sunshine of perfect peace.
We miss him, oh so much,
But know that God knows best.
He let us have him many years
Then gently bade him rest.

Forever remembered by

JEAN (wife)

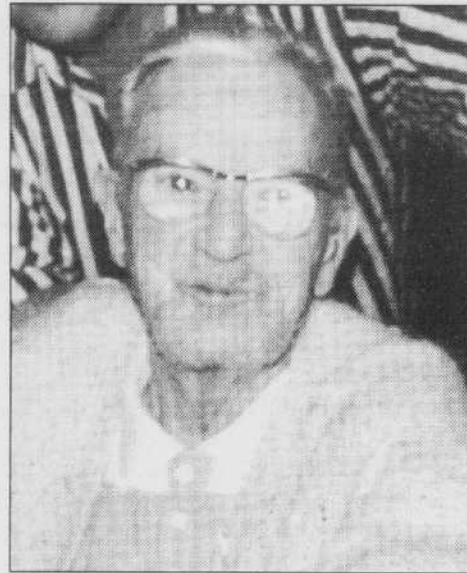
PARKER (son)

MARY & JEAN CLAUDE (daughter and son-in-law)

NANCY & SONIA (granddaughters)

Deaths

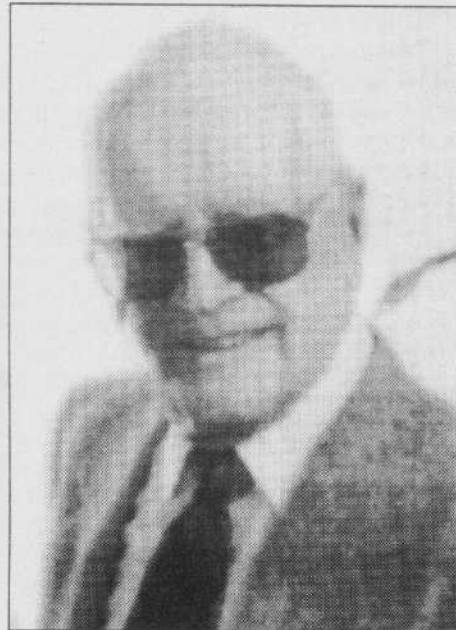
BURNS, John Robert Nicholas (Bob) - Suddenly in Knysna, South Africa on January 10, 1998, Mr. Bob Burns, resident of Surrey, B.C., and formerly of Richmond, Que., in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Joyce Hannan and dear father of Shawn and Daniel. Bob was predeceased by his parents, John Lawrence Burns and Anna Jane Bonner, and his brother Edward Patrick Burns. He leaves to mourn his brothers Alan and Joseph, along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale St. S., Richmond, Que., where friends may visit on Friday, January 23, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. A funeral service will be held at Ste. Bibiane Church, Richmond, on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 11 a.m. Interment in Ste. Bibiane's Cemetery.



CALDWELL, Gordon - At home on January 19, 1998 at the age of 93, Gordon Caldwell, husband of the late Gweneth Bateman of St-Edwidge. Survived by his children Gary (Aurélie Caldwell) of St-Edwidge, and Gay (John Fenton) of Kettleby, Ont., grandchildren Christopher Fenton of Tromso, Norway, Julie Fenton (Grant Crowe) of Toronto, Claire Caldwell of Montreal, Vincent Caldwell (Nathalie Thérien) of Ormstown, Que., Eric Caldwell of Sherbrooke, great-grandchildren Francois and Alexis Caldwell, and his sister, Nora Branson of Kingston, Ont. Resting at Centre Funéraire Coopératif, 284 Child St., Coaticook, Que. J1A 2B7, tel: 819-849-6688, fax: 819-849-3068, Jean-M. Couture, Dir. Visitation on Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Funeral service on Friday, January 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. in Hatley Church, followed by interment.

Deaths

CARLIN, Donald - At the Centre hospitalier d'Asbestos on January 21, 1998, Mr. Donald Carlin at the age of 74, husband of Renée Hamel of Asbestos. Resting at Résidences Funéraire Fréchette & Desrochers, 560 1st Ave., Asbestos, tel: (819) 879-2232, fax: (819) 879-6844, Noël Fréchette, Pres., Sylvie Fréchette, Dir. Visitation on Friday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Funeral service will be held on Friday, January 23, 1998 at 11 a.m. at St-Aimé Church, followed by interment.



CROMWELL, Stanley - At the CUSE, Fleurimont site, on January 18, 1998, Stanley Cromwell, at the age of 89, husband of the late Gladys Turnbull of Coaticook. Survived by his daughter Irène (Donald Brunelle) of Coaticook, his grandchildren, Dianne (Hal Newman) of Montreal, Nancy (Martin-Charles Plouffe) of Montreal, his brother, Edward Cromwell (Edna) of Kingston, Ont., his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Stanley Beerworth of Coaticook, John Turnbull of Coaticook, Harry Turnbull of Toronto and Elsie Turnbull of Toronto, as well as nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. Resting at Résidence funéraire Charron & fils inc., 228 Child St., Coaticook, Que., tel: 849-4141, fax: 849-4200, Claude Charron, Pres., Stéphane Charron, Dir. Visitation on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment at Mt. Forest Cemetery, Coaticook.

Deaths

GOULD, Gordon Lyle - Peacefully in Cowansville, Que., on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, Gordon Lyle Gould in his 73rd year, son of the late Percy and Ellen Gould. Loving father of Danny (Laureen), Percy (Jennifer) and Lynda. Cherished grandfather of Annie and Jacob. Survived by one brother, John and one sister, Joyce Needham. Visitation on Thursday, January 22, 1998 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, January 23, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. from the Denis Meunier Funeral Home and Chapel, 402 River St., Cowansville, Que., 514-266-6061. Funeral service from the Chapel on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. Funeral home will open at 9:30 a.m. on day of the funeral. Flowers accepted or donations to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital and Diabetes Association would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the family. Forms are available at the funeral home.

GUY, Luella Pearl Johnston - At the CUSE Fleurimont site, on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, Luella Johnston died. Dear mother of Audrey (Lawrence Allan), Phyllis (Keith Allan) and Linda (Donald Rothney). Grandmother of Kenneth (Linda Crawford), Charles and James Allan and Lynn Rothney, and great-grandmother of Meghan, Tracey and Kurtis Allan. Visitation at J.A. Savoie & Fils Funeral Home, 1086 Notre Dame N., Thetford Mines, on Thursday, January 22 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Prayers on Friday, January 23 at 1 p.m., followed by funeral service at Candlish United Church at 2 p.m. Interment at Riverside Memorial Cemetery. In her memory, donations may be made to Candlish United Church.

**Danville
Marlene Brown
839-2726**

Trinity United Church celebrated the birth of Jesus Christmas Eve with Rev. Jennings giving the message. Carols were sung interspersed with Bible readings. The choir rendered the anthem, "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow."

Craig Brown and Matthew Barlow lighted the Christ Candle.

The church was beautifully decorated for the Holy Season.

Christmas holiday guests of Marion Sutherland were Catherine and Jim Sutherland, as well as Francis Bernard, Richard St. Dizier and Eileen Wadleigh on Boxing Day.



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Solicitors should be careful about contacting new parents

Dear Ann Landers: I am 46 and look great — no gray hair, very few wrinkles and tons of energy. I am funny and have a lot of friends. I am also in love with a drug addict.

"Keith" is seven years younger than me and has a bleak future. He can't hold a job because cocaine keeps him up for days at a time, and then, he crashes. He doesn't go out with anyone but me, locks himself up in his house alone and is definitely paranoid.

I know Keith loves me, and it hurts both of us that he can't stop taking cocaine. When he is clean, Keith is the most caring, tender man I've ever known. I remember all the wonderful times we have had in the past, and I know things would be perfect between us if he would only stop using drugs.

Keith has increased his cocaine use to the point where he cannot go without it. He has tried to quit but without success. I refuse to have anything to do with him when he is using, which now goes on for months at a time.

I've been with Keith for seven years, and I can't take it anymore. I've tried Al-

Anon and spent thousands of dollars in therapy, but it's time to give up. I can no longer bear the pain of seeing Keith do this to himself. It breaks my heart. But I have finally realized that I cannot compete with the power of cocaine.

I hope my letter will help someone else. If you can offer any words of wisdom, I'd appreciate it, Ann. — Name Withheld in California

Dear California: Tell Keith as you go out the door that if he truly wants to rejoin the human race, he should call the national help lines at 1-800-DRUG-HELP (1-800-378-4435). (Write it out for him.) If he is willing to make an effort, I recommend for you both Co-Dependents Anonymous, P.O. Box 33577, Phoenix, Ariz. 85067-3577, and Nar-Anon Family Group, Box 2562, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. 90274.

Of course, Keith must be willing to go into rehab, or nothing will help him kick the habit. Good luck to you both.

Dear Ann Landers: It's happened



ANN LANDERS

again for the second time since I gave birth to a stillborn son in April. The first time, a woman called from a photo studio about a month after his birth, addressing me by my first name, congratulating me and asking to schedule a sitting for the baby's picture. When I told her we had lost our child, she expressed condolences and then immediately

tried to interest me in a portrait of myself and my husband. I hung up on her.

The very next day, I received a handwritten letter from a stranger in a neighboring town, along with various religious pamphlets on how to raise a child "the way God intends." The letter, once again addressing me by my first name, congratulated us on our new

baby boy and then went on about how wonderful April must have been with our new baby. I promptly wrote the man a note, informing him that our baby was born dead and April will always remind us of our heartache. I returned all his literature and suggested that he check more carefully before attempting to "enrich" the lives of new parents.

Ann, please warn solicitors to be careful about contacting new parents. Tell them to confirm the information before they mail any offers or make any phone calls. They could be reminding parents of a tragedy rather than a happy event. — Kettering, Ohio

Dear Ohio: Yours is not the first letter I have received on this subject. I doubt these insensitive hawkers will pay attention, so the only way for parents to protect themselves is to hang up the phone and tear up the mail immediately.

Community Christmas party enjoyed by all

INVERNESS

St. Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary met at the home of the President, Lorraine Learmonth on the evening of January 13th with eight members present.

Mildred Robinson led the devotions in the absence of the convener, Heather Wright.

The Community Christmas party sponsored by the Auxiliary and the Anglican Guild was much enjoyed by young and those not so young. Thanks to the Rev. Ross Davidson and the Rev. Rodney Clark who were in charge of entertainment, to Margaret Cruikshank, the pianist, to all who contributed to the refreshments and of course to Santa who arrived and delighted many.

All the conveners gave satisfactory annual reports.

Refreshments were served at several events during 1997 - the pot-luck supper prior to the congregational meeting in January; the Valentine's luncheon; a

noon lunch was served to the Grand Lodge sessions held in Kinnear's Mills in May; lunch following the Confirmation service in the Anglican Church in May; following the window dedication service in August and the Christmas party in December.

Christmas greetings and several thank you notes were read, some of which contained much appreciated donations. A donation of knitted articles was received from Mildred Learmonth.

Most of the members resumed their offices for the new year.

Plans were discussed to have a pot-luck supper prior to the congregational meeting on February 3rd. Also plans were made to hold a Valentine luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 14th in the I.O.O.F. Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone will be welcome!

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer and light refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Simple

What will we this time
Call the latest act of God
For the simple may yet
Turn their backs on our plans

And place not their trust
In the devisings of man
For we've ravaged the foot stool
Of the Most High

Beyond all repair I fear this time
By what can we our folly disguise
For our sins are forgiven
Time against time

Yet no one does say
That for they we must not pay

Yet better in this lifetime
Do many take comfort to say

And who truly is right
And who is wrong
For many good works
Have we also shown earth

But should we name it
A call to repent?
Too many would follow
And we're no judge after all
So let's call it all
El Nino
And let God do the rest

Steve Lamb
Sutton, Que.

Engagement announced



Raymond and Linda Belanger of Stanstead East are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Reay, to Malcolm Macleod, son of Roderick and Gwendolyn Macleod of Cherry River. A June wedding is being planned.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

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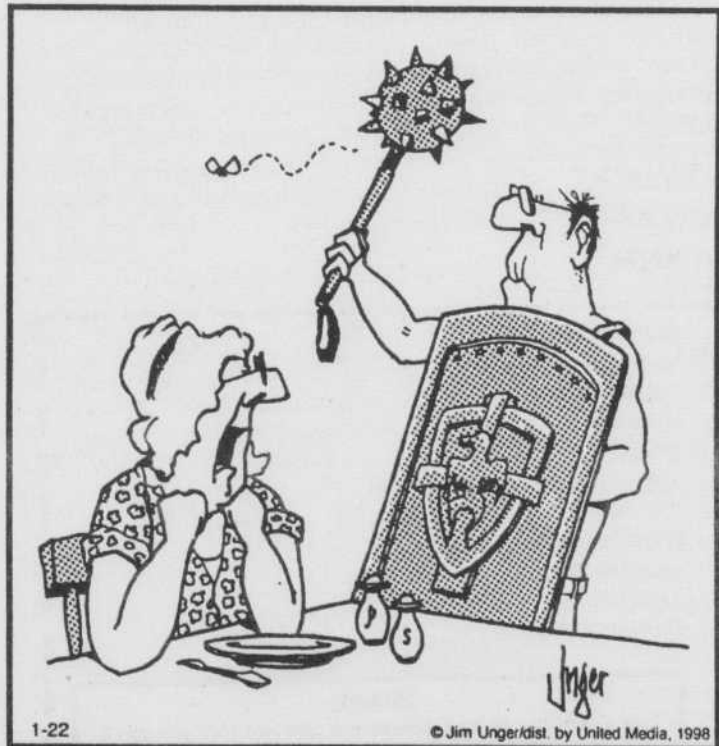
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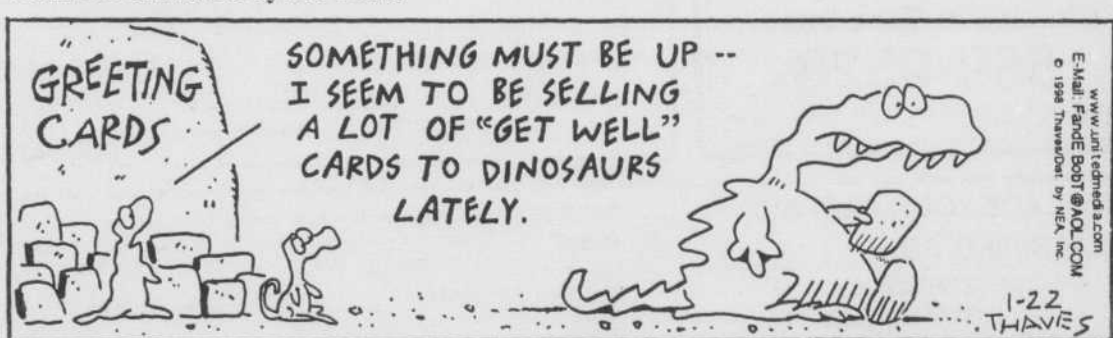
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Bulwer

Mrs. George Pinchin 875-5288

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary MacDonald were Ron and Jean Rublee, Sherbrooke, Shirley Rublee, Rosemary Rublee and Kathy, Aaron Nutbrown, all from Sherbrooke, Vanessa Jory of Lennoxville, Donald and Dawn Wright and Stephen of Inverness, Esther MacDonald, home from Manitoba where she is going to university. They were also celebrating of Mrs. Ron Rublee, Annette MacDonald and Stephen Wright. On Boxing Day they celebrated with Gary's sister, Susan Nutbrown and family in Huntingville. Debbie Kerr was a guest on Christmas Eve. Ellie and Susanne Millard, Compton, and Gary's brother, Donald MacDonald and son Jordan of Nepean, Ont., were supper guests on Saturday.

Scott and Jennifer Lowd, Brittany and Nathaniel, spent their Christmas holidays at the Lowd home and the Taylor home in Huntingville. On Boxing Day they were guests of Clifford and Geraldine Spaulding in Huntingville. On New Year's Day the Lowds were all guests of John and Sandra Klink, then they had supper at the Snow Shoe Club.

Mrs. Stella Mckee of the Taylor Home in Sawyerville spent two days at the home of Fred and Wilma McElravy, and Iona Davidson spent a day with her sister Wilma McElravy.

Murray and Barbara Ward were in Ottawa visiting their daughter Paula and family.

We are sorry to hear that Lambert Stanley was in the hospital for two weeks, and wish better health for him.

Sharon and Ed Laberee were Christmas Eve lunch guests of Marion Laberee in Lennoxville. During the afternoon, Joan and Tim Davis of Petawawa arrived to spend Christmas in Lennoxville.

Sharon and Ed were among the evening guests of Beverly and Russell Nutbrown following the Christmas Eve service at Bulwer United Church.

Betty Moore of Lennoxville joined Sharon and Ed Laberee at their home for New Year's Day.

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Women's Institute installs officers at annual meeting

LENNOXVILLE

The annual meeting of Lennoxville Women's Institute was held at Uplands on January 15, with Dorothy Wallace presiding, and opened with the Collect and Salute to the Flag. Ten members answered the roll call by payment of dues and one new member, Mrs. Donna Davis, was welcomed.

The minutes of the November and December meetings were read and approved after two corrections. The Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance on hand. Correspondence included Christmas greetings from sister branches, a thank you card for a contribution to a local nursing home, a letter of appreciation from the student who received the bursary we had presented at AGRHS. Two items of business from the minutes were looked after and we proceeded with the annual meeting.

Conveners and Committee heads gave interesting and complete reports on activities over the past year, after which the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed lunch prepared by the Ways and Means Committee and served by Gwen Parker and Marg. Williams.

Following the lunch break, the meeting reconvened and the President spoke briefly, thanking the members for their support and encouragement over the

past year. A vote of thanks was extended to her for her work during the year. She then called on the County President, Mrs. Jessie Pelchat, for the installation of the officers and conveners for the coming year, as follows: President, Miss Dorothy Wallace; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Irene Harrison; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret Williams; Secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Worster; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Williams. Conveners: Agriculture, Mrs. Thelma Picken; Canadian Industries, Mrs. Irene Harrison; Citizenship and Legislation, Mrs. Mary Campbell; Education and Cultural Affairs, Mrs. Muriel Brand; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Jessie Pelchat; Internation-

al Affairs, Mrs. May Povey.

The President then named the following to the various committees: Environment, Mrs. Donna Davis; Handicrafts, Mrs. Roberta Macmillan; Publicity, Mrs. Phyllis Worster; Safety, Mrs. Marjorie White; Sunshine, Mrs. Alice Planidin; Telephone, Mrs. Dorothy Geddes and Miss Margaret Kinkead; Ways and Means, Mrs. Gwen Parker, Mrs. Margaret Williams and Mrs. Muriel Brand.

In new business, the Sunshine convener will be preparing Valentine baskets for shut-in members and friends, as in the past. Our branch will be hosting the County Annual Meeting on Febru-

ary 10; the Ways and Means Committee discussed arrangements and food was solicited. Also, we plan to hold our March meeting at the Grace Christian Home and afternoon tea will be served to the residents.

After discussion, motions were made and approved that we give financial aid to relief projects following the recent ice storm. This aid to be given to projects in the Eastern Townships. Money to be given to the Sunshine Convener for expenses, and the County assessments to be paid.

This brought to a close an interesting and successful meeting.

Bulwer

Mrs. George Pinchin
875-5288

On a rather stormy Christmas Day morning, Sharon, Ed, and Sharon's mother, Betty Moore of Lennoxville, headed for the autoroute to spend the day with Chris Mastine of Toronto, and Elizabeth and Raymond Mastine of Greenfield Park at the home of Pamela, Michael and Allison Mastine of Pierrefonds.

On the Saturday following Christmas, Sharon and Ed joined other family members at the home of Betty Moore of Lennoxville. Betty's guests were Chris, Elizabeth and Raymond, Pamela,

Michael and Allison as well as Tim Mastine of Toronto.

On the Friday following New Year's Sharon and Ed Laberee were afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmartin and Joy of Stanstead.

Christmas guests of the Pinchins on Boxing Day were their daughter, Dorothy, of Ottawa; their son Douglas of Huntingville with daughter Julie, daughter Marjorie of Granby, and daughter Melissa of Lennoxville.

George and Marjory Pinchin attend-

ed the Golden Age Christmas Banquet at Sawyerville Community Center; also the Carry-On Gang's Christmas party at the home of Gerald and Catherine Lowd; the Golden Age Christmas supper at the Community Center in Bulwer. They also visited Justin and Jeanne Lowry at their new home in Sawyerville, and called on Marjory's sister, Annie Hodge and Lloyd in Eaton Corner.

Linda Nutbrown and friend of Toronto spent Christmas holidays with Linda's parents, Russell and Beverly Nutbrown.

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- 1 Spill the beans
- 5 Ciao on Lanai
- 10 Singer Falana
- 14 Othello's nemesis
- 15 Consumer advocate Ralph
- 16 Famous cookie man
- 17 American touring car
- 19 Lion's pride
- 20 Meese and McBain
- 21 Contender
- 22 Region in central Italy
- 24 Flip over
- 25 Bullets, briefly
- 26 Mongolian horde
- 29 Cheap ocean passage
- 33 Smells
- 34 Any time now
- 35 Goopy stuff
- 36 "Cheers" barfly
- 37 Railroad switch
- 38 Tortoise's rival

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- 39 Ms. Bombeck
- 40 Ripped
- 41 Scorch
- 42 Goes back in
- 44 Tightens
- 45 Rep. Gingrich
- 46 Jacob's third son
- 47 Stain on one's reputation
- 50 Male parent
- 51 Take in food
- 54 Tie with a rope
- 55 British luxury car
- 58 Dodge model of the 80s
- 59 Oar holder
- 60 Used to be
- 61 Second Greek letter
- 62 Planter
- 63 Adam's home
- 8 "And I Love ___"
- 9 Verbal warfare
- 10 Italian sports car
- 11 Actor Sharif
- 12 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 13 Sailing
- 18 Civil Rights martyr
- 23 Fr. woman's title
- 24 German two-seater car
- 25 Make right
- 26 Fluid for the copy machine
- 27 Worship
- 28 The Velvet Fog
- 29 Turns, as milk
- 30 King and Alda
- 31 Small canyon
- 32 Some rapiers
- 34 Diminutive
- 37 Rod and Payne
- 41 Break off
- 43 President pro

ACROSS

- 48 Gentle
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- 50 Dilatory
- 51 Some jacks are one?
- 52 Land measure
- 53 Adolescent
- 56 Exclamation of discovery

DOWN

- 57 Be in the red

Wednesday's Puzzle solved.

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By Frances Burton
Summerville, GA

1/22/98



Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998

In the year ahead, it will be pleasurable and easy for you to work with new acquaintances, though things might not run as smoothly where traditional partnerships are concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment might be questionable today regarding decisions that affect your career. Think your moves through carefully and don't yield to pressure. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Temper your schemes with a realistic prospective. Even though you might think in grandiose terms, small, critical details could be your nemesis.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be more protective of your possessions than usual today. If you're careless, a stranger might take a shine to something you're especially fond of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your judgment is reasonably good today pertaining to matters that affect you alone, but not when you try to extend your thinking to cover others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you may tend to count too much on people or on things you think you have coming to you. This unwise approach could lead to disappointment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not wear out your welcome today if you're invited to a friend's place. If you arrive early, try to be numbered among the first to leave.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you may have to rely upon may not be there when you need him or her. The moral of this story is to count on yourself and not others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you get involved in an intense debate with an adversary who feels as strongly about an issue as you do, things could get quite heated today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some pressure might be brought to bear on you today regarding an old obligation. If it isn't resolved satisfactorily, it could continue to fester.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Though you may solicit advice from others today, their input isn't likely to sway you and your might go about doing things as you initially intended.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It could be advantageous today to give credence to health matters. Do not overexert or overindulge yourself, especially with food or drink.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might have trouble managing youngsters today, but not nearly as much as you could have if you let outsiders instruct you on running the show.

Ron and Betty Haynes had their two daughters, Carol and Sandra, also grandson Michael with them on Christmas Day. They are from Pierrefonds and Toronto. They also attended a Haynes-Brown family reunion at Ron's brother Ross' home in St. Jean along with 32 other relatives.

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A defensive gem

By Phillip Alder

In each year, there are far more good declarer-plays than defenses. However, the latter, because they are so rare, tend to receive more publicity. But not always. I spotted this deal while reading through the bidding-and-play records from the final of last year's Spingold Knockout Teams. How would you expect the play to go in five diamonds?

In the other room, South was in five diamonds undoubled. West led his singleton club. East taking dummy's king with his ace and returning the two. Working out what was happening, Grant Baze (South) ruffed with the diamond king. Then he led the spade king. If West ducks (as he should), declarer gets home because the missing trumps are split 2-2. And when West took the trick, declarer won the spade return, drew trumps, and claimed 11 tricks via three spades, six diamonds and two clubs.

At this table, East's two no-trump showed a high-card heart raise.

After ruffing the heart ace in the dummy, declarer called for the club king. Marcin Lesniewski (East) won with the ace and switched to a trump.

This duped the declarer completely. He won with his jack, ruffed a heart in the dummy and discarded his final heart on the club queen. It's a pity there wasn't a photographer on hand to snap South's expression when West ruffed. Immediately, Marek Szymanowski (West) cashed the spade ace to defeat the contract.

Is it surprising that Baze, Lesniewski, Szymanowski and teammates Tipton Goliias, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski won the Spingold with play like that?

Stanbridge East

Thelma Rhicard
248-4168

Christmas guests of Clayton, Mary and Scott Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Ken MacNaughton, Amanda and Lisa of Gloucester, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Steven MacNaughton of Osgoode, Ont.

Craig and Ann Boomhower, Bijoux and Ella Gendreau, drove with Neil and I (in our new second-hand car) over to Georgia, Vt., where we were supper guests of Lois and Stan Webster.

The December Coffee House was well attended and the regulars supplied an evening of entertainment.

Neil was dragging snowmobile trails one morning when he came upon a red-tailed hawk eating a freshly killed animal. The bird tried in vain to lift off with it so Neil was able to identify the critter as a muskrat. It is so nice to have the red-polls back this year at the feeders.

Niki is shedding his winter coat which seems at an odd time to me but I suppose it's because he stays in at night. His neighbor dog - friend Dayna who is a short haired boxer has a red woollen coat she wears on bitter cold days. They play together continuously and Niki

usually ends up undressing her! The coat is lost under the snow at present.

The John and Neil Rhicard families' Christmas tree party was held at Annie Rhicard's home this year. Twenty five were there for the pot-luck supper and gift exchange. Ping-pong and cards were played and a good time was had by all.

The Georges and Paul Larocque families gathered at the Recreation Centre for their Christmas dinner. About 70 members were present to enjoy the meal and socialize.

Our Municipal Council has prepared the 1998 budget and they are trying to maintain S.E.'s quality of life but it is a difficult task when the greedy government (provincial) is demanding an additional \$20,049.00 be sent to them to eliminate "their" deficit.

The S.E. Fire Dept. New Year Eve's Dance at the Memorial Hall was a success. The Ridge Runner's Band supplied the music and refreshments were also enjoyed.

I wish all my readers a happy and healthy and prosperous new year.

Inverness

Maxine McCrea
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Ron, Cathy, Tiffany and Scott Kelso, Merrickville, Ont., and Andy Smith, Ottawa, were guests of Everett and Lorraine over the New Year's holiday weekend. While they were here Ray, Janet and Margaret Dempsey and Jim, Donna and girls were supper guests.

There was a Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's Church at 8 p.m. led by the minister Rev. Ross Davidson with Lise Fallott at the piano. The lighting of the Christmas candle was followed by carols, readings, reflections and special music by the choir. The service was well attended by members of the Pastoral Charge and visitors.

The McCrea and Pomerleau families were Christmas Eve guests of Melanie and Roland Pomerleau and girls.

Linda, Jean Claude and Philippe Bertrand of Aylmer spent the Christmas holiday weekend with Maxine McCrea. On Christmas Day they were joined by other members for brunch and gift opening.

During the Christmas weekend the McCrea and Côté families were luncheon guests of Francis and Elaine.

New Year's dinner guests of Maxine McCrea were Lincoln and Irene Egan, Eva Kelly and Ethel Campbell of Ste. Agathe and Charles, Ghislaine, Dany, Joey and Jenifer McCrea. In the afternoon Mark, Ann, Kyle and Ryan McCrea arrived from Ottawa to spend the holiday weekend. Callers included Allan and Jason McCrea, Francis, Elaine and Meghan Côté, Melanie and Karen Pomerleau.

A power failure over the weekend of Jan. 10-11, due to the severe ice storm further south, caused some moving about to find warmth and hot food with relatives and friends who were fortunate enough to have a wood burning stove or a generator. Those in the greater Ottawa-Hull and Montreal area were much less fortunate than we, and we wish them warmth and light in their homes very soon.

Knowlton

On December 21st, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gauvin of Crandall House hosted a pot-luck Christmas dinner for about 25 guests. Everything from chicken and biscuits, ham, salads, veggies and all sorts of delicious desserts, pies, squares, etc. appeared on the table in the community room at Crandall House for the guests. Those attending were Delbert and Wanetta Luce of Eaton's Corner, Howard, Sue, Sarah and Jeff Luce of

Sawyerville, Murray, Lucie and Christel Luce of Waterville, Andy, Faye, Jennifer, and April of Ives Hill, Greg and Maureen Gauvin of South Bolton, Clifford and Margaret Wright of Frost Village, Joyce Lachapelle of Orford Lake, Laurie Buzell, Neil, Krystal, Michael and Chris Lachapelle of Austin. Everyone had a great time visiting and catching up on the news, and of course eating the goodies.