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No takers yet as UN leadership deadline nears

QUEBEC (CP) — One month before a scheduled leadership convention — and with less than a week remaining until the nomination deadline — no one has officially expressed an interest in leading the Union Nationale.

Nevertheless, party insiders are refusing to throw in the towel, advising skeptics to look for last-minute surprises as efforts continue to pump life into what in earlier years would have been a major political event.

The convention is scheduled for Feb. 7 and 8 at a Montreal hotel, and is widely considered as the party's last chance to remain on the Quebec political map. The final day for filing nomination papers is Saturday.

In the 1976 general election the UN, which ruled the province for much of the 1940s and 50s under strongman Maurice Duplessis, and formed the government as late as 1970, won just 11 of the 110 seats in the Quebec national assembly.

Resignations and defections — including former leader Rodrigue Biron's bolt to the Parti Quebecois — have since left the party with only five sitting members.

Few people have publicly expressed interest in resurrecting the party which, between its creation in the 1930s and the death of Duplessis in 1959, was virtually the personal instrument of its founder, who once predicted his creation would die with him.

COURTS DRAPEAU

For months last year, the party courted Jean Drapeau for the leadership, but after lengthy hesitation the Montreal mayor politely declined.

Michel Le Moignan, a Roman Catholic priest who represents Gaspe riding in the assembly and is the current interim leader, says he will run for the permanent leadership, but he has yet to submit his nomination papers.

Fernard Grenier, who represented Megantic-Compton riding for the UN until resigning to run unsuccessfully as a Conservative in the February, 1980, federal election, is believed to be interested as well. Grenier lost a bid last November to regain his national assembly seat in a byelection.

Jean-Marc Beliveau, head of the provincial work standards board, has refused to comment on suggestions that he could seek the job.

If no candidate steps forward, delegates to the leadership convention will consider policy matters.

But party spokesmen insist there is no question of the UN closing up shop before it gets another crack at becoming a viable third option, between the Parti Quebecois and the Liberals, on the Quebec political scene.

Alimony bureau deluged

MONTREAL (CP) — The phones have been ringing off the hook at the Quebec justice department's new alimony skippers' investigation bureau.

Yves Tessier, chief of the Montreal office, said Monday his 12 investigators were "already swamped with work" on the service's first day of operations. "It looks like we're going to have all we can handle."

The service, established under Quebec's alimony act, passed last June, is free for persons having difficulty collecting alimony.

The collection offices in major urban centres throughout the province will try to track down reluctant spouses and are authorized to deduct money from pay cheques if necessary.

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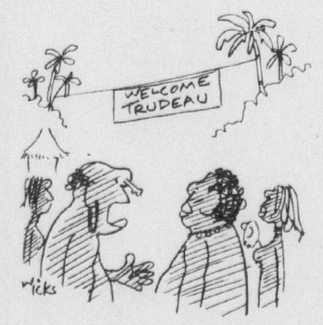
Although the reports on police activities and the environment weren't on the agenda, the Lennoxville Town Council discussed changes in agricultural land zoning and municipal taxes. Judith Kellock-Heward reports on Page 3.

LAFLEUR ON MEND

Canadiens' winger Guy Lafleur is under intensive observation for an eye injury sustained last week. Page 10.

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Russia is the originator of the "Teflon Treaty." Nothing sticks.



"I don't get it. If they don't like their leader why don't they eat him.?"



Record - Perry Beaton

In normal times, the bridge connecting Canaan, Vt., and West Stewartstown, N.H., is 30 feet or more above the Connecticut River. Extremely cold weather has blocked the river and now the villages and their bridge are threatened. The town office was the first victim of the rising water which cut off the building's heat and flooded it with this mixture of ice, water and heating oil.

Connecticut flooding threatens border towns

By CHARLES BURY

The twin northern New England villages of West Stewartstown, New Hampshire and Canaan, Vermont are threatened by the rising floodwaters of the Connecticut River.

A wall of pack ice almost 30 feet thick has come within three feet of the small bridge which is the only link between the two communities, situated only a mile south of the Canadian border, near Hereford, Quebec.

Civil defence officials and water resource management engineers from both states are working around the clock to slow the river's flow or divert it but by 9 p.m. last night, the water was still rising at a rate of about one inch per hour.

Heavy equipment was brought in to dig out ice the below the villages but the cause of the blockage remains a mystery. Engineers believe the river may have frozen solid during the present cold wave (temperatures of down to minus 40 celsius have been recorded in West Stewartstown this week), but villagers aren't so sure.

"I've never seen the water this high

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Farmers back foreign oil freeze

REGINA (CP)—Saskatchewan's major farm organizations unveiled a provocative study Monday night that calls for radical measures to end Canada's dependence on imported oil.

Rejecting the federal government's policy of having one basic national oil price, the study urged regional oil prices, with Eastern Canadians paying the highest prices because of their heavy use of imported oil.

With equal disregard for one of the most vehement provincial and oil-industry arguments, the maverick study also recommended rapid abolition of all exports of natural gas, heavy oil and liquid petroleum gases.

The recommendations, which are to be voted on this week at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, also urged comprehensive measures to encourage crop-based fuel supplements.

With United States oil production on the decline, biomass energy will become a significant alternative by the end of the century, says Indiana scientist, Wallace Tyner of Purdue University.

The biomass resource base includes a wide range of materials — grains, sugar crops, food and animal wastes, crop residues, wood, forest residues and municipal solid wastes, Tyner adds.

The total potential for biomass energy in the U.S. during the next 20 years is likely to range from between seven and 16 quads a year, which is nine to 20 per cent of the 1979 energy consumption in the country, he said.,

A quad is one quadrillion British thermal units or about the equivalent of 500,000 barrels of oil a day.

The study, prepared for the SFA by Norm Bray Consultants Inc., was partially financed by the Saskatchewan agriculture department.

ELIMINATE IMPORTS

Emphasizing the urgency of eliminating oil imports, the 60-page paper said Ottawa's subsidy to Eastern Canadian oil consumers is running at $3.5 billion a year and will reach $14 billion annually by 1990 without corrective action.

"If the oil is available, it will not be affordable without great financial instability in the nation," the paper said.

Calling on Ottawa to end both the imports and the subsidies the study declared:

"A national blended oil price achieves equal treatment for Canadian consumers at the unfair expense of Western Canadians. Such a policy erases the natural economic advantage of the West, vis-a-vis world agricultural producers, and provides an unfortunate incentive to Eastern consumers to use more imported oil."

CONDEMNS EXPORTS

Asserting that "short-run expediency has ruled Canada's enery policy," the study condemned recent federal approval of new natural gas exports:

"Natural gas is to be the key in our move away from imported oil, yet more and more is being authorized for export. . .

"It is not known that gas supplies can meet both the increased domestic demand and demand from the U.S.A. for more than perhaps 20 years, so it appears unwise to permit gas exports from Canada at any time. Natural gas reserves may become a lower-cost source of gasoline for Canadians than tar sands oil, the only other major petroleum reserve."

Mobs curse Ripper

LEEDS, England (AP) — Police guarded the wife of truck driver Peter Sutcliffe at a secret hideaway today, protecting her from the mob that howled "kill the bastard" when her husband was indicted for the last of the 13 Yorkshire Ripper killings.

Police officials said, Czechborn Sonia Sutcliffe, 30, was put in protective custody after more than 1,000 men, women and children screamed curses and obscenities at her husband when he made a brief appearance Monday in magistrates' court in the nearby mill town of Dewsbury.

Mrs. Sutcliffe and her father also came in for a barrage of abuse when they arrived at the court escorted by detectives. Police said she had been questioned as a material witness, but they did not expect any charges would be filed against her.

The police were careful not to formally identify Sutcliffe, 35, as the Yorkshire Ripper, the mass murderer blamed for the savage slaying of 13 women in northern England in the last five years.

But a general relaxation of fear and tension in the Yorkshire and Lancashire cities the killer terrorized indicates the public believes the biggest manhunt in British police history is over.

"Almost like the old days," said the manager of a tavern in the red light area of Leeds. "We've not seen so many girls about for ages."

"It's incredible how the atmosphere has changed," said a prostitute in Manchester's sleazy Moss Side quarter. "I don't have to keep looking over my shoulder all the time."

Sutcliffe was charged before three magistrates Monday with the murder of Leeds University student Jacqueline Hill, who was described by police after her death last Nov. 17 as the Ripper's 13th victim.

Partner fights for life

1,200 cops mourn slain officer

HUNTSVILLE, Ont. (CP) — More than 1,200 uniformed police officers from across North America gathered Monday to pay tribute to Richard Verdecchia, an Ontario Provincial Police constable slain in a shooting spree early Friday.

Verdecchia, 35, originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was one victim of the two-hour spree that left a Burks Falls, Ont., service station attendant dead and another OPP officer wounded.

Constable Neil Hurtubise, 45, now in stable condition in an Orillia hospital, was shot five times when he left his cruiser to question two occupants of a car that had been speeding.

The two officers were travelling separately and it is believed that Verdecchia was also making a roadside check when he was shot.

Verdecchia, a 10-year veteran of the force who was married and had a 1½-year-old daughter, was found dead in a snowbank about seven hours after being shot. His revolver was stolen and his cruiser parked in a nearby laneway.

Walter Traschel, president of the OPP Association, said the police officers' organization will demand two-man cruiser patrols and bullet-proof vests during contract negotiations this spring. The current contract expires March 31.

Joseph Schoenberger, 17, and Gary George Fitzgerald, 18, both of Windsor, Ont., have been charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder in the shooting of the officers, second-degree murder in the attendant's death, possession of stolen property and robbery.

The two appear in provincial court Jan. 12.

Trudeau still mired in Lech snowbank

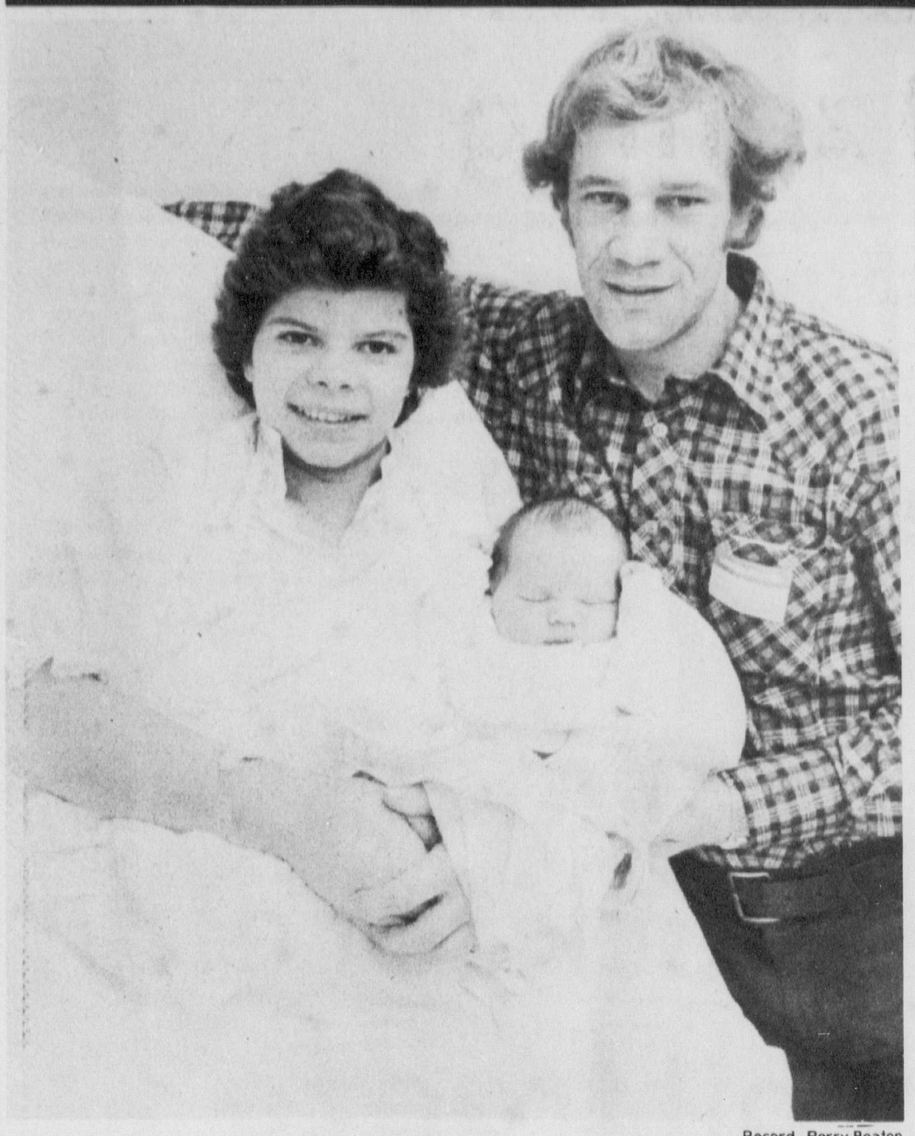
SALZBURG, Austria (CP) — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was snowbound again today at a remote ski chalet southwest of here, but Canadian officials were still hopeful he may be able to complete part of his Austrian schedule before flying to Algeria.

More snow overnight has kept the roads closed to Lech, where the prime minister has been staying, and the weather in the mountains has prevented a helicopter from getting in.

Trudeau arrived in Lech accompanied only by RCMP Inspector George Carter, who quipped that he is thinking of taking out Austrian citizenship.

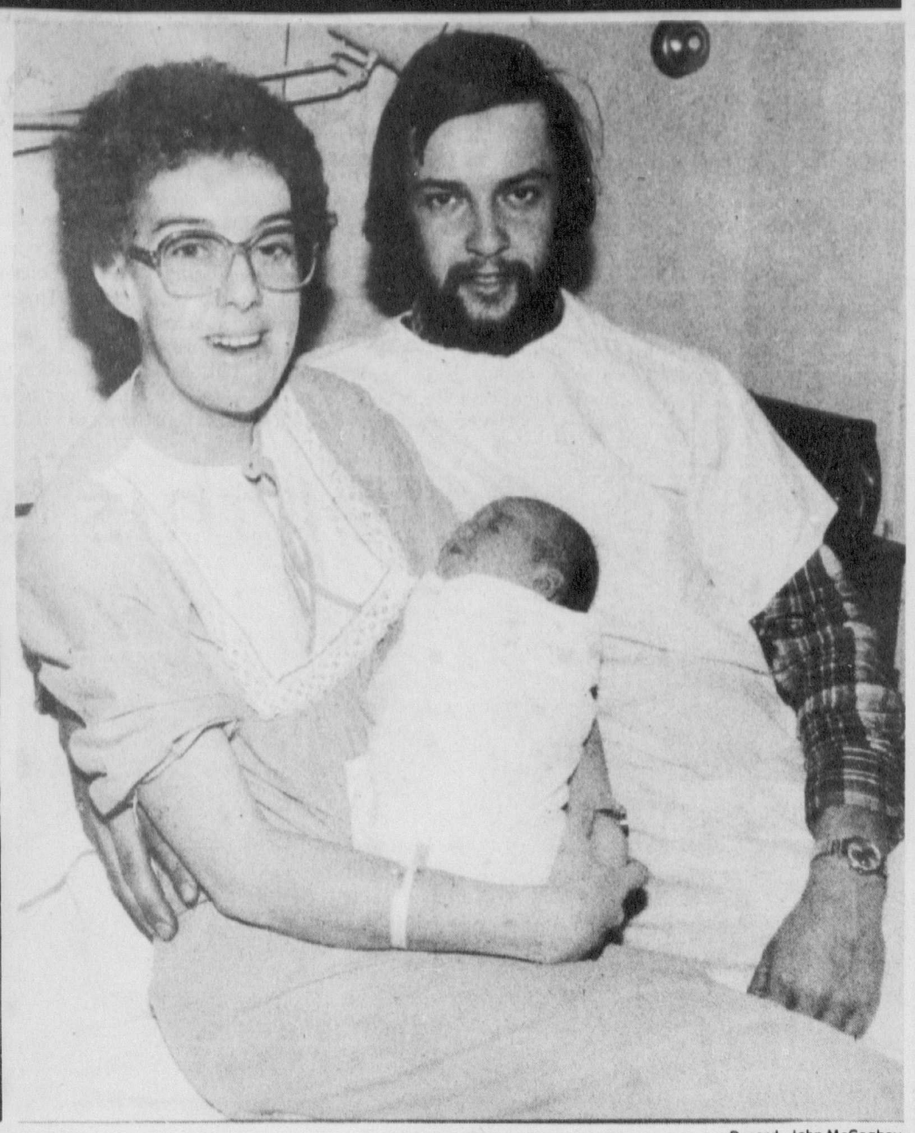
The prime minister was to have met Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in Bad Hofgastein Monday, but the snow prevented him from leaving Lech. The two men were to have concluded their talks today, and Trudeau was then to fly on to Algiers.

Townships babies welcome 1981



Record - Perry Beaton

Peter William Dings, one of the first babies born to a Record subscriber, came into a snowy world at 4:33 a.m. Friday, January 2. Father, William Dings and mother Kathy Dings formerly of North Hatley, now living in Ste. Christine, are both doing well, according to Peter.



Record - John McCaghey

Amy Heather Chapman was the first baby of the year at the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital. The seven-pound 14.5 oz. daughter of Cowansville's Keith and Heather Chapman was delivered by Dr. Allan Pavalanis at 3:51 a.m. on January 1. Amy has an older brother, Ian, who was born on May 25, 1978.

Volunteers of BBS feted

STANSTEAD (IH) — Tuesday afternoon, December 30, the volunteers of the Boundary Benevolent Services were guests of the Board between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Home in Stanstead.

The object was for the Board to meet the volunteers and enjoy refreshments and conversation and to show appreciation to the volunteer men and women who are supporting the program.

The refreshments of wines, fruit punch, cheeses and bread were arranged by Mrs. Douglas Cass. A long table with a Christmas red lace cover was centered with several white candles circling a gold on green Christmas tree, candles in hand-made holders enhanced the remaining tables. Sylvain Groleau presided at the punch bowl and to pour the wines.

The volunteers were welcomed by co-ordinator Mrs. Lorette Vaillancourt and her assisting husband, Gerry. Richard Groleau, President of the Board and others joined to welcome everyone.

The Services has been in operation since October and has proven a great asset to the communities. It started off with a CLSC grant and volunteers drive their cars with travel companions to hospitals and medical personnel in Magog and Sherbrooke.

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Deaths

AVERILL, D. Roy — At the Montreal General Hospital on January 3, 1981 in his 79th year, beloved husband of Rica Whitcher and the late Anna Desroches, dear father of Margaret and grandfather of Jean, Paul, Louise, Helene and Lynne Dumoulin, brother of Malcolm. Resting at Drummond Funeral Home, 31 Drummond St., Granby. Funeral service Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. at Granby United Church. Interment Pinewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Quebec Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

GAGE-BELISLE, Angela — Tragically on Jan. 2, 1981, mother of Selena, Travis and Trevor, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gage, sister of Colin, Brian, Rosemary and Floyd, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gage, predeceased by brother Barry. Funeral service at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 from Stanbridge East United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Gage-Belisle Memorial Fund, Stanbridge East United Church, Que. J0J-2H0.

ROYEA, Earl James — At the BMP Hospital, Cowansville, on Sunday, Jan. 4, 1981, Earl James Royea, in his 80th year, beloved husband of Goldie June Dougall, dear brother of Pearl (Mrs. H. Webster) of Fitch Bay, also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Desourdy-Wilson Funeral Homes, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, on Tues. and Wed. from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Funeral service from the Chapel on Thurs., Jan. 8 at 2 p.m., thence to the Riverside Cemetery vault for spring interment. Donations sent to the Welcome Encampment No. 9, c/o Harry Redmile, 135 Redmile Road, Cowansville, Que., would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged. Oddfellows Service on Wed. evening at 8:30 p.m. Regalia.

SHIRLEY, Florence — Entered into rest at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Sun., Jan. 4, 1981, Florence, beloved wife of Samuel Shirley of Montreal, daughter of Mrs. Curtis Joyce of Sherbrooke and the late Curtis Joyce, sister of Lester of Perth, Ont., and Gordon of Bishopton. Remains resting at Wilson's Funeral Home, Verdun, where funeral service and committal service will be held on Tues., Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Grace United Church Cemetery, Brookbury. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Crawford Park United Church Memorial Fund.

Settle land rights before patriation—natives

OTTAWA (CP) — An elderly Indian woman wearing a brightly-colored kerchief knotted and unknotted a red bandanna in her fist Monday night as she sat before Parliament's constitution committee and spoke in Algonquian of her love of nature.

Lina Nottaway and about a dozen other Algonquins had come 200 kilometres from the Abitibi region of northwestern Quebec to ask MPs and senators to ensure that a new constitution protects their traditional lifestyle of hunting and fishing.

In a mixture of English, French and native languages, the Algonquins spoke, often haltingly, of the animals in the forest, of canoeing down rivers and of lands given them by God.

Unlike nine other native groups which have appeared before the committee since November, the Algonquins did not come armed with lawyers and technical briefs. Their approach was more philosophical than legalistic.

"All we want is respect for our way of life," said Solomon Wawatie. "You have your people and we have our people and we can reach agreement on the life of our children and the future of our land."

Gaining control of land is one of the central issues native groups want settled before the constitution is brought to Canada from Britain. Control of land is linked to the ability to preserve a traditional lifestyle and to divorce natives from dependence on white society.

TRUDEAU SAYS LATER

However, Prime Minister Trudeau says issues such as native land claims and native rights will not be discussed until after the constitution is patriated. The only mention of natives in his constitutional proposals is one paragraph saying they will lose none of their existing rights.

Because of Trudeau's stand, the ability of native groups to convince the constitution committee to give them any concessions is questionable - a feeling expressed by some opposition MPs.

Warren Allmand, a Liberal MP and former Indian affairs minister, said he is still "hopeful the government will come foreward with some proposals recognizing aboriginal rights."

Allmand has attended many of the committee hearings although he was denied membership on the committee after criticizing some of the government's constitutional proposals.

Despite the apparent fruitlessness of the appearances by native groups, the committee is giving them a police hearing even when the language used by the natives is less than friendly.

INDIANS 'CRUCIFIED'

Using words strange to hear from the mouth of a nine-year-old, Pamela Kistabish, a daughter of an Algonquin chief, told the committee that Canadians of European origin "had crucified" Indian people. It was time to make amends.

"When we (Indians) were the majority, we accepted you," Pamela said in French. "Now that you are the majority, you reject us."

The Union of Ontario Indians, the group following the Algonquin Council, made many of the same pleas, but from a more legalistic point of view.

They began their presentation with a prayer. Some dried, fragrant sweet grass was lit and placed on the table to burn as the hearing progressed.

The union asked for the right of Indian self-government and the right to control the education of their children.

Representatives of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, the Indian Association of Alberta and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians also appeared before the committee Monday night.

The committee will have heard from 16 native groups before beginning next week clause-by-clause study of Trudeau's proposals for constitutional reform.

Weather

Mainly cloudy today with light intermittent snow flurries beginning in the morning. Snow will become heavier during the evening for a total accumulation of between 15 and 20 cm. Wednesday, the snow will change to snow showers later in the day with moderate winds at times. Temperatures will be decreasing by Wednesday evening. High today and Wednesday, -8, low tonight, -12.

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News in brief

43 drilling rigs leave Canada

CALGARY (CP) — Forty-three drilling rigs have left Canada since the federal government released its energy program and a further 174 rigs are out of service, the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors said Monday.

The association, which represents the drilling and servicing industry in Canada, released the figures in the second of a series of reports intended to show the effects of the Oct. 28 national energy program on the Canadian economy.

Vesco considers political asylum

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Bahamian officials say they're considering a request for political asylum from fugitive financier Robert Vesco, who has returned to Nassau after spending a week on another Bahamian island.

Vesco, 45, has been ordered to leave the Bahamas, off Florida's southeast coast, by Jan. 14. But his lawyer says he will press appeals for asylum.

Titan II missiles safe — ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — An air force team has concluded that the Titan II missiles are basically safe, but can be made safer, congressional sources said Monday.

At the same time, a review group set up after one of the giant missiles exploded in an Arkansas silo last September recommended measures to improve maintenance procedures and enhance safety in handling volatile liquid propellants, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Carter in the dark over hostages

WASHINGTON (AP) — With only two weeks left in office, the Carter administration finds itself deprived of its direct link to the top U.S. diplomat in Iran and in the dark as to the whereabouts of any of the 52 American hostages.

The administration's slim hopes for a breakthrough centred on the daily meetings Algerian intermediaries have been holding with Iranian officials on the latest U.S. proposals.

Auto Pact conditions relaxed

OAKVILLE, Ont. (CP) — The federal government has relaxed some conditions of the CanadaU.S. Auto Pact for Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd., allowing the company to recall 1,300 of 2,000 laid-off employees at its plant here.

In exchange, Ford has agreed to convert the plant in this city west of Toronto to production of a new generation of fuel-efficient, compact cars by 1983.

No damages for victims' families

CHICAGO (AP) — A U.S. federal appeals court has ruled that the estates of the 273 people killed in the worst air disaster in U.S. history — the May, 1979, crash of an American Airlines DC-10 in Chicago — are ineligible to collect punitive damages.

The decision of the three-judge committee of 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals could save McDonnell Douglas Corp., manufacturer of the jetliner, and American Airlines, the owner, millions of dollars in law suits.

Knife attack unrelated to deaths

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Police say an incident in which a black man fended off a white man with a knife does not appear related to the deaths of eight black men in the area in recent months.

William King, 27, told police he fought off a white assailant who lunged at him with a knife Monday. King was not hurt.

Chrysler, feds talk finances

OTTAWA (CP) — Chrysler Canada Ltd. has talked to the federal government about possible steps to deal with the auto maker's deteriorating financial position, Industry Minister Herb Gray confirmed Monday.

Senior executives from Chrysler Canada and its Detroit-based parent, on the verge of bankruptcy, met the minister last month, but made no specific proposals for relief, Gray said.

Explosion lights up Michigan

LAINGSBURG, Mich. (AP) — An underground natural gas pipeline that had been leaking for an hour exploded and burst into flames Monday night, lighting up the central Michigan sky, authorities said. There were no injuries.

Roads had been blocked off and residents of about a dozen homes had been evacuated before the explosion shook the sparsely-populated area near Laingsburg, 24 kilometres north of Lansing.

Deaths

Warrensburg, Mo. — Louis Fette, 73, former right-handed pitcher who led baseball's National League in shutouts in 1937 and 1939, Saturday.

Welland, Ont. — Donald MacNeill, 64, former president of the Ontario Medical Association, Saturday.

Train 37 hours behind schedule

MONTREAL (CP) — A bleary-eyed bunch of passengers stumbled off Via Rail's Ocean Limited at Central Station at 9:40 p.m. EST Monday, 37 hours behind schedule due to a freight train derailment at the Quebec-New Brunswick border.

The train left Halifax early Saturday afternoon and should have arrived in Montreal 20 hours later — 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

Cars need TLC — Pope

VATICAN CITY (Reuter) — Pope John Paul has declared that a car deserves the same loving care as the human soul. During a visit Monday to the Vatican's private garage, he told the Holy See's 40 drivers: "Your profession as chauffeurs should remind you continually that we are all on the road, heading at high speed toward eternity. It should teach you that a car, to work well, should be looked after with constant and loving care just like our soul, immortal and redeemed by Christ, along the road to salvation."

Venus wins novel award

NEW YORK (AP) — The Transit of Venus, Shirley Hazzard's love story set in contemporary times, was chosen the most distinguished novel of 1980 Monday by the U.S. National Book Critics Circle.

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Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Morrison were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ord, Arthur Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Broadhurst of Montreal and Cathy Morrison of Lennoxville.

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Lenn council mulls Bill 90 zoning

By JUDITH KELLOCK-HEWARD

LENNOXVILLE — Town Council met last night for the first time in 1981, but neither mail delivery to senior citizens nor the December 1980 Quebec Police Commission report on the town's force made it onto the agenda.

The good news was a cheque for $286,843 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for 90 per cent of the 1980 compensation on schools, the balance to be paid on completion of 1980 financial statements.

The three-year capital expenditure program is under study and is expected to be approved by next meeting. By-laws cannot be ministry-approved until presentation of the plan.

As Fairview bridge has been the cause of a number of fatalities the town is requesting Hydro-Quebec to maintain the lights at the bridge and up the $5.85 monthly fee.

Over council objections registered last November 3 Bell Canada hiked telephone rates in Cookshire a whacking 30 per cent.

Eight calls for the fire department from Ascot and 20 from Lennoxville made up the year's total. Three fires were recorded in December.

Lennoxville's service tax for water, garbage and sewers has risen this year from $180 to $200, up 7.7 per cent, but the town still must compute how many gallons of water it is producing and the cost of production.

The Bill 90 zoning is not yet final. Jean-Luc Henault of the Commission for the Protection of Agricultural Land had presented an earlier counter proposal to Lennoxville town planner Jean-Marc Nadeau. Henault recommends a portion of land owned by Bishop's University remain green, while the town is pushing for a change to allow for university expansion. The Herring farm, zoned green by the town, had been changed to white by the government plan, to designate soil improper for agriculture. Council has zoned lots 163, 164, 165 white on its provisory map.

'I've never seen the water this high in 30 years'

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in the 30 years I've lived here," said Bernard Daley, 53, owner with his wife and son of Solomon's Store, adjacent to the river and only a few feet from the bridge. "But I'm not sure it's frozen right through."

"The river rises every spring," Daley said, "but never in the middle of the winter. And the highest I've ever seen it even in the spring was about four feet below where it is right now."

West Stewartstown's municipal building, across the road from the store, has over three feet of water in the basement selectmen's (council) chamber. The wooden building is without heat and town records have been moved upstairs to the tiny West Stewartstown Public Library, where librarian Mrs. Norma Burns worked yesterday in boots and overcoat. (The 2000 volume library has an acquisitions budget of only $25 a year, but is widely used by high school students and other villagers).

"My mother-in-law says it was like this in 1944, and they had to evacuate some streets," said Mrs. Burns.

"The town softball field is under about four feet of water, and that never happens, even in the spring," said Bruce Daley, 25. "The ice is within about a foot of the foundation of the store, where the freezers are." The riverbed is full of ice and the water has no place to go."

The villagers biggest fear is a sudden thaw. "If it gets warm all of a sudden, we'll be in big trouble," said Daley. "If it starts to rain, the water will come up a lot faster and we'll be washed right out."

Although officials and villagers are unsure of the reason for the flooding, the most common theory is that "anchor ice," large chunks of floating ice which snag along the shores, the riverbed and the solid ice covering the river, are being drawn under the surface and narrowing the gap through which the water travels, backing up the flow. As the river chokes, the water must find another path downstream.

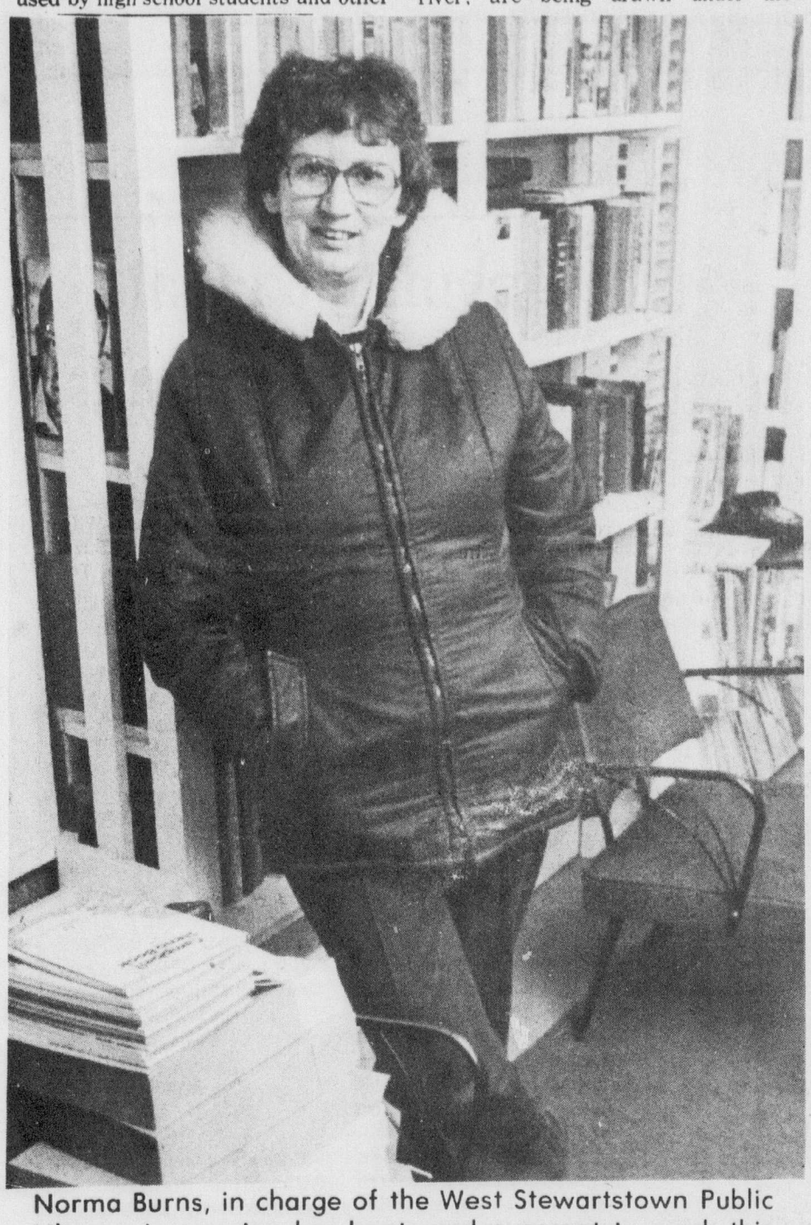
Some of the water is simply backing up and lifting the ice around the bridge. The rest has found a path through the meadows that surround the two villages.

Dams upstream near Pittsburg, New Hampshire, which control the levels of the three Connecticut Lakes, have been closed as much as possible to reduce the volume of water descending on the villages, but there are many smaller tributary streams between Pittsburg and the Canaan-West Stewartstown bridge which cannot be controlled.

Canaan and West Stewartstown, each with about 500 residents, are dependent on mixed and dairy farming and logging activities. The two communities have a mixed French-and-English-speaking population. They were previously best known for the busy smuggling route that ended there during the prohibition days, connecting the towns with Coaticook and Hereford, Quebec.

The Connecticut River has its source in northern New Hampshire, near Chartierville, Quebec, and empties into the Atlantic Ocean at Mystic, Connecticut on Long Island Sound. It forms the border between Vermont and New Hampshire.

The bridge between the two villages is a popular fishing spot in summer, when the water is some 30 feet below its present level.

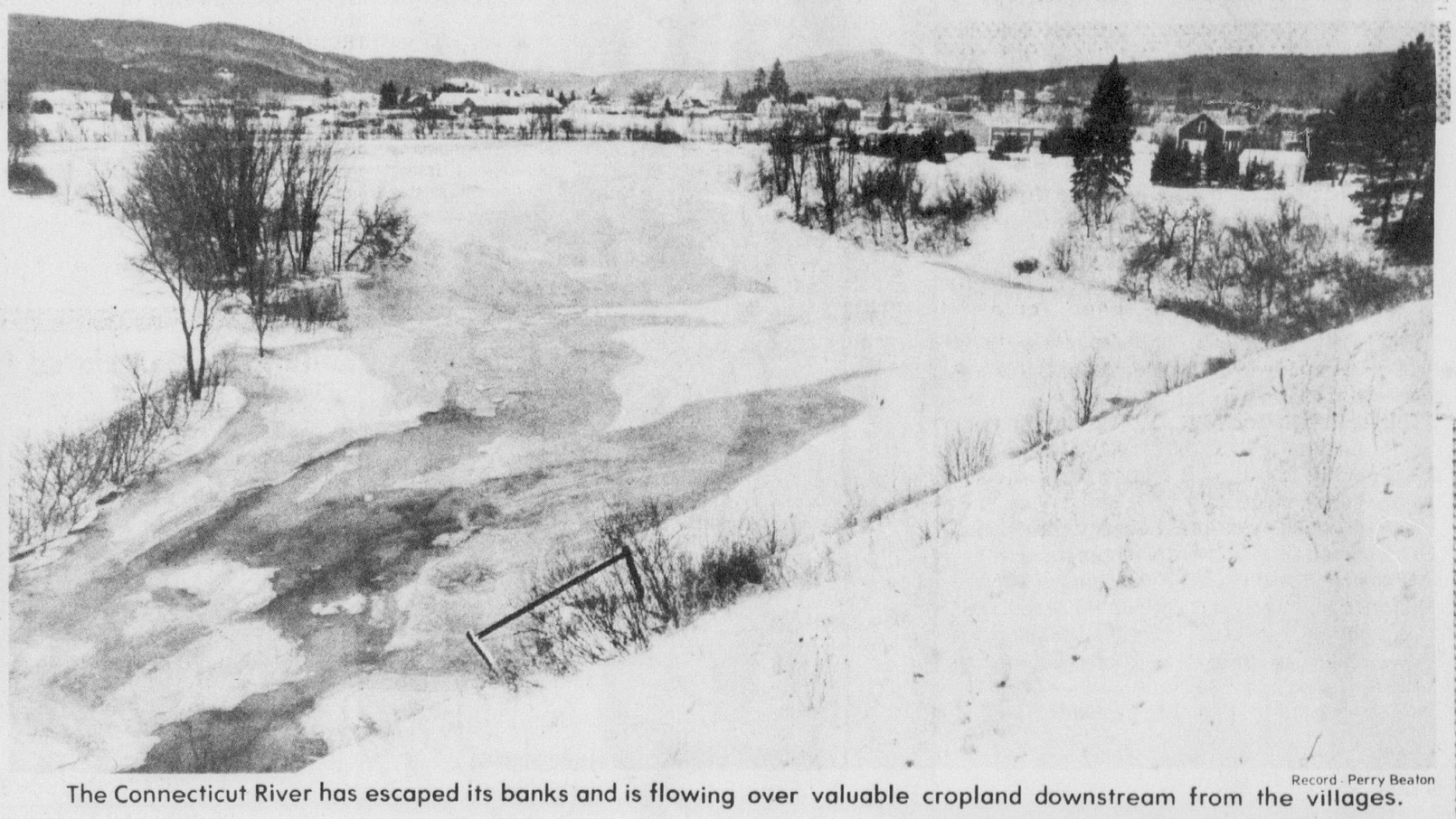


Norma Burns, in charge of the West Stewartstown Public Library, is wearing her boots and overcoat to work this week. The Selectmen's Chamber downstairs has been flooded, cutting off the heat, but she doesn't think the library is in danger.



Record - Perry Beaton

Several dams above the bridge at Canaan, and West Stewartstown, N.H., have been closed as much as possible to help control the floodwaters.



Record - Perry Beaton

The Connecticut River has escaped its banks and is flowing over valuable cropland downstream from the villages.

Townships talk

FLEURIMONT — A young mother and her month-and-a-half-old son are in critical condition at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire after they were pulled from their burning home on Duplessis Road yesterday morning.

Mrs. France Dallaire, 22, and her son Patrick were rescued by a neighbor and her husband, returning from a garage with the family car. Both were given immediate mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and the mother's condition is said to be stable despite numerous burns. However a hospital spokesman said the child's condition was worsening.

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WINDSOR — Results of the inquiry into the derailment of a Via Rail passenger train and a CN freight the night of December 31 to January 1 won't be known for at least two weeks, a spokesman for Via Rail said yesterday.

The freight sideswiped the last three cars of the Atlantic Limited, tearing up the track for 300 feet and causing several thousand dollars damage, but no injuries.

Human error or mechanical breakdown is the suspected cause of the accident, the fifth derailment in the Townships in the last month.

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SHERBROOKE (ME) — Fundraising is underway this week for the first-ever Quebec Special Olympics Winter Games, to be held in Lennoxville in late February.

Canvassers will visit businesses in Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Magog, Cowansville and other Townships communities in their quest for $10,000. The money will help finance the games which bring together the top mentally retarded athletes in the province. Events will include, cross-country and alpine skiing, snowshoeing, broomball and speed skating.

If the fundraising goal is achieved, organizers will be able to eliminate an impending athletes' registration fee.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Members of the CSN chapter of Vilas Furniture have been convened to a special general meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall at 7:30 p.m., on January 7. The meeting was called by chapter president Jean-Claude Belanger following a motion presented on December 17 requesting de-certification. Fifty-one per cent of the total membership must express their approval to attain de-certification.

The 240 employees of the local plant were locked out when they returned from their annual vacation of July 28. The Bank of Montreal and the Canadian Mercantile bank had foreclosed claiming Canada's oldest manufacture of solid rock maple furniture could not meet their financial commitments. The banks placed the assets of the company at $7.4million. Vilas also operated plants in Ville St. Leonard and Thurso. The Thurso operation has since been purchased by Les Meubles Redisson who also acquired the company's trade name.

It is anticipated if the members ratify and approve de-certification, this plant could be operational as early as February 1981.

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OTTAWA (AR) — All retail food scales in major Canadian cities will begin to convert to the metric system on January 1, 1982.

The federal government confirmed its commitment to the policy that a single coherent measurement system based on metric units should be used for all measurement purposes required under legislation, and be generally accepted for all measurement purposes.

The further delay of one year, allows ample notice to the industry and will permit the public to become more familiar with the metric system.

SWEETSBURG WARD (JM) — A Great Lakes sailor was drydocked for a two month refit here recently. James John MacLeod, of St. Catharines, Ont., who earlier pleaded guilty to a charge of theft to a 1980 Corvette in the Ontario city, was handed two months by Judge Gerard Normandin. Crown attorney Pierre Gibeau modified his earlier demand of one year's imprisonment and asked for six months, citing the prior record of the accused on charges of joy-riding, theft and fraud. "Furthermore he is currently wanted by authorities in Ontario on additional charges," he said.

"It was a prolonged case of joyriding and there is no apparent damage to the vehicle," Claude Hamann said prior to requesting the clemency of the court.

"You can't sail the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes at this time of the year," said Judge Normandin.

"We normally sail until mid-January and they're supposed to open it up to year-round shipping," the accused replied with more than a trace of a Cape Breton accent.

"You've been held for one month so I'll give you a chance," the judge said, "Two months from today."

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Card parties at the Army and Navy Hut will be cancelled until further notice due to renovations.

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Editorial

Deep freeze

The weekend's arctic cold should have brought one fact painfully home to all of us — without lots and lots of imported fossil fuels, our climate is cold enough to destroy our happy-go-lucky lifestyle.

Find a hill overlooking any town and watch the hot vapors condensing above the rooftops, most of it the byproduct of oil furnaces. Walk along main street and count the vehicles with their engines idling. That's called waste.

Wood isn't the answer the way we're burning it without replanting; when a trucker can drive a load of maple to New York City and get $2 a log, something's got to give. Our forests are giving and getting nothing in return. India was once covered with forest but several thousand years of human habitation saw to that.

A report to be voted on during this week's annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture suggests the only way Canada can throw off its expensive and fatal addiction to foreign oil is to embark on a massive program to set regional oil prices, abolish all energy imports and begin production of crop-based fuel supplements — gasohol, wood chips, methane from manure, to name a few.

The rationale is that Easterners are the most heavily subsidized of Canadian oil consumers and that they should pay for the privilege, a concept which finds considerable popularity out West. But it isn't a wise position to take in light of the current federal-provincial standoff. In ensuring Canada's continued dependence on foreign oil, our Prime Minister is gambling that he can outlast the premiers in a game of bluff with two outcomes. Either the federal government takes over control of all energy resources in this country, sets common prices and standard policies, or the victorious provinces will be able to do whatever they want at each other's expense.

Over the weekend, Hydro-Quebec was forced to buy electricity from Ontario to meet domestic demand.

Under its version of a national energy policy, the federal government would handle the bookkeeping on all such transactions, involving oil, gas or electricity.

Canada needs a national energy policy. But we also need immediate development of alternate energy sources and a lessening of our dependence on capricious foreign oil producers. It is another aspect of the constitutional debate — that we may even freeze before it's solved.

JAMES DUFF

Kissinger rides comeback trail

WASHINGTON (CP) — Too controversial to be named secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, nonetheless, is working hard to carve out a key advisory role for himself in the incoming Reagan administration.

The publicity surrounding the "private" Mideast trip that Kissinger started last Saturday, with the approval of President-elect Ronald Reagan, is only the first sign of Kissinger's resurgent influence on the management of U.S. foreign affairs.

The two-week whirlwind tour, reminiscent of the "shuttle diplomacy" he once practiced for former presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, brings Kissinger together with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, as well as senior officials in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Oman and possibly Jordan.

Spokesmen for Kissinger stress the trip was arranged months ago and is not a government mission, but it is proceeding with the full knowledge of secretary of state-designate Alexander Haig and other members of the Reagan camp.

DURABLE CAREER

Kissinger's gradually growing clout with Reagan is typical of his resilient career. Picked as secretary of state in 1973, he survived the Nixon years relatively unscathed, and went on to serve in the same capacity under Gerald Ford until 1977, when the Republicans were put out of power by the victorious Democrats.

The mutual wooing between Kissinger and Reagan officials, who sought advantage from the prestige Kissinger commands yet as a high-paid lecturer and consultant, were evident as long ago as last July at the Republicans' presidential nominating convention in Detroit.

"We all now turn to Ronald Reagan as the trustee of our hopes," Kissinger said at the conclusion of a convention speech that denounced foreign policy under the administration of President Carter. The remark was instantly interpreted as evidence Kissinger wanted to be secretary of state once more, but he indignantly insisted "I'm not here as a jobseeker."

Following closed meetings with Reagan in Detroit, Kissinger said he found their views "compatible" on a wide range of international issues and added he felt Reagan would behave "responsibly and fruitfully" if elected president. The Reagan campaign strategists were pleased because they felt Kissinger helped offset a Democratic effort to picture Reagan as dangerously inexperienced for a presidential candidate.

CONTROVERSY LINGERS

Throughout the period after Reagan won the Nov. 4 presidential election and worked on his cabinet choices, Kissinger's name was included in speculation about the next secretary of state. But his unpopularity among conservatives, who consider him the architect of a policy of detente with the Soviet Union, and among liberals suspicious about his role during the Vietnam War, was widely credited with keeping him out of the first rank of choices.

Still, Kissinger had a chance to push the candidacy of the man eventually picked for secretary of state, General Alexander Haig.

"Al Haig is an old friend of mine," Kissinger said early this month before the choice was final. "I think he's one of the very best people who could possibly be appointed to that position."

There is a long and close relationship between the two, dating from 1969 when Kissinger brought Haig into the White House to serve as his assistant. Two acts during those years from 1969 to 1975 on Kissinger's staff are considered likely to cause Haig the most trouble next month during Senate hearings to confirm him as secretary of state — Haig's role in having wiretaps placed on journalists' and government officials' phones and his role in the 1972 Christmas time bombing of North Vietnam.

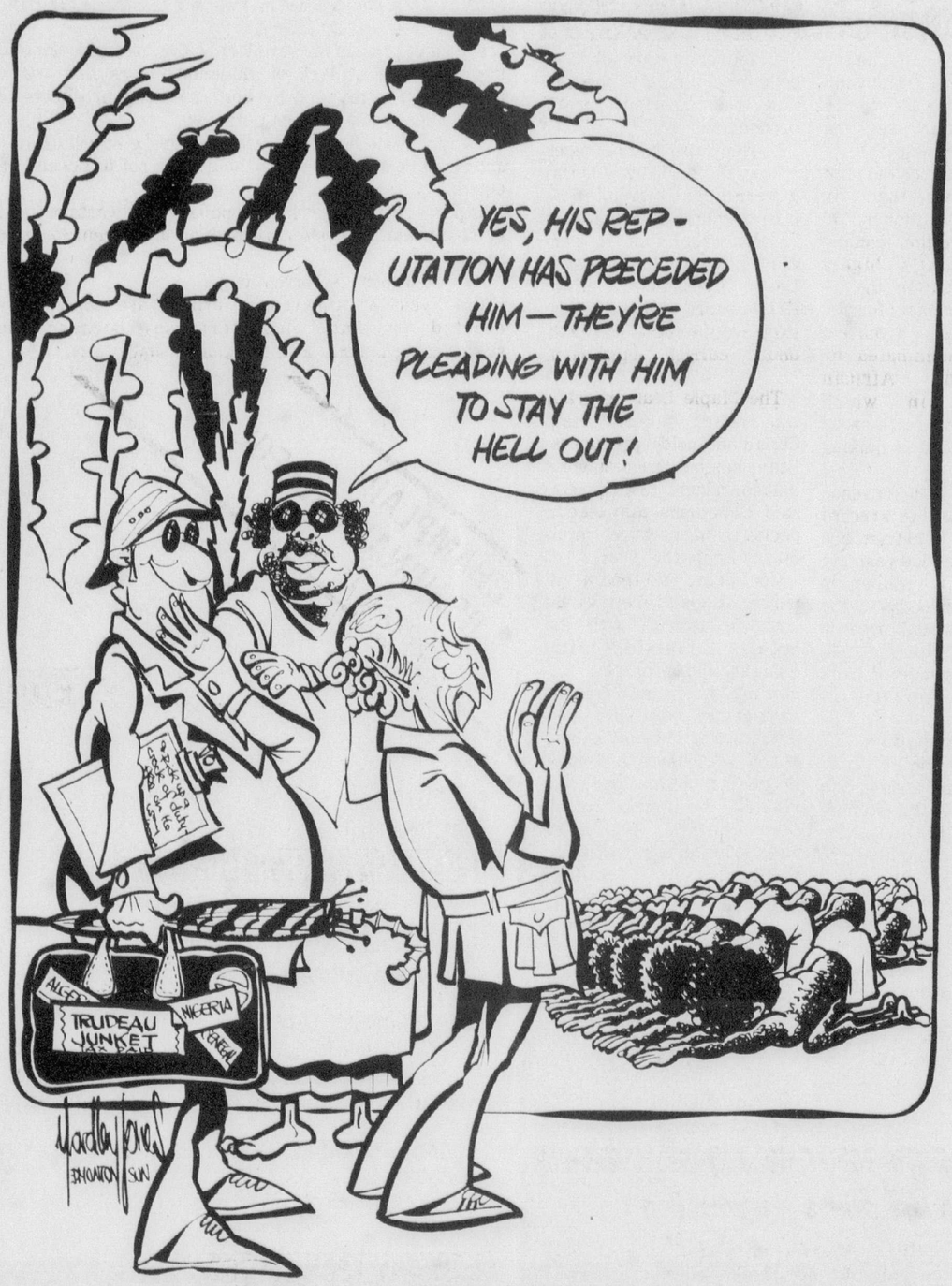
But since Republicans control the Senate with 53 seats to the Democrats' 46 and one Independent, Haig can be confirmed. There is now talk of creating a job for Kissinger that would keep him close to his former protege Haig, possibly making him special envoy to the Middle East.

Kissinger remains coy, saying only, "I'm available to give advice," or to undertake "special missions in a finite time for specific objectives." He has insisted he doesn't foresee any particular job for himself in the Reagan administration.

In fact, however, Kissinger seems to be playing a role not only as part of the Reagan transition team helping the president-elect ease into power but, some reports say, as the potential "creative strategist" for foreign policy that Haig will administer in the new Republican government.

Indications are that Haig would not only not attempt to block a power-behind-the-throne role for Kissinger, but might even encourage it. Asked recently to comment on Kissinger's participation once the Republicans officially take office Jan. 20, Haig told the French journal Politique Internationale: "When I have to give a judgment on Henry Kissinger, my point of view is always subjective.

"I just hope he will play an important part."



Letters

Opening to Galt series misleading

Editor:

Though it was difficult to pin down the exact direction of the two part article on Alexander Galt, I did find certain points that deserve clarification.

First of all, it refers to the mat-night incident as an "age-old story." Not only is this untrue but it is a very misleading opening for the series. Nobody could possibly call it a common occurrence unless they had a particular liking for loose adjectives.

In the second part you quote me as saying "Galt really is an ugly place." While I may have said this, I was referring purely to the physical attributes of the school. Again this is a misleading opener as it is the caption for the "inside" section. Putting the statement where you did, and out of context, suggests that my opinion of the school as a whole is a bad one. This is not so. If you managed to fight your way through the incoherent writing you would find that my view is generally positive.

Most of Galt's problems are a reflection of the society in which we live. All of its many good facets are the result of painstaking work by many individuals to make it one of the best schools in the province. It seems that our major problem is our image. The fact that it is headlined as a "manageable monster" emphasizes this point. Do people not realize that Galt is the one factor that binds English speaking people of the Townships together? And that without it, today's teenager would have little opportunity if any at all.

If all the members of the community would resolve for the new year to stop blindly criticising the school, accept the problems that we do have, and work to improve the school -- something which can be done by simply attending parent's meetings and the like--the community would be well served.

PETER MOLINER
Alexander Galt Regional Student Council

Editor's note: Our own criticism of the piece by freelance writer Jill Gyorgy, was that it was far too tame, too kind, too bland to Galt, the Eastern Townships Regional School Board and the entire top-heavy educational structure. We challenge Mr. Moliner to do better; if he can produce any kind of critical analysis worthy of the name, we'll buy it. As for the lead on the first part and the intro on the second, we wrote them, not the author.

Will Reagan succeed in pruning U.S. bureaucracy?

Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON -- For the second time in a row, the American voters have elected an "outsider" as president. And for the second time in a row, the voters are probably going to be disappointed.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter was elected, not despite the fact that he had been only a one-term governor of Georgia, but apparently because of it. He handshook his way around the small towns at caucus and primary time, persuading the voters that he was "just plain folks," and could be counted on as a softspoken but determined Hercules who would sweep the Augean stables of Washington clean of the bureaucrats who had been squandering their hard-earned tax money.

Ronald Reagan, with his -- or his staff's -- gift for succinct, sometimes simplistic one-liners, re-phrased Carter's 1976 pitch and promised us he would "get the government off our backs."

It was a beautiful concept, and may have put Reagan in the White House with the votes of those who are fed up with high taxes and other governmental interference in their lives -- without necessarily recognizing the protection they get from the layers of bureaucracy they have come to ridicule and resent.

What the American public -- and possibly Ronald Reagan -- may not have realized is that no American president, however determined, has the chance of a snowball in Hades of cutting back the federal bureaucracy, however useless or extravagant a particular agency may be. If Reagan doubts this, just let him ask Jimmy Carter.

Back in 1976, Carter promised the American people he would reduce the number of federal agencies from their then-staggering total of 1,900 to "no more than 200." The way he said it, the task sounded no more than reasonable. 1,900 agencies? Wheeew!

However sincere -- or naive -- the new president may have been in his vow to slash Washington paper-pushers from the taxpayers' payroll, it didn't take him long to learn the folly of his promise. Practically within minutes of his arrival in the Oval Office, Carter discovered the political clout of the 1,700 supposedly extraneous federal agencies -- and the devotion they inspired among the interest groups they serve.

Here are just a few examples dug up by my reporters Peter Grant and Eric Yoder of the political facts of life that Carter learned when he moved into the White House:

Of the 1,900 agencies that made up the incoming administration's overall target area, 1,159 were "advisory committees." Carter ordered the Office of Management and Budget to wipe out as many of them as possible.

When the dust settled, however, the OMB had managed to budget only 339 of the committees out of existence, leaving 820 still around. What the president's hatchetmen discovered was that most of the advisory committees were, if not necessarily valuable to the governing of the country, indisputably valuable to the political fortunes of the administration.

For example, one of the likeliest targets for extinction, the OMB hit teams decided, was the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. This august body was formed in 1964 to recommend design changes, furnishings and landscaping for the Executive Mansion. "The committee rather obviously does little, and membership on it seems only to reaffirm the prestige of those prestigious people who are named to it," an internal OMB memo noted drily. "There is no doubt that this committee does not meet the requirements for continuation."

As it happens, however, one of the "prestigious people" on the Committee for the Preservation of the White House is none other than the incumbent first lady, an ex officio co-chairman. And who knows when, on a slow news day, the committee might be able to get a little media coverage for the acquisition of a historic desk for the Blue Room, or the pruning of a tree on the White House lawn? The committ irvived.

The Carter agency ax-wielders also discovered, quite quickly, that advisory groups, with their newsworthy membership, could serve as influential lobbyists for administration positions. Thus, the Carter people actually formed a *new* group, the Advisory Committee for Women, which acted as a thinly veiled lobbying front for the Equal Rights Amendment.

The committee was supposed to "advise the president on initiatives to promote equality for women," and its members claim they don't actively lobby for ERA on committee time. But there are indirect ways to do it: Two of the committee's three field hearings were held in North Carolina and Florida, where the ERA ratification fight was being fought.

Aside from its own interests, the Carter administration learned that some advisory groups serve the political interests of Congress -- which also authorizes them, and of course appropriates the money to keep them in business. The OMB staff, for example, recommended that 21 advisory councils be merged into five -- an obvious saving in administrative costs. But Congress, after understandably heavy pressure from the advisory groups threatened with extinction, decided that only five of the 21 could be eliminated.

What it all boils down to is that Ronald Reagan -- unless he is a non-political saint or a master manipulator of Congress -- has a very slim chance of getting some of the most frivolous agencies of government off our backs.

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Labatt plans profitable 1981

John Labatt Ltd. of London, Ont., is poised for a big year in 1981, Toronto analyst Susan Keohane says.

Keohane, of Wood Gundy Ltd., said in a recent market letter that shareholders will see a dramatic increase in Labatt's earnings because of initiatives planned in brewing and food products.

Among them will be the introduction across Canada of Budweiser beer following an agreement made last summer with Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. of St. Louis, Mo.

Under the agreement, Labatt will brew and distribute Budweiser, the world's largest selling beer and one that has already been successfully test marketed in Saskatchewan.

Brewing actually began last summer in Alberta but it was stopped by the strike of brewery workers in that province which began July 25 and still continues.

However, Keohane said in an interview she expects the beer will be distributed across Canada by next summer and will appeal to the large segment of beer drinkers seeking a lighter taste.

Labatt's Agri Products division is also in for strong profit growth, Keohane said.

NEW PRODUCT SOON

The Montreal-based division has a 50-percent interest in Zymaize Inc. of London, Ont., whose $90-million plant will begin producing high-fructose corn syrup next spring for sale in Canada.

"The sweetener is a substitute for liquid sugar and represents an important new source of income," Keohane said in her report.

"We are estimating that the venture, assuming start-up around March 1, 1981, and allowing for a decline in sugar prices from the current record levels, will add around 25 cents a share to Labatt earnings in fiscal 1982."

Another plus for Agri Products is its new mushroom processing plant in Carignan, Que. near Montreal. Keohane said the plant which has just begun production, will be able to capitalize on a growing demand for fresh mushrooms and a fragmented market to add four cents a share to Labatt's earnings in fiscal 1982.

Labatt's consumer products division is also doing well, with improving sales under such brand names as Laura Secord, Catelli and Chateau-Gai wines.

All told, Keohane expects Labatt's net income for the year ending April 30, 1981, to reach $40 million or $3.00 a share, up from $37.8 million or $2.76 a share in fiscal 1980. For 1982, she expects earnings of $55.8 million or $4.00 a share.

SEEK REFERENCES, BUSINESSES ADVISED

EDMONTON (CP) — The proliferation of management consultants in recent years has left businessmen with a difficult selection process, says Tom Collier, managing director of the Management Advisory Institute.

Collier says businessmen should ask for personal resumes and references before signing contracts with management consulting firms, such as the 190 in Edmonton's yellow pages.

The institute, operated by the University of Alberta's business administration and commerce faculty, offers consulting services, using students to advise businessmen as part of a small business course.

"It's a matter of buyer beware, although I don't know any bad or fly-by-night consultants," Collier said. "A consultant should not be shy about giving out credentials."

Collier said special consultants are often not needed if small business owners properly use the services of bankers, lawyers and accountants.

"You should not be scurrying around after a year not knowing whether or not you're making or losing money.

"Panic situations can be put in perspective if one has had good counselling along the way."

He said small businesses have been slow to respond to the university's consulting program.

The students can tackle a wide range of business problems but only about 11 consulting jobs have been handled this year, half the number that could have been accommodated.

The students charge only for expenses such as travelling and long-distance phone calls.

Projects have included studying the feasibility of manufacturing a novelty product, determining whether the distributor of a multi-purpose vehicle should sell his product in the United States and examining a food-service operation.

"There doesn't seem to be one particular kind of problem the businesses come to us with."

But potential clients must keep in mind that students are not experienced professionals.

"In all fairness, the business people have to understand that they are students. Their suggestions and reports should be regarded in this contexts."

Polish farmers surprise experts

WARSAW (Reuter) — The surprising thing about Poland's private farmers, say Western and Polish experts, is that they perform as well as they do.

Often short of equipment and fertilizer, exploited by corrupt officials, working uneconomically small plots, they manage to outperform state farms, which receive preferential treatment.

Poland's 3.5 million private farmers have begun to organize, creating a Rural Solidarity union modelled on Gdansk workers, and plan to run their own supply and distribution system.

Poland is unique among Communist countries in that about 80 per cent of agricultural land is privately owned. Attempts to collectivize the land in the 1950s were soon abandoned.

The average size of the private plots is about 4.86 hectares (12 acres), which in many countries would be considered uneconomical. But Poland was a food exporter until 1972, when it began importing agricultural products.

Western experts say Polish farmers could produce more if they received more fertilizer, seed and equipment at the right time.

The private farmers claim, and official figures appear to support them, they are more efficient than state co-operatives, despite the attention lavished on the latter.

Official figures show state farms use three times more fertilizer than private farms to produce the same yield. And with one worker for every 8.9 hectares (22 acres), the state sector is overmanned, compared with the most efficient Western producers.

Western experts also say costs in the state sector average about $260 U.S. higher per acre (0.40 hectare) than on private farms.

FACE SAME PROBLEM

Both sectors face one problem in common: an unwieldy, highly-centralized supply and distribution system that is unable to adjust to developments.

At plowing time this year, 16 per cent of the state-owned tractors were out of service due to a lack of spare parts.

There is also a shortage of tractors in Poland. The Ursus plant near Warsaw was supposed to produce 55,000 last year, some under Western licence. By mid-November, it had turned out 1,400. Part of the problem is in the inability of a plant in Lublin to deliver.

There is reported to be a long waiting list for tractors, especially among private farmers. One of them attending a Warsaw rally was quoted as saying he had waited 10 years for a tractor and had finally bought a used one from a state agency for twice the cost of a new one.

Many private farmers stick with their horses. There are about 1.8 million horses in Polish agriculture, but the number is gradually falling.

The right product is very often not at the right place at the right time. A lack of fungicide means this year's potato crop is ravaged by blight, raising prospects of fewer pigs, which feed on potatoes.

Many private farmers prefer to forsake specialization and produce a little of everything so as not to depend on others.

Experts say a large rate of spoilage and wastage exist in the agriculture system, as high as 40 per cent in some sectors.

And then there is corruption.

The Zycie Warszawy said farmers are consistently cheated by state slaughterhouses because the slaughtering is done with no outside supervision.

Mint thrives despite cashless society

TORONTO (CP) — Despite what you hear about a trend toward a so-called cashless society, the business of making coins is booming. And the Royal Canadian Mint is, dare we say, making a mint.

"We're very proud to say, we've taken over a large share of the world business of minting coins for other countries," said mint master Yvon Gariepy. "And we're projecting a very good year for 1981.

"The trend toward credit cards and the cashless society may affect the production of some denominations of paper currency. But everyone needs coins on a day-to-day basis so we don't see any decrease in demand."

Gross revenue for the mint increased more than six times to $551.9 million in 1979 with $431.5 million coming from the mint's highly successful debut in the international market for investment coins — a market traditionally dominated by the South African Krugerrand, in which Canada's one ounce pure gold Maple Leaf is making its mark.

Profit on that revenue more than tripled to a record $16.9 million in 1979 from $4.6 million the previous year. By law, all but $1 million is turned over directly to the government. Since it became a Crown corporation in 1969, the mint has ploughed back $35 million into federal coffers.

HARD TO FOLLOW

It's unlikely the mint can keep up 1979's stunning rate of profit growth. But if Gariepy has his way, the mint's three branches — in Ottawa, Hull, Que., and Winnipeg — will contine their winning track record.

Gariepy said the mint's international business probably will probably show the biggest rate of growth this year with the minting of Canadian numismatic coins — specially struck as collectors' items — continuing as important profit producers.

Gariepy also said he hopes 1981 will see the federal government amend its Currency and Exchange Act to allow the mint to permanently produce Maple Leaf investment coins. Production rights would expire at the end of this year under current legislation.

The Maple Leaf program was started in 1979 to help Canadian gold producers. But it has become a success in its own right, and Gariepy said Canadians may see a decision to produce mini-Maple Leafs this year.

Containing less than a full ounce of gold, they would compete directly with the highly successful mini-Krugerrands, priced according to their gold content in units of one-tenth, one-quarter and one-half ounce.

The day-to-day business of producing circulating coins is still the mint's raison d'etre, however, and more than $86-million worth were delivered to Canadian chartered banks in 1979.

But fluctuating metals prices is forcing the mint to literally pinch pennies.

Canada's 1980 one-cent piece was made 13 per cent lighter and thinner to try to keep the lid on prices.

There's a hole in the oil well

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — For six days last June, about the only thing anybody talked about in Winkler County was the Kermit Sinkhole.

It wasn't much more than a big hole in the ground, but the mystery about its origin, the possible threat it posed to a huge oil-storage facility nearby and the fuss it kicked up between Wink and Kermit over its ownership all made news.

But after an early flurry, the crater stopped growing and, like most curiosities that stop being curious, the sinkhole sank from public view. It's still there, but nobody much cares any more.

"We've got a hole in the ground and we treat it as a hole in the ground," said Jim Williamson at the Kermit State Bank, who led the Winkler County Civil Defence effort last June.

"It's no big deal," said Sheriff's Deputy Jan Moore, who was interviewed almost daily at the height of the sinkhole stir. "It's done everything it's going to do. I drive by once in a while to look at it — it's sort of my 'baby' — but everybody's pretty much forgotten about it except for news people."

The sinkhole came from humble origins. On June 3, workers at a Shell Oil Co. storage tank farm about halfway between Wink and Kermit noticed a three-metre-long hole in the ground. The next day, the hole was 100 metres long, 75 metres wide and 15 metres deep.

Business briefs

Light snowfall worries Manitobans

WINNIPEG (CP) — Manitoba farmers should not press the panic button because of below-average snowfall this winter, says a University of Manitoba professor.

Robert Hedlin of the university's soil science department says above-normal rainfall late last summer and early fall should make up for current conditions.

Hedlin said there was little snowfall during the 1976-77 winter but once normal rainfall started in May, Manitoba produced one of its best crops ever.

The snowfall in the Winnipeg area in November and December totalled 3.6 centimetres, down about 1.4 centimetres from the long-term average for those months.

Timber airship scheduled for 1982

EDMONTON (CP) — Piasecki Aircraft of Canada Ltd. hopes to introduce an airship operation to Canada within two years.

Dick Bird of Ottawa, a Piasecki director, said a prototype airship now is being constructed in the United States for scheduled delivery to the U.S. forest service in 1982.

Plans are to use the airship system in the timber, oil and other resource industries to transport and position oversize and heavy equipment and in aerial harvesting of timber.

Bird said he is optimistic a Canadian verticle-lift airship will be available about six to eight months after the U.S. model is finished.

Called a Piasecki Heli-Stat the airship combines the lifting capabilities of a blimp and the lift and control of four interconnected helicopters.

The interconnected structure which holds the helicopters is rigid but the airship is a nonrigid model.

Bird said the prime advantage of the combined helicopterblimp is full use of the lifting power of the helicopters.

Radio group plans expansion

MONTREAL (CP) — After buying two radio stations in the Toronto area last year, Montreal-based Civitas Corp. Ltd. is preparing to make even more aggressive inroads into the North American communications market.

Controlled by Raymond Crepault, who linked five Quebec radio stations in the 1960s to form Canada's first private radio network, Radiomutuel, Civitas now has 26 subsidiaries which are expected to gross $30 million this year.

But until last year, when Radiomutuel bought CKMW and CFNY-FM, the conglomerate had restricted its operations mainly to Quebec.

Civitas president Ed Prevost says the company is looking now at other potential radio acquisitions in English Canada, but is even more interested in film production and film distribution outside Quebec.

"The radio sector could take on less importance in order to reduce our vulnerability from this side," Prevost said in an interview.

Soviet jetliner out of service

MOSCOW (AP) — More than three years after Soviet officials triumphantly inaugurated passenger flights on their TU-144 supersonic jetliner, the problem-plagued plane is out of service, back in its builders' hands and still undergoing tests.

A spokesman for the Soviet ministry of aircraft production said last week that the tests are coming to an end and that the 140-passenger plane could soon be back in service.

He declined to predict when regular flights will resume, and references to the supersonic jet were missing from official congratulations to airline workers published last week in the Soviet press.

The spokesman claimed the safety of the plane, a prototype of which crashed at the 1973 Paris air show, "now has been assured."

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True Christmas is celebrated Jan. 6

VANCOUVER (CP) — For most Christians, Christmas comes once a year. After the presents have been unwrapped and the turkey eaten Dec. 25, Christmas traditions and observances are put away for another year.

But for many members of Vancouver's Ukrainian, Serbian, and Russian communities, those festivities are only a prelude to what they regard as the true Christmas celebrations Jan. 6 and 7.

"There is Christmas then there is Christmas," says Father Hieromonk Panteleimon, assistant rector of Holy Resurrection Russian Orthdox Church.

"It may be a horrible way of saying it, but Dec. 25 is the materialistic Christmas," he said. "January 7th is the time we forget about the materialism and concentrate on the miracle."

Members of the Russian Orthodox Church follow the Julian calendar devised under Julius Caesar in 45 to 44 B.C., as opposed to the Gregorian calendar revised by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. The result is that adherents to the Russian Orthodox faith celebrate many religious holidays — including Christmas — 13 days after their Protestant and Roman Catholic counterparts.

Father Cyril Bulashevich, church rector, says two of the 50 Russian Orthodox churches in Canada — those at Montreal and Edmonton — now follow the Gregorian calendar. But his 300 parishoners have elected to retain the old customs.

"Tradition has a lot to do with it, and they feel in their hearts that the Julian calendar is the true way of celebrating."

Eastern Orthodox beliefs are based on the Bible and holy tradition, but Orthodox churches don't believe anyone in the church is infallible, an issue over which the church split from Roman Catholics in 1054.

Russian Orthodox Christmas begins with Christmas Advent on Nov. 28, a time of preparation and for striving to become more spiritual in outlook and state of mind.

It's a time for concentrated prayer and dedication to the church.



Christmas on December 25 is too commercial, say members of Canada's Russian community. They prefer the traditional quiet ceremony observed today.

Ann Landers



Surnames promote family unity

Dear Ann Landers:

Because you have repeatedly said in your column, "Life is for the living," your advice to "Highland, N.Y." disappointed me. "Highland", a widow of two years, planned to marry her deceased husband's friend. Friend John wanted to adopt her young children. The grandparents were against it because the grandson was the only male in the family left to carry on his deceased father's name. Your advice was: "Don't do it. It would be another heartbreak for the bereaved parents and it might be interpreted as total disregard" for her first husband's memory.

"Highland" might welcome another viewpoint, based on my personal experience. May I share it with you? My brother, the only male in his generation, died in his early 30s, leaving two pre-school sons, the only males to carry the family name in their generation. After four years my sister-in-law married a fine man who wished to adopt the boys. My mother became very upset when she heard of his plans, and wrote a long letter to my sister-in-law asking her to please reconsider. I pleaded with my mother to destroy the letter, love the grandchildren regardless of their last name, and remain on good terms with the family. Thank God, she took my advice.

For over 20 years my sister-in-law and her present husband have "respected the late husband's memory" by being considerate and helpful to all members of our family.

As a veteran teacher I have witnessed many upper elementary schoolchildren who refuse to use their legal last name and insist on using their remarried mother's last name instead. I am convinced that these children feel a sense of security when all members of the family have the same last name. Feelings of unity are very important. Believe me, changing a name will not lessen the grief of a loved one's death. Instead, let the grandparents share the rebuilding of a family unit and experience some therapeutic moments of happiness.

Nameless In Clinton, Iowa

Dear Clinton:

You are right. I was wrong. And hundreds of readers let me know it. You said it best. Thanks for setting me straight.

Dear Ann Landers:

I am married to a woman I can't please, no matter how hard I try. The first year we were married I bought her a bottle of her favorite perfume for our anniversary. She said it was too expensive and made me take it back.

When I sent her flowers on her birthday, she never said, "Thank you". Instead I got a sermon on "spending money foolishly".

Last Christmas I bought her an electric floor buffer. She was insulted. I have yet to pick out a gift she liked. Everything has to go back to the store. Yet, when I ask her for a hint of what she wants, she says, "Surprise me".

What can I do with a woman like this?

Louisville Headache

Dear Head:

Nothing. Send a donation in her name to a worthy charity.

Polly's pointers



BY POLLY CRAMER

DEAR POLLY — Do tell E.B. she should try using carbon tetrachloride as it removed tar from a rug and chair of mine. I have also used it for removing gum from clothing. Buy this at the drug store. It is truly a magical aid. — D.T.

DEAR POLLY — In my desk I keep several wooden snap clothespins that have written on them the names of the people with whom I regularly correspond. In these pins I "file" clippings and little notes to remind me of things I want to ask or write in the next letter.

When I hard cook eggs to store for future use I scribble a bit with a crayon or pen on the shells so that I can always be sure which eggs are raw and which are cooked.

When I send cards to friends who are in the hospital or others who might have trouble opening an envelope, I fasten just the tip of the flap with a fancy seal or even a piece of plastic gummed tape so they are easier to open than when the flap is tucked inside the envelope or when it is sealed. — LOUISE

Welfare mom tried to give children to gov't

VANCOUVER (CP) — Donna Whiteley is so angry with British Columbia's social welfare system that she tried to give her children to the government on Friday.

Whiteley has been a single parent for nearly 14 years, since her husband walked out on her when the family was living in Ontario. She was left with five children, including a small baby.

"I've never had a cent of support from my husband and I don't even know where he is," she said in an interview.

In 1973, Whiteley moved to B.C. and eventually settled in North Vancouver. At one point she began working full time as a nurse's aide, earning $750 a month and at the same time claiming welfare benefits.

"To be honest, it was fraud," she said Friday. "I didn't like doing it, but the government doesn't leave you any alternative.

"You are only allowed to earn $100 a month when you're on welfare — anything over that is deducted from your welfare."

While working full time she bought camping equipment, a washer and dryer and a car for which her payments are still $200 a month.

Last April, problems began to crowd in on the family. The house they rented was sold and the best alternate accommodation Whiteley could find was a three-bedroom house at $600 a month. But she sublet the basement at $200 a month and this sum was not subtracted from her welfare income because the tenant was on a disability pension.

By this time, her eldest son, 20, had found work in Ontario. Then her 17-year-old son had to be moved to a group home in North Vancouver because he was suffering severe emotional problems.

In June, her son's social worker reported that Whiteley was working at the hospital. Immediately, she expected to be in trouble for welfare fraud.

"But I didn't hear a thing — maybe they decided not to proceed because after that I reported what I earned," said Whiteley, who now baby-sits in her home.

In September, Whiteley said, she had to evict her tenant but she did not look for a new one, believing she would have to declare the rent as income.

By now she was paying $694 a month for rent, utilities and phone and was receiving $734 a month in welfare.

SON CONTRIBUTED

Then son Lance, 18, got a job as a driver for a pizza company. He began contributing $125 a month to the household and next month his support would have been subtracted from Whiteley's welfare income.

"I was going to get $669 next month but the house and utilities cost $694," she said. "I knew I couldn't afford to feed the other two kids or send them to school, so what could I do?"

What Whiteley did was pack up Deanne, 16, and Todd, 13, and drive them to the North Vancouver office of the human resources ministry.

"I can't manage on what I'm getting so I'm bringing these children to you to go into care," she told a startled employee at the ministry office.

Worker Reg Banks persuaded Whiteley to accept a $200 crisis grant to cope with her immediate cash shortage and her case will be reviewed next week.

And regional supervisor Jim Thompson said there are probably ways in which Whiteley can be helped, possibly through a tenant whose rent payments are not added to her income so that the family will not have to be split up.

Christening

The infant son of Lynwood and Lois Forgrave (nee Vogell) of Bramalea, Ont. was baptized during the Christmas holidays by the Rev. Gordon C. Simons. Brandon Ross wore the christening gown belonging to his maternal grandfather, and the traditional christening cake was centred on a lace tablecloth, made by his maternal great-grandmother.

Guests attended from Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Sawyerville, North Hatley and Bramalea.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church holds Commemorative Service

By JANET ELEMENT

DANVILLE — A Commemorative Service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Asbestos, on Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 p.m., in thanksgiving to God for the work and witness of these congregations in the period of 1874 to 1890. The two churches have or are being closed and amalgamated with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Upper Melbourne.

Available records place the date of the dedication of the first Presbyterian Church in Danville as being in 1874 although Presbyterian Services were held for a time in the Methodist Church. Prior to that the Presbyterian congregation had joined with the Congregational congregation for worship in their church which had been established in Danville in 1828. In 1873 a number of families withdrew and formed a Presbyterian congregation. This is the group who held the services in the Methodist Church.

The Church dedicated in 1874 was torn down in 1928 and re-erected on a lot on Carmel Street, Danville. It was dedicated on May 12, 1929, and was sold early in the fall of this year.

From an old subscription list we know that there were Presbyterians in Asbestos, but do not know if regular services were held here at that date, 1898. We do know that a communion service was held in the Protestant Schoolhouse on May 6, 1906. These services were being held in this building on Sunday afternoons in 1908.

In November of 1907, members of St. Andrew's Church, Danville, met and drew up a subscription list "for the purpose of building a Presbyterian Church in the Village of Asbestos". A building lot was purchased and on Sept. 12, 1908, the cornerstone was laid by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec of the Masonic Order, assisted by members of the Lodge in Danville. A picture of this ceremony is in the Church, as well as pictures of the Masonic Group and the guests at a reception given at the residence of Mr. J.R. Pearson, Manager of the Asbestos and Asbestic Company.

In 1942 this property was sold to the Can. Johns-Manville Co. and a new church built on Jeffrey Street. This building was dedicated on Aug. 30, 1942 and on Nov. 12 of this year it was sold to Johns-Manville Canada Inc.

This Commemorative Service was planned and conducted by the minister, the Reverend James C. MacIan Jack, M.A. The ministers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Melbourne, Rev. Blake Walker, M.A., B.D. and Rev. J.R.H. Davidson, B.A., B.D. Major Rev. P.L. Sams, C.D., B.D. minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City, Moderator of the Presbytery of Quebec, preached the sermon. The theme or title of which is "The Beautiful Temple".

Before the sermon, Mr. Jack read a message prepared and sent by Rev. Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, a former moderator of the General Assembly, and Mr. Jack, Mr. Clark and to all who have been closely connected with this congregation:

"I am deeply honored to have been asked to send a message to you today — I wish with all my heart that I could be present because I have such high and holy memories of the great kindness showered on me by this congregation over the years.

"I came to you as a very raw recruit in 1925 when feelings were running high at the time of Church Union. I had applied to Toronto for an appointment and was told I was being sent to Pictou County, Nova Scotia, but when it was discovered that I planned to remain a Presbyterian I was informed that my appointment was cancelled and that there was no work for me in the church.

"The Rev. Alfred Bright was my minister and guiding star. He told me that the Presbytery of Quebec would be meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, and I was to attend. It was here I met Dr. Allan S. Reid, whom many of you remember, and it was through him I was appointed to the Danville and Asbestos charges.

"On arrival at Asbestos I registered at the hotel but when the clerk found I was the newly appointed student to the Presbyterian Church, he abruptly told me there was no room available.

"The only name I could remember from the meeting of Presbytery was that of a Mr. Clark who was the only elder in Asbestos. After inquiring, I found my way to the Clark home and was warmly greeted by Mrs. Clark, the Smiths, the McGinnis, the DeValois, the Findlays, the Livingstones, the Olneys, in the Asbestos section of the congregation. At Danville, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. McCallum and daughters Ruth and Bessie, Mrs. Houston and daughter Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Vermeeren, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, Mr. Jack McKenzie and his sisters Miss Mary Mckenzie, and Mrs. Fred Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDonald from Scotch Hill, Mrs. John Wadleigh and daughter Charlotte, Mrs. John Smith who died suddenly the day before the dedication of the new church in Danville. There were others whose names I am unable to recall. Most of these have preceded us into the land that is fairer than day, but some continue to serve and guide us in God's church.

"For many of you this is a day of sadness because of the closing of a church which began on St. George St. in 1909 and it was my privilege to preach at the closing service in that building in 1942 — This present church was opened in 1942 by the moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Norman MacLeod.

"While this is true this is the closing of a church building, it is not the ending of God's work in this community. Every end is a new beginning. The greatest work that has been done in this mining community, rich in natural resources, is the work that has been done by the churches and no one had fingers sensitive enough to measure that work or influence.

"Take this ending today and be positive and listen for the voice of God. This is an ending beyond your control. But keep a positive attitude to the truths the church has taught you over these many years. You have a choice of seeing this church closing as an ending or as an opportunity! You can look at what you have left and not what you have lost.

"This building has many memories for me and permit me to be nostalgic for a bit. I do want to remember and pay a special tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Watson Clark, who worked tirelessly and sacrificed endlessly for this church. This congregation would never have continued as it has had it not been for the Clark family. David was a quiet but generous supporter and was always there when most needed — and Bill — what do we not all owe to Bill? Long before he became an elder he did every conceivable job for this church — before the days of oil he stoked the fire on Saturday so that the church would be comfortably warm for the worshipers on the Sabbath — he shovelled the snow on the cold winter days — he mowed the lawn, he and Marj. would dust the church — no task was too small or too great — he loved the church. He never gave in to never. Margaret who was brought up in this church and who was the first and only recruit for full time service, graduated from Ewart College, and who later became my wife, made my ministry whatever it has been over these fifty years, by her dedication and devotion.

"We must now say goodbye to this building of sacred memories and say hello to dreams and aspirations for the future — Let us pray:

"Heavenly Father, over these many years you have led us through challenges more than we thought we could bear. In weary moments you came like an unpected gust of wind under the tired wings of a weary bird to give new lifting and fresh carrying-on power.

"We remember with gratitude those faithful stewards who have gone before us. We give thanks for their dedication and devotion to the things of the Spirit and to the contribution they made to the welfare of this community. They were joyous people. Their prayers have been answered, their faith affirmed, their gifts blessed.

"Let us go forward with high hearts and hopes and continue to serve the church with diligence and devotion.

"Now we thank you, O Lord our God, and we praise your name. — Amen."

The sermon was read by the Rev. Lyle P. Sams, Moderator of the Presbytery of Quebec and minister of St. Andrew's, Quebec City. Following the sermon, the Rev. James Jack called on L'Abbe Gaston St. Jean of St. Isaac Jogues Church in Asbestos to say a few words of encouragement. Father St. Jean is the priest who was in the bus along with the handicapped people when it plunged into the lake and so many were drowned. He was rescued nearly exhausted with his efforts to help others. Mr. Jack said that God had spared his life for a reason and this reason is very evident in the work that he is doing in his newly completed church.

Father St. Jean's speech is as follows. "Well, Rev. Jack, I am very grateful to you for recalling the event that happened — it was a sad event, but it was refreshing for me for receiving at that time the prayers of so many religious congregations all around, and yours at that time, so I want to thank you for your congregation, my dear brethren in Christ. I am very grateful to Mr. Clark for the fine invitation extended to me on behalf of the Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Danville-Asbestos to attend this Memorial Service marking the closing of the two churches, and I thank him for the opportunity offered me to address to you a few words on this occasion.

"Until quite recently, I could not concretely imagine what it meant "to close a church". Four months ago I had to close my own church, only to move a little farther on the same street. I was deeply moved and then I told my people: "Leaving is something like dying".

"In our large diocese, we also have, once in a while, either to close a church or combine in one place the religious services previously given in two. There is always a feeling of sadness.

"Despite these deplorable facts, there is room for encouragement and hope. As it is written around the emblem of your church: "Nec tamen consumebatur," "the bush was burning without consuming", referring to Exodus 3 - 2, we can affirm that, since the church of God is firstly the community, the living people rather than the building in which they gather, we can affirm the active presence of God will always be burning in which consuming within the hearts of this living congregation which will find a new breath in joining with other people in glorifying the Lord.

"Finally, when the time marked by God has come, through the fruitful period of ecumenism already on the way, the coming generations will reap the fruits from the seeds sown by us today and will perfectly unite in a truly and meaningful celebration to the glory of the same Lord.

"Martin Luther King had his dream: this is my dream, and I think it is a valuable encouragement through the event we are living at this very moment, and I join my prayers to yours for this purpose.

"So this moment is mixed with sadness and joy, and full of hope.

"If "leaving is something like dying" as I said at the beginning, we must not forget that it sometimes happens through the Spirit of God, that "leaving is living".

And lastly some words of encouragement were given by Rev. Watson Glover, minister of Trinity United Church, Danville. Included in his remarks was an assurance that if in any time in the future a church building is required for a religious ceremony and inclement weather or some other circumstance should prevent going for this purpose to the Presbyterian Church in Melbourne, that the door of Trinity Church would always be open.

Rev. R. McCulloch, Rector of the Anglican Church in Danville, Denison Mills, Asbestos and Kingsey Falls, said that although there are church buildings in only two of these places, but he has people in the two other places so he considers that the Anglican Church exists in all four. Five years ago they went through the same experience as this congregation is having. Their church was sold and in a very short time it disappeared, today he could not show you where it stood. There is now a hole in that area.

Mr. Brian Weatherdon, student minister of Scotstown, Milan, and Megantic also mentioned the closing of the Megantic Church building and expressed best wishes to the congregation of St. Andrew's, Danville-Asbestos.

Mr. Jack invited all present to go downstairs to the hall where refreshments had been prepared by the ladies of the Danville unit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester Damon were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leech in Sherbrooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Stevenson and family, Ottawa, Ont., were weekend guests of Mr. Stevenson's mother and sister, Mrs. Janet Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Matheson.

During the holiday season Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Heatherington and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutchinson, Massawippi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kennedy in Sherbrooke and also visited Mrs. Betty Gilbert and others at the Wales Home.

Mrs. Evelyn Henderson, Waterbury, Vt., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Damon, while here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Leslie Morgan in Sherbrooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Clout spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bushey and family in Richmond.

Hilton Cameron, Belleville, Ont., spent the Christmas holidays with his sister and brother, Miss Mildred Cameron and Clifford Cameron.

David Waldron and Miss Shelley Kinnear of Fort Chimo spent the Christmas holiday at their respective homes.

Miss Audrey Hall spent Christmas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beattie in Cornwall, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waldron and son David were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Goodsell, and family, Sherbrooke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cruickshank spent Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rowland in Dollard des Ormeaux. They were accompanied to Montreal by Ayton Cruickshank of Lennoxville, who spent Christmas with his niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Adams in Beaconsfield.

Miss Debbie Stickles, Peterborough, Ont., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Stickles.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Heatherington and son Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Labonte were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lane Chester in Lyndon, Vt., and also called on Mrs. Fenton Chester and family.

Mrs. Hilda Lawrence spent Christmas guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and family in Tomifobia.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parsons and son, Danny, spent Christmas Day with Mr. Parsons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parsons and Judy in Scotstown.

Bruce Rolfe of Red Rock, Ont., spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Irene Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stokes, Bury, were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Labonte.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Learned were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dresdner and family, London, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKelvie and family, Pointe Claire, Mr. and Mrs. Serge Proulx, Grant Learned, Montreal, Miss Judy Wishart of Adelaide, Australia, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Learned and family of Cookshire.

Miss Carol Ann Westgate and Mrs. Bessie Clark were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michel Frechette, Fleurimont.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gaulin were Ronald Gaulin, Ingersoll, Ont., Linda Potter and friend, William Walker, North Bay, Ont. Mrs. T. Mason, Mrs. Irene Rolfe, Bruce Rolfe, Red Rock, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Michel Dessaint, Sherbrooke, were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Joyce.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beliveau Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chisholm, Cookshire, and Mrs. Albert Beliveau Sr. of Bury.

Mrs. J. Ord and Miss Marion Ord were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cairns in East Clifton.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bailey were Carter Bailey, New Westminster, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. R. Fowler and family, Brantford, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Don MacAskill and family of Scotstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tincarre and family were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charleau in Coaticook.

Douglas Tincarre is spending a week with Albert St. Laurent in Milby.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tincarre were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robitaille of Quebec.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martyn were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martyn, St. Laurent and Mrs. Margaret-Ann Vachon and Larry Michulok of Magog.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bailey were in Montreal on Monday to take Carter Bailey to the airport from where he flew home to Vancouver.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kinnear were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wilkin, Mr. and Mrs. Reynald Boutin and son Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Boutin and Jean Boutin and Russell Girard, Seven Islands. Boxing Day guests at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Barton Carr, Sherbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. David Carr, Toronto, Graham Carr of Orono, Maine, and Kenneth Kinnear, Randi and Shelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Andrews, Ingersoll, Ont., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gaulin.

Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Heatherington were Mrs. Mary Heatherington, Cookshire, and Byron Labonte, Lennoxville. Mrs. Heatherington was also a Christmas Day guest of her son and family and was a dinner guest of Mrs. Thomas Rowland and Miss Margaret Rowland.

Mrs. Douglas Bell and Leonard Bell spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans in Sawyerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rowe spent the holidays in California with their daughters.

Mrs. Allan Hall spent the holiday season with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hall and family in Beaconsfield.

Morris Heatherington spent two days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Evans in Brookbury.

Carol Service

SAWYERVILLE — The Youth Groups held a Carol Service in the United Church on Christmas Eve with a good attendance. They entered the church carrying lighted candles and singing, while circling the church until reaching the choir loft.

Leon Brochu acted as announcer, Mrs. Mary Scholes was organist and also took part in the service. The last part of the service for advent was done and candle lighted. The Youth Group played several numbers on their recorders.

Carols were sung by all, with the Christmas Story being read from the Bible, in between carols, by Sandy Statton and Louise Brochu. Prayers were given by Rev. Simons and Mrs. L. Shaughnessy.

Before the benediction Rev. Simons expressed thanks to the leaders who look after the youth groups.

The youth groups went out carolling through the town on the evening of Dec. 21st.

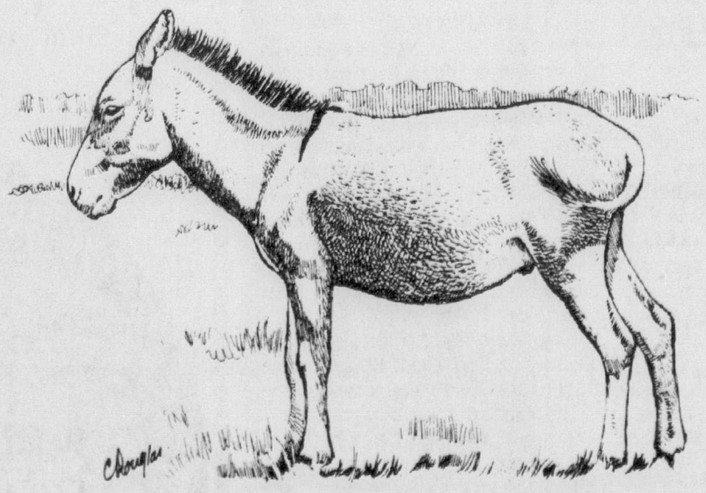
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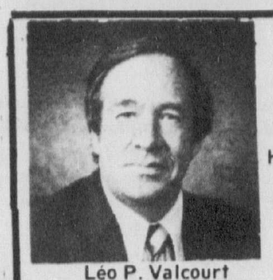
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91. Miscellaneous

MOTEL DES CANTONS Sawyerville, formerly Burt's place, every Friday and Sunday with the Duo Mono, Sunday amateur contest, chug a lug and queen of hearts. Animator Michelle Ange. Every Saturday night, Country Western American band with the Rambling Fever. New administration - Mr. Julien Pouliot. Restaurant will be open on December 27th.

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LOST DOG — Lost near Eaton Corner, dog, female, Gordon Setter, 7 months old, black and tan, long ears. Any information call 875-5378 or 875-3995.

84. Found

FORD KEYS FOUND ON London St., near Portland last Saturday. Call 563-3902.

89. Personal

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Mrs. Hilda Howard spent the Christmas holidays in St. Lambert with her daughter Mrs. Merle Bennett and daughters Coleen and Abbie. Mr. and Mrs. James Bissell and daughter Melissa were guests at the same home.

Mrs. Ann Crothers is spending the week in New Brunswick with her daughter and family.

Mrs. Margaret Stuart is in Ottawa for a week.

Mrs. Ester Cleland is spending the holidays with her brother and family in Richford, Vt.

Mrs. Natalie Patton spent a week in Montreal during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson were in Montreal to celebrate the holidays with their daughter.

Christmas guests of Mrs. A.P. Rumsby were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Maxham of Halifax, N.S., while here to visit their parents and grandparents at the home of Mr. Willard Sealey, Pleasant Street. Also a guest at the Seeley home was Patrick's parental grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Bearnaley of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Rumsby and his aunt, Miss Marjorie Muir of Howick, Que., and Mrs. Lois Rumsby of Montreal were guests of their grandmother, Mrs. A.P. Rumsby, on Saturday, December 27.

George Cooke was taken to the B.M.P. Hospital by ambulance early Sunday morning, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sears of Lunbridge, Vt., were weekend guests of Mrs. H. Surtees and Cecil Proper.

Miss Donna Boyce of Gaspe is spending the holidays with her family here.

The home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. C. Owens on Mudgett road was completely demolished by fire on Sunday afternoon, December 28.

Miss Evelyn Harvey spent the Christmas holidays in Lennoxville, with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hamelin of Mansonville were guests at the Boyce home.

Miss Donna and Nancy Boyce were in Bolton Center to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby at the Marsh home, and also spent a day in Montreal during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. A.G.J. Steeves of Sherbrooke and daughter Sandra of Moncton, N.B., were dinner guests of Mrs. A.P. Rumsby on Sunday, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knights are spending the holidays in Belleville, Ont., with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swann.

Mrs. Harold Boyce was in Brome one afternoon, to call on her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey (Mike) Kirby and family and also on Mr. and Mrs. Lydney Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Darrah entertained at Christmas time - Mr. and Mrs. R. Miltimore, their daughter and son Janice and Jay Darrah of Montreal, and Mrs. Gladys Darrah of the Nesbitt Residence, Cowansville who spent a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miltimore and son Shaw of Ottawa spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miltimore, Academy Street, during the holidays.

Misses Joanne, Beth and Pauline Beauregard are spending holidays from their various colleges in Toronto and Lennoxville with their parents and sister Lisa.

Allen Hey of Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays with his family, Mrs. Hey and two sons Ronald and Steven, who reside at their home on Academy Road.

Mrs. Muriel Vaughan of Florida has returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Tannahill, and reported that she found Canadian weather rather cold after having become accustomed to Florida.

John Tannahill visited his mother, Mrs. M. Tannahill before leaving to spend Christmas holidays in Florida.

Mrs. Jean Pergau spent Christmas holidays accompanied by her daughter Judy of Montreal, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pergau in London, Ont.

Mrs. Lillian Miltimore spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Case and son Brandon of Canton, Mich. spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Darrah before Christmas, returning to spend Christmas day with the Cass family in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Foster were in East Farnham as dinner guests at the Collins home, one evening during the holidays.

Ivan Foster was in Montreal to visit the Morrisette family.

OES Maple Leaf

STANBRIDGE EAST (NM) — Maple Leaf Chapter O.E.S. met for a special meeting on Dec. 12, with Sister Christine Symington presiding.

After the regular opening, the Charter was draped in memory of P.G.P. Brother Clarence Hill, who was an Honorary member of Maple Leaf O.E.S.

Several members were reported ill, and they, with all shut-in members, were remembered with cards and gifts for Christmas.

A delicious hot dish supper was served at 6:30 in the Memorial Hall, the tables and hall were beautifully decorated, thanks to the Golden Age Club who had met that afternoon for their Christmas party.

The annual series of card parties will be held, starting, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 8 p.m.

The meeting closed in regular form with a Christmas party, exchange of gifts and revealing of secret pals.

SOUTH STUKELY
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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McElroy were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lehn and son Craig George at Leamington, Ont.

Mrs. Lena Harris of North Hatley was calling on the Misses Frances, Molly, Joyce and Errol George.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Blampin of Maniwaki, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Blampin and daughter Megan of Bake River, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Everett and son Jason of Granby were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bullard were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McAuley and son Danny at Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Bockus and daughters Sandra and Amy of Brossard and Mrs. Irene Poulin and family of Sherbrooke were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bockus.

Mrs. Gladys Hayes was a guest on Christmas eve of Mrs. Shirley Russell and Mrs. Winnie MacIntosh at Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Savage of Ottawa, Ont., are spending their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Savage and Jo-Ann, also his grandmother Mrs. Gladys Hayes.

Mrs. Myrtle McLellan and son Stewart were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gamache at Waterloo.

Flowers on the altar at St. Matthew's Church on Christmas eve were given by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Savage, Michael and Jo-Ann Savage in memory of loved ones, and by Mrs. Myrtle McLellan in memory of Cecil, Malcolm and Mona McLellan.

Mrs. Janet Tucker and son Steven, Miss Susie Lepage of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Whitehead and daughter Sonya of Knowlton, Mrs. Ethel Leach and Mrs. Rupert Winslow and son Peter of Lennoxville were guests of Mrs. Myrtle Hilliker.

Miss Mildred Bowering and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bowering were Sunday guests of Miss Rejane Audet at Magog.

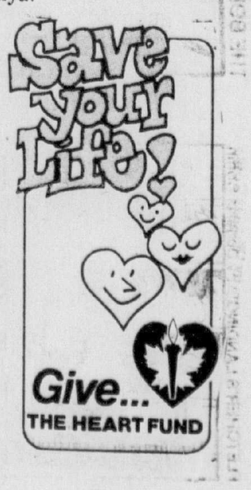
Mrs. Cathy McLellan and sons Robin and Ricky of Sherbrooke, Miss Joanne McLellan and Dean Martin of Pigeon Hill were calling on Mrs. Myrtle McLellan and son Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Manktelow were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Pierce at Greenfield Park.

Mrs. Myrtle Hilliker accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Whitehead of Foster to Knowlton, where they were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Whitehead and daughter Sonya.

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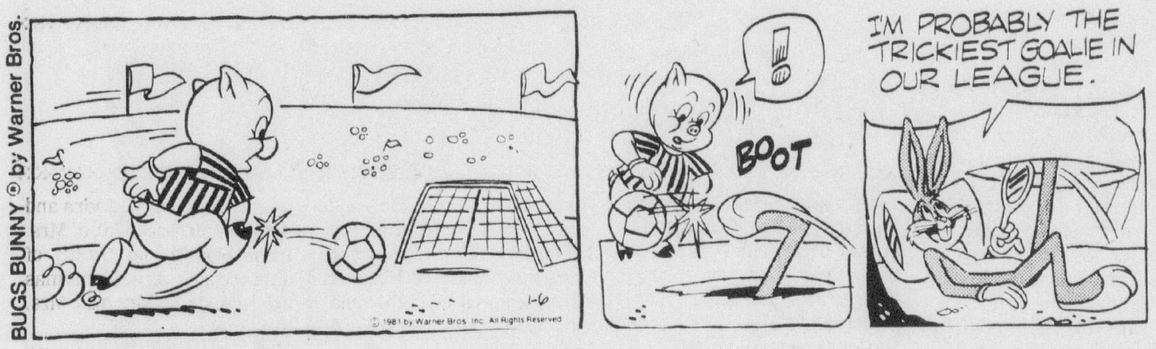
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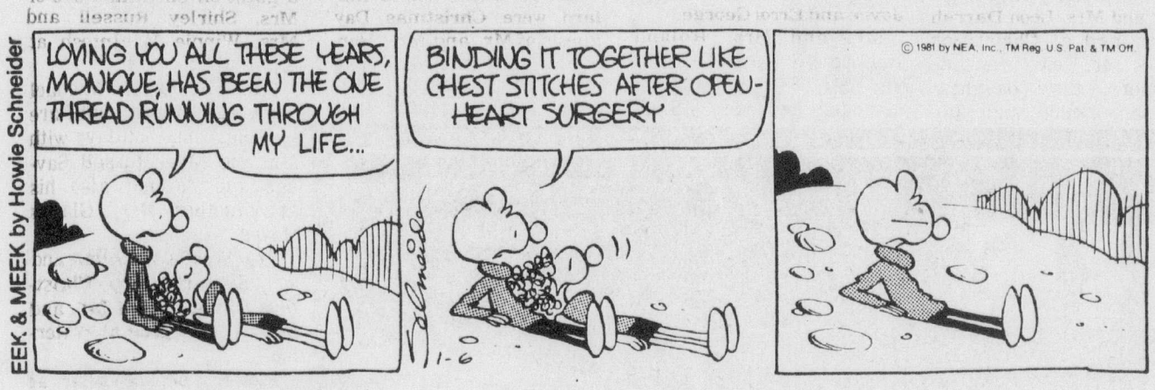
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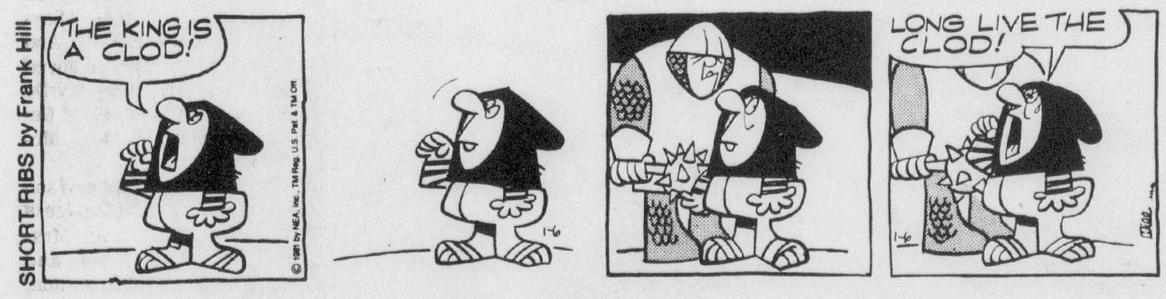
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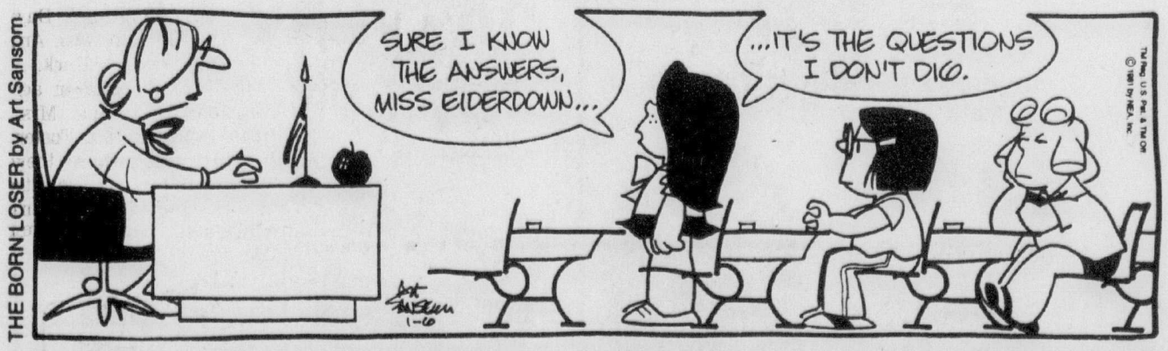
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Tuesday, Jan. 6

Your Birthday

January 6, 1981

Several very important new friendships are likely to be established this coming year with people who may not be from the same walk of life as you are. As you get to know one another, you'll find you share many things in common.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Goals can be achieved today, but it may require some ingenious revisions to do so. When stymied, come up with some clever alternatives. Romance, travel, luck, resources, possible pitfalls and career for the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph, which begins with your birthday. Mail $1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Adhere to your high standards today. Do that which you know to be right, even if the acknowledgment you hope for is denied you. It will come later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Serve more in an advisory capacity today than as a financier if a friend comes to you with his or her troubles. Help bail this person out with words, not bucks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Support from associates is likely to be only lukewarm today. You'll fare better doing what needs to be done without seeking their assistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be too upset today if someone you're trying very hard to please misses your message. The fault lies with this individual, not with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In situations that you manage for others today, treat what you're handling with great respect. Do nothing that could end up costing them money or inconvenience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) People you associate with today will find you a pleasant and desirable companion. However, members of your family may not award you the same accolades.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Everyone makes mistakes, and you're apt to make your fair share today. Passing the blame on, however won't look good on your record.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your normally prudent abilities to manage your resources could desert you again today. When extravagant temptations tug at your purse strings, ignore them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll treat others generously today, but you're likely to do so in a way that may make them feel obligated. If you're going to be a giver, cut the string.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your intuition could play tricks on you today and negative feelings could be misread as hunches. Don't dwell on dark thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is not a good day to mix business and pleasure. Doing business with pals could cost more than doing it with strangers.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Your Birthday

January 7, 1981

You possess the tremendous drive needed to accomplish big things this coming year. If you are ready for more responsibilities, accepting the problems as well as the benefits, you'll succeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The chances of your ambitions being fulfilled today are excellent because you are not afraid to pay the necessary dues it takes to get ahead. Romance, travel, luck, resources, possible pitfalls and career for the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph, which begins with your birthday. Mail $1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Past experience gives you strong take-charge abilities today and you'll not hesitate to use them. Because of this, your destiny will remain in your own hands.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) To function your best today, you have to be left to your own devices. However, this should not necessarily mean you won't consult others when necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Acquaintances will be important to your cause today, inasmuch as they can help you sort out your thoughts and assist you at arriving at sound conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Set your playthings aside for the time being and devote your efforts to productive pursuits today. Much can be accomplished if you assert yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have the verve to sway others to your way of thinking today. Don't waste it on trivia. Sell 'em something important.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Set out to try to gain the confidence of someone who can pull the right strings for you to help you get something you want. They're receptive today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It isn't likely you'll be shy about stating your position today, but the reason you'll succeed in your cause is that you combine both logic and optimism in your presentation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let that extra energy today go to waste. There are larger-than-average rewards available if you extend the needed efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be hard to keep you off center stage today. Your natural leadership qualities impel you to take charge. Others won't mind — in fact, they'll welcome this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are it'll be impossible to sit idly by today and do nothing about the inequities you see. Your strong sense of justice makes you act to eliminate them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is the day to tighten the ties with a recent acquaintance. Take the initiative to strengthen the relationship. You won't be sorry.

Astro

Jacoby's bridge

	NORTH 1-5-81 ♠A Q J 5 ♥K Q 8 ♦K Q 7 5 ♣6 5	
WEST ♠6 2 ♥9 7 5 3 ♦- - - - ♣A K Q J 10 8 4		EAST ♠7 3 ♥6 4 2 ♦10 8 6 4 3 2 ♣9 7
	SOUTH ♠K 10 9 8 4 ♥A J 10 ♦A J 9 ♣3 2	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

West	North	East	South
3♣	Dbl.	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣4

By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Oswald: "Jeff Rubens, co-editor of the Bridge World shows today's hand in an article called 'Theatre of the Absurd' to show a really unusual play."

Alan: "Actually, it is two unusual plays. West decides to underlead his ace-king-queen-jack-ten of clubs to put his partner in. Then East, who must be a real clairvoyant, plays his seven of clubs which holds the trick. Then he gives West a diamond ruff. Now East's nine of clubs is a second entry to give West a second diamond ruff and South a chance to moan and groan."

Oswald: "Actually that play of the seven at trick one is most logical. It just requires that East do a lot of high-powered thinking. He starts by assuming that West needed seven clubs for his three-level preempt. Then East thinks further. Obviously West can ruff diamonds. Thus, the four spot is his lowest club. That leaves South with specifically the three and two. Now it is easy for a man who has figured all this out to play his seven to keep a second entry to his hand."

Alan: "An amazing play of third hand low."

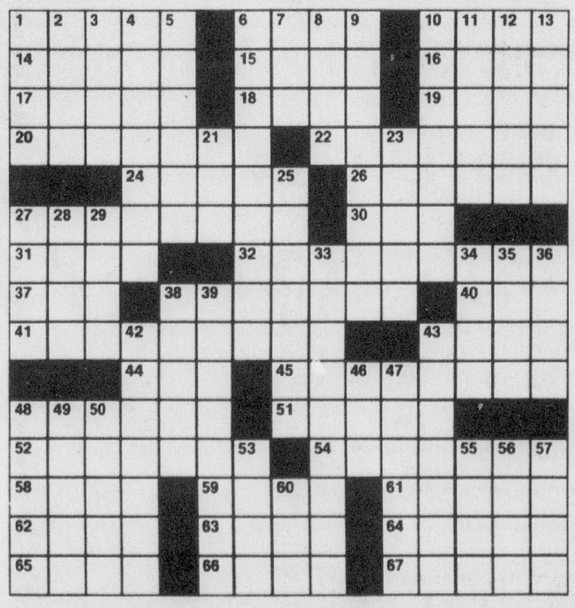
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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26 Piano experts
27 Thinnest
30 Three: Prefix
31 Dines
32 Exigencies
37 Bygone
38 Most agile
40 Knock
41 Repugnant
43 Sub —
44 Extinct bird
45 Landscaper
48 Complains
51 Patrol
52 Opposes
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3 Molding edge: Var.
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7 Sailor
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9 Tots' gear
10 Devilish
11 Slacken
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13 Deciphers
21 Food fish
23 — almond
25 Threads
27 Cauterize
28 Summon
29 Over
33 Explain: 2 words
34 Golf club
35 Comfort
36 Shadowbox
38 Plums
39 Synthetics
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43 Go back over
46 Fish eggs
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48 Bermuda, e.g.
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Mission Circle meets

SUTTON — The Olivet Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. G.F. Knights on Dec. 18. The President, Mrs. H.H. Woodard chaired the meeting and welcomed the eight members.

The Devotional period was taken by Mrs. G.F. Knights. Scripture lesson was from Isaiah 9 verse 6, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. An article was read entitled "What Does Christmas Mean?" written by Billy Graham. The devotional period was closed with prayer.

The Study which was conducted by Mrs. O. H. Baker was on the religion of Islam which is the religion in Iran and an explanation of the situation in Iran was given, which was written by Dr. J.C. Wilson, who is a Professor of World Evangelism.

The Newscast was taken by Mrs. Edith Bennett. The Bible continues to be the most published book, The Bible Society continues to publish the book in more languages as God's word is open to all. Mrs. Bennett then read Christmas Greetings that Miss Hazel E.R. Bates had written in 1978.

Prayer Requests were read by Mrs. Charles Lawrence. Thanks and prayers for ministries were given. During the meeting, Carols were read in unison.

Election of Officers took place. President: Mrs. H.H. Woodard, Vice Pres. Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Sec'y and Treasurer, Mrs. G.F. Knights, Reading Course: Mrs. Ellen Rumsby.

Mrs. H. Surtees presented a gift to the Church Clerk, Mrs. O.H. Baker and to the Church organist Mrs. G.F. Knights.

Christmas Cheer boxes were discussed, then Mrs. Ellen Rumsby closed the meeting with prayer and a social time followed.

UCW Meeting

BULWER (RR) — The December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merrill on Thursday evening, Dec. 11. The ladies gathered in the large room downstairs, which was prettily decorated for Christmas with the Christmas tree in one corner near a big window.

The president opened the meeting by asking Mrs. G. Pinchin to lead in the devotions. Catherine Lowd read the Christmas story from Luke, Chapter 2, then Mrs. Pinchin gave a reading entitled, Christmas Eve, followed by a benediction.

After an item of business had been taken care of, the ladies had an exchange of gifts, after which the members and a few guests were joined by a few gentlemen, and the rest of the evening was turned over to the fun and games committee - Peggy Grapes and Gwen Robinson, assisted by Helen Johnston.

After several games had been played provoking much laughter, small gifts were given to the winners, then three gentlemen were asked to come forward and they were seated in a chair and blindfolded and each given a shopping bag filled mostly with women's clothing, from which they were to dress themselves. This caused much merriment and each received a gift. They certainly were good sports!

Everyone went upstairs to sing Carols with Roberta Smith at the piano and then all enjoyed potluck lunch buffet style. There were four specially marked cups, with Leigh Grapes, Ron Rothney George Pinchin and Alice Merrill receiving the prizes.

At the close of the short business meeting a collection was taken up, which will be our share in sending a U.C.W. member with the Presbyterial youth worker, Mary Hatfield, up north this summer.

After a delicious lunch and a social time, everyone left for their homes, thanking Alice and Stuart for their hospitality.

Sports

the Record

Lafleur's eye improving; Wamsley back to Vees

MONTREAL (CP) — Right winger Guy Lafleur, who is used to setting National Hockey League scoring marks, has been working on a different type of record in recent days.

The Montreal Canadiens forward is undoubtedly closing in on a record number of visits to Dr. John Little, the team's eye specialist, who has been testing Lafleur's vision at least once, and sometimes twice daily since last Wednesday.

Lafleur was put under such close observation after being struck in the right eye by the stick of Charlie Simmer in a game against Los Angeles Kings last Tuesday night.

Lafleur has experienced double vision since the mishap, although he is showing daily improvement.

A spokesman for the Canadiens said Monday that Lafleur will not be allowed to practise for at least four more days, making his return to the lineup Saturday night at the earliest.

While the news was not entirely encouraging for Lafleur, it was still better than the news awaiting rookie goaltender Rick Wamsley, who was informed by the club that he was being returned to Nova Scotia Voyageurs of the American Hockey League.

The 21-year-old Wamsley leaves with the sweet taste of three victories and a tie in the four games he completed, playing an integral role in the Canadiens current unbeaten streak which is now six games.

In Denver, the NHL began investigating Saturday's brawling game between Colorado Rockies and Boston Bruins, that broke five Rockies' club records for penalty minute totals.

A spokesman for the Rockies said NHL representatives viewed a videotape of the game in Denver and discussed what measures — if any — were to be taken against the teams.

Club spokesman Kevin O'Brien said no final decisions were made Monday, although one Boston player, right winger Dwight Foster, was absolved from a penalty decision made during the game.

Foster was ejected from the game at 13:05 of the first period when officials claimed he had been the first one off the bench to get involved in a fight between Colorado's Ed Cooper and Boston's Mike Milbury.

That infraction usually carries an automatic three-game suspension. But NHL officials absolved Foster, saying he had been helping an injured teammate on the ice and not fighting.

'Throw it into Lake Erie': Sipe didn't

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Head coach Sam Rutigliano suggested Monday the competitiveness of quarterback Brian Sipe became Cleveland Browns' worst enemy for those few painful seconds Sunday in Cleveland's frigid Municipal Stadium.

Sipe had questioned throwing a pass rather than keeping the ball safely on the ground, with the Browns at the Oakland Raiders 13-yard line trailing by two points with less than a minute to play in their National Football League American Conference playoff game.

"In a tight fit, throw it into Lake Erie," Rutigliano had told his quarterback, knowing an interception or sack would erase kicker Don Cockroft's chance to win the game. "But you're dealing with a competitor (Sipe), and Ozzie Newsome was open."

So Sipe led Newsome into the end zone. But Oakland free safety Mike Davis made the play of a lifetime — a gamesaving interception that was replayed endlessly on Ohio television news shows.

"If the kicking unit was solid, I wouldn't even have had to make that decision," Rutigliano said. "I would have been drinking hot chocolate on the bench."

But the kicking unit had failed on four of six occasions during the game. Cockroft missed a pair of field goal attempts while kicking into a wind that swept in off Lake Erie, a bad snap foiled a third try, and an extra point was blocked.

Meanwhile, San Diego Chargers and Philadelphia Eagles, home teams in Sunday's conference finals, approach their contests with injury problems that could cause them to recast their passing games.

The Raiders and Cowboys are playoff wild-card teams and will be facing the champions of their respective divisions — San Diego in the American Conference West and Philadelphia in the National Conference East.

Much of San Diego's league-leading offence this season was built around a double tight end attack. The big name is Kellen Winslow, who led the league with 89 catches and was one of three Chargers' receivers to gain more than 1,000 yards.

Winslow is able to do a lot of roaming because the traditional tight end duties fall to Gregg McCrary, who is less widely known but is a vital cog in the offensive scheme for the Chargers. But San Diego lost McCrary when he cracked three bones in his back in a game against Buffalo.

Philadelphia's air game has injury problems, too. Charley Smith, who caught 47 passes for 825 yards during the regular season, missed the Minnesota game because of a broken jaw. His replacement, Scott Fitzkee, was carried off the field in the second quarter after breaking a bone in his foot for the second time this season. That left third-stringer Rodney Parker in the starting role across from Harold Carmichael, who's been banged up lately, too.

Philadelphia running back Wilbert Montgomery, who was the team's leading receiver with 60 catches, is also hurt.

Olympic hockey awaits answer

OTTAWA (CP) — The president of Hockey Canada says his officials hope to start next summer organizing a national team to prepare players for the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Lou Lefaive said in an interview Monday that cancellation of the Canada Cup hockey tournament last fall on the heels of the boycott of the Moscow Olympics left Hockey Canada without the money to start putting together a national team.

It also meant Canada could not participate in two major hockey tournaments — Isvestia in Moscow and Rude Pravo in Prague. As a result, the program was put on hold for a year.

Father David Bauer, who put together the 1980 Winter Olympic hockey team, and Bob Pugh, executive vice-president of the Canadian Interuniversities Athletic Union, had proposed that the concept of a national team be kept.

Players would be evaluated and the best invited to a training camp which would have been held last summer. The players, most of them in college hockey, would be assembled to compete in the major international tournaments.

Pugh said in an interview he is disappointed that Hockey Canada had not gone ahead with the concept. But it would cost about $1 million for the four years, a commitment that would be difficult without the Canada Cup proceeds.

Meanwhile, sources said Bauer and Sammy Pollock, long-time general-manager of Montreal Canadiens and a Hockey Canada director, would be asked to take charge of the national team program.

While the Canadian team at the 1980 Winter Olympics, composed mainly of college players, managed only a sixth-place standing, it was one of the most competitive Canadian teams seen abroad in ages.

Some of those Olympians, still playing college hockey, will wear Canadian colors again when they join Alberta Golden Bears, last year's university champs, to represent Canada at the world student games in Jaca, Spain, in late February.

Knox honored as Pardee axed

Associated Press

Chuck Knox and Jack Pardee were both rewarded for their work as coaches of NFL teams this season. Buffalo Bills' Knox was named the Associated Press coach of the Year. But Washington Redskins' Pardee was fired after club owner Jack Kent Cooke said there were philosophical differences between the two on how to rebuild the aging Redskins.

The Bills, who were 5-11 and 7-9 in Knox's first two years in Buffalo, soared to 11-5 this year and won the championship of the American Conference East for their first playoff berth since 1974.

Washington general manager Bobby Beathard flew to the west coast today to begin the search for a replacement. Beathard indicated he probably would look for a successor to Pardee among the ranks of assistant coaches, but would not rule out the possibility of a return by former coach George Allen.

The general manager said he did not intend to talk to Allen on this trip, but "it's not up to me to eliminate him."

"Mr. Cooke is going to hire the coach."

There are reports of two men at the top of Beathard's list — John Robinson, coach at the University of Southern California, and John Madden, former Oakland Raiders coach.

Sport shorts

BOSTON (AP) — Two Boston Red Sox stars, outfielder Fred Lynn and catcher Carlton Fisk, believe they are free agents and have filed for free agency, it was reported Monday.

The Globe said the American League baseball players filed in a letter from Marvin Miller, director of the players' union, which Haywood Sullivan, owner of the baseball club, received Monday.

Lynn and Fisk believe they are free agents — able to negotiate with any team immediately — because they were not tended contract offers as of Dec. 20.

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MONTREAL (CP) — Laval spoiled Shawinigan's chance to move into a first-place tie with Trois-Rivieres Draveurs as the Voisins downed the Cataractes 4-2 in the only Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game Monday night.

Marc Prevost's goal at 15:27 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and Michel Lacasse added a third-period goal to seal the victory.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Niatross, the world champion pacer who won more than $2 million and became the fastest horse in harness racing history, was retired to stud Monday at Castleton Farm near Lexington.

Those present included Lou Guida, head of Niatross's $10-million syndicate, who has prevented the horse, at least temporarily, from racing as a four-year-old.

SEATTLE (AP) — Guard Paul Westphal scored 11 of his game-high 27 points in the third quarter as Seattle SuperSonics defeated Dallas Mavericks 103-89 in National Basketball Association action Monday night.

Westphal hit five of six shots from the field in the third quarter as the Sonics at one point opened up a 10-point lead, 76-66, on Vinnie Johnson's 10-foot jumper with 36 seconds left in the quarter. Centre Jack Sikma pulled down six rebounds in the quarter to start the Sonics' fast break.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The North American Soccer League, which recently realigned its 21 clubs into five divisions for the 1981 season, announced the composition of the divisions Monday.

The geographic alignment principally is designed to retain and strengthen natural rivalries, NASL spokesmen said.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Hall of Famer Willie Mays, still working for an Atlantic City hotel-casino, hopes commissioner Bowie Kuhn will review his ruling which ordered Mays banned from baseball because of his current employment.

"I don't want to beg to be back in the game I've loved for so many years," Mays said Monday. "I would like for someone to talk to the commissioner, let him look at the hotel and what I do.

Scoreboard

HOCKEY

NHL
Wales Conference
Norris Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Los Ang	25	11	4	172	136	54
Montreal	22	13	4	165	111	48
Hartford	13	17	8	147	183	34
Pttsbrgh	12	20	7	146	178	31
Detroit	10	20	8	123	155	28
Adams Division						
Minn	19	9	9	140	113	47
Buffalo	18	9	11	149	118	47
Boston	14	18	7	142	140	35
Toronto	13	20	5	150	173	31
Quebec	10	18	10	133	158	30
Campbell Conference						
Patrick Division						
Islnders	25	8	8	187	126	58
Phila	25	10	5	158	107	55
Calgary	18	13	8	145	147	44
Wash	13	15	11	145	146	37
Rangers	14	20	6	143	160	34
Smythe Division						
St.Louis	25	9	5	169	130	55
Vancouvr	17	12	11	157	137	45
Colorado	14	19	6	138	161	34
Chicago	13	22	6	147	180	32
Edmonton	10	21	6	132	154	26
Winnipeg	3	29	7	117	192	13

Monday Results
Boston 4 Winnipeg 1
Los Angeles 5 Calgary 2

Tonight's Games
Toronto at NY Islanders
Montreal at Detroit
Vancouver at Colorado
Quebec at St. Louis

Wednesday Games
NY Islanders at Pittsburgh
Washington at Edmonton
Hartford at Los Angeles
Vancouver at Minnesota
Colorado at Chicago
Winnipeg at Toronto
Quebec at Buffalo

	G	A	P
Dionne, LA	31	39	70
Simmer, LA	39	30	69
Taylor, LA	23	39	62
Bossy, NYI	40	21	61
Gretzky, Edm	18	42	60
Trottier, NYI	12	47	59
Rogers, Hart	25	33	58
Federko, StL	15	40	55
Nilsson, Cal	17	36	53
Barber, Pha	29	22	51

NHL
Boston 4 Winnipeg 1
Los Angeles 5 Calgary 2

American
Springfield 5 New Brunswick 3

Eastern
Erie 4 Richmond 2

Quebec Major
Laval 4 Shawinigan 2

Viking Cup Junior
At Camrose, Alta.

Championship Final
Finland 8 Prince Albert 6

Consolation
Red Deer 6 Toronto Centennial 3

U.S. College
Tea Pot Tourney
At Boston Garden

First Round
Bowdoin 2 Salem St 0
Merrimack 8 Lowell 3

AMERICAN
Northern Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Maine	21	11	4	139	132	46
Nova Sctia	19	21	3	170	153	41
Sprngfield	18	19	3	154	151	39
New Bruns	15	16	4	126	125	34
Southern Division						
Hershey	19	13	3	145	127	41
Rochester	18	15	4	145	131	40
Adirondack	16	20	3	141	164	35
New Haven	14	17	3	126	136	31
Binghamton	14	22	3	131	158	31

Monday Result
Springfield 5 New Brunswick 3

Wednesday Games
Springfield at New Brunswick
New Haven at Adirondack
Maine at Binghamton

Thursday Game
Maine at Hershey

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Berbick to fight Holmes?

HALIFAX (CP) — Trevor Berbick of Halifax, Canada's hope for a world heavyweight boxing championship, is a hair's-breadth away from a title match with World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes. But there are some details yet to be settled, Toronto promoter Irv Ungerman said Monday.

Ungerman, who is acting as agent for Berbick in negotiations for a world title fight, said earlier reports of formal agreement to a $4-million package of fights including a Holmes match were too strong.

He said in an interview from Toronto there is agreement in writing that Berbick will face Holmes, of Easton, Pa., but the money, location, date and possible television coverage have yet to be nailed down.

Ungerman said negotiations with New York promoter Don King, who represents Holmes, are continuing and that a Berbick-Holmes fight is a near-certainty. But he emphasized that without network coverage, the money may not be there.

He said a world championship bout for Berbick would probably net the Canadian champion at least $250,000, but he would have to defeat Holmes and take the world title to get a crack at the rumored $4 million.

WANTED WEAVER

A bid to have Berbick meet World Boxing Association champion Mike Weaver in Las Vegas in late February appears to have been sidelined when Weaver signed to defend his title against James (Quick) Tillis, a top-ranked American fighter.

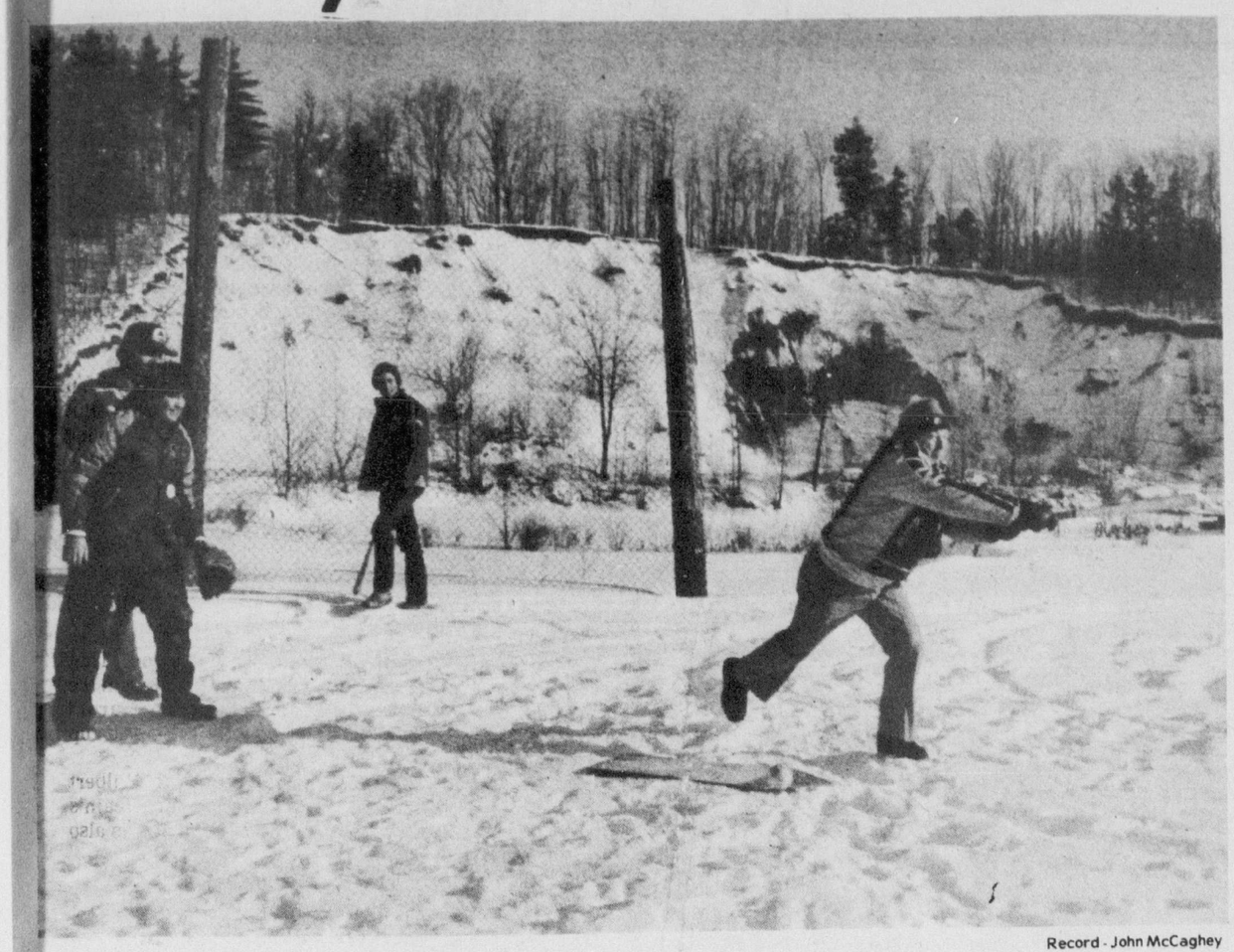
Weaver, of Los Angeles, has signed to fight Tillis in Las Vegas late in February and the fight is to be televised on the CBS network, Ungerman said.

"We were hoping to get Larry Holmes (for Berbick) with the CBS money as well, that's why I don't know just when we'll be going with Larry Holmes," Ungerman said. "It will probably be in March.

"Trevor definitely will be fighting for a world heavyweight championship since he is now ranked fifth in the world," he said, but maintained that the particulars are still undecided.

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Thirsty Boot lob-ball benefit raises $700



Record - John McCaghey

The Nest Old Timers' John Leimer displays an unorthodox batting stance during benefit lob-ball action New Year's Day in West Bolton.

By JOHN McCAGHEY

WEST BOLTON — "The kids were the winners," host Barry Ellson commented after the third annual Thirsty Boot lob-ball tournament which was held here New Year's Day.

"Proceeds to the District of Bedford Association for the Mentally Retarded will top $700 when the final donations are in," Ellson said. "We are sorry Mordecai Richler couldn't participate due to his unfortunate accident as a number of people were on hand looking forward to meeting him."

Major planets juxtaposed shortly before dawn and some of the players mentioned they had been looking for the reappearance of the Star of Bethlehem but festive spirits must have dulled their sight. Frigid early morning temperatures eased and brilliant sunlight added to excellent field conditions on both diamonds.

Early on, it was clearly the morning after when you see a heel of ale in an old fashioned glass, things boded well for the host team as the Boot 'Boxers' -- the gals decided on distinctive, if unorthodox, over-underc-overings -- swamped the Owl's Nest Old Timers 9-2.

The most interesting action in that match occurred when Jennifer Foster's dog, Scruffy, got hold of the ball and stymied both teams in and outfields for three or four minutes. We doubt if Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chances ever put on a similar demonstration!

The Owl's Nest men avenged their old timers putting Gordon Tire, of Montreal, to rest 9-2 in the first elimination round. Camp Garagona squeezed by the Boot's men's unit 2-1, Cowansville Legion Affiliates nosed out Bondville 4-3, Allans Angels nipped the Sewell club 8-7 and Brome eased by Paul Harrison's squad 4-3.

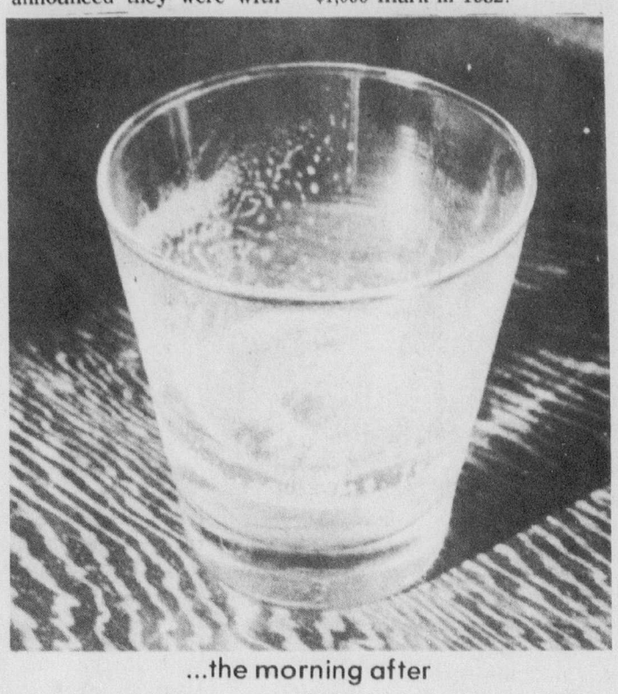
The action wasn't confined to the two diamonds. "Mac" Allen was busy selling tickets for the door prize; "Help the kids," was the slogan. Floyd Sherrer was busier than a pup with nine tails acting as coordinator and umpire in chief; Tommy McGovern had the dubious distinction of trying to rouse the teams out of the warmth of the Boot onto the playing fields.

There was a certain amount of good natured banter about being forced to give up on the eggs benedict which poured from the kitchen in an unending stream as chef Keith Ellson did his thing.

A number of thirsty players expressed their thanks to Andre Foisy, of J.J. Michel, the Granby Molson's distributor, who made sure thirsts were slaked in the field.

The camp then beat out the Boxers 7-4 in the semis. The Owl's Nest put the Legion away 4-2 and Brome bombed the Angels 12-4, setting up the final. Camp Garagona won the bye when Brome announced they were withdrawing due to the cold. This set the stage for the final three inning match when the Owl's Nest blanked Garagona 4-0.

"The main thing was it was a fun day and all for a worthy cause," Ellson continued. "Last year we raised slightly over $450 and if this year is any indication, with a bit more hard work and public participation, we might be able to top the $1,000 mark in 1982."



...the morning after

Ringette: It's really catching on

Canadian Press

Ringette.

Never heard of it? That's not surprising. You will, however, because chances are it's already infecting your neighborhood.

At the moment this sport with a name reminiscent of a prepubescent skin eruption is spreading quietly across North America.

From its Ontario birthplace in 1965, it has moved south and west — and probably east, for that matter — and now is making its appearance to the north.

It's a winter pastime for girls, played on skates with a rubber ring in place of a puck and with the handles of cast-off hockey sticks to maintain the balance and propel the ring.

It is also an outlet for mothers who saw fit to have daughters instead of sons.

ITS OWN PHILOSOPHY

The Citizen, a newspaper in Prince George, B.C., chronicles the rapid spread of the game by publishing the "ringette philosophy" and includes among the "objectives" the following?

". . . To have fun . . . to learn how to face new situations . . . to learn to achieve objectives and success as a member of a team and not only as an individual."

Low basic cost is stressed, as is the recognition of sportsmanship and the ensuring of good will and friendship.

But will it stay that way?

James Naismith, a Canadian, invented basketball about 100 years ago with much the same high ideals in mind. He wanted a pastime where — because the ball was to be propelled aloft — the little guy wuld have just as much chance as the beanpole.

Well, you know what happened to basketball.

The same fate probably lies ahead for ringette.

More and more the coaches will lean toward the philosophy of the late Vince Lombardi to whom winning wasn't everything. As he put it "it's the only thing."

WOE TO COME

As more people become involved, a games mistress somewhere will be heard to rephrase the sentiments of Leo (The Lip) Durocher that "nice girls finish last" and that a tie is "like kissing your brother."

Alan Eagleson will form a players' association.

AP and UPI will take to carrying scoring statistics and Nick the Greek will set the odds on the point spread.

There must be east-west playoffs, of course, and they'll be hailed as a major influence for Canadian solidarity.

Signs will appear in perfumed dressing-rooms advising that "if you can't beat 'em in the alley, you can't beat 'em on the ice" and "when the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Sponsorships will spring up, and franchises. There will have to be farm systems and scouting systems. Leagues will begin to merchandise team logos.

Radio and television will get into the act and announcers will proclaim that "this broadcast is brought to you by the National Ringette League" and will outline the penalties inherent in its use for anything other than the sole enjoyment of the viewers.

NBA leader Dantley finds home in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Adrian Dantley has played for four teams in five seasons, but he's no journeyman. He's the National Basketball Association's leading scorer, a player whose travels appear to be at an end.

Dantley has found a home with Utah Jazz, a weak team that has given him the chance to fully display the scoring prowess that made him a schoolboy star and a collegiate all-American at Notre Dame.

Two-thirds of the Jazz's plays are designed specifically for Dantley, who often takes 25 or 30 shots in a game. But since Utah has only one other scoring threat, rookie guard Darrell Griffith, coach Tom Nissalke has no option but to rely heavily on Dantley.

"You build a team block by block," said Nissalke. "You start with one quality player, then add another, then another — and pretty soon you have a competitive team.

"Adrian Dantley was our first building block."

The Jazz acquired the 6-5 Dantley in one of the great heists of all time, getting him from Los Angeles straight-up for Spencer Haywood prior to last season. The Lakers felt Dantley was primarily an inside player and could not work effectively in the same lineup with centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and hoped the 6-8 Haywood would better complement their small forward, Jamaal Wilkes.

Haywood is out of the league now after one stormy season in Los Angeles — and Dantley is the NBA scoring leader with an average of 31.9 points a game.

HAS SCORING TOUCH

Nevertheless, one thing is certain: Dantley can score. He always had outstanding moves around the basket, and now he complements that strong inside game with a fine shooting touch from 15-18 feet. Those skills present unique problems for opponents.

"We just don't have anybody who can play him," former Denver coach Donnie Walsh said after an early-season encounter with Dantley and the Jazz. "They are either too big or too small."

Dantley says he likes all the playing time he can get and rarely feels tired, and with good reason — he's in the best physical condition of his life.

Dantley won rookie-of-the-year honors with Buffalo in 1977, only to be dealt to Indiana before the start of his second year. After only two months with the Pacers, he was sent to Los Angeles, where he lasted nearly two seasons before having to leave another forwarding address.

"Each time I've been traded, I've played better than the man I was traded for, so I've put that all behind me. I just try to go out there and do the job as best I can."

So far that has not been enough to make winners out of the Jazz, who are overmatched talentwise against most NBA teams.

"We're a better team that we were last year, but we're still not there yet," says Dantley. "You win with eight or nine guys, not two.

"Teams like Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Los Angeles and Phoenix have an abundance of talent and can wear us down. We have to play perfect ball to beat those teams."

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Holiday happenings at the Border

By IVY HATCH

ROCK ISLAND — For many years now a tradition of the Yule Season is the candlelight service held on Christmas eve in Stanstead South Church. This 1980 year the weather was not ideal but the little white United church along the Border in Rock Island was filled to capacity as an estimated 224 persons attended. It is always a family service and is looked forward by many of a family home for the holidays. There are three and sometimes four generations of a family together in the church.

The church was decorated with bells in the windows and evergreen wreaths made by the Canusa Unit members upon the side walls. A poinsettia plant was in memory of the late Ellie Hartley and potted chrysanthemums in memory of the late Sidney Morris, from the families and another poinsettia given by the church Ladies Aid and afterward taken to the home of Raymond Bean, a bed patient, and Mrs. Bean, in Rock Island.

The theme of the service was "Light", illustrated with scripture readings by Laurie Fish and Tammy Bishop about the Prophecy; Cindy Joseph and Becky Nelson, on the birth of Jesus; Julie Goodsell and Shari Rolleston, the Homage to the Christ child. The readings were interspersed by all singing the Carols of the season led by the choirs of the Triple Steeples and directed by Harold Taylor of Beebe.

Mrs. Della Goodsell directed the Junior choir who sang two selections, preceded by recitations by Cathy Dustin and Judi Rever, and for the second number, a recitation by Todd Rever.

The youth choir presented gifts to Mrs. Goodsell, and organist Roberta Boyd and sent another to organist Viola Moranville who works throughout the year with these young people.

Rev. Carl Gustafson was the officiating pastor and in his remarks told legends of the Light, mentioning that the shortest day is just prior to Christmas, then the days start to lengthen signifying the Light of the world and love of Jesus Christ.

From a candle on the altar, Mr. Gustafson lighted his candle, then passed the light to the candles of Ronald and Allan Nourse who in turn lighted the candle of the first person in each seat, who passed it on to the others, until all were lighted and the electric lights turned off.

It was a beautiful sight to behold as the congregation and choir stood to sing Silent Night, followed by prayers, and then with candles extinguished, all sang "Joy to the World" for the recessional that brought to a close another Candlelight service. As the people left the church they exchanged greetings of the season.

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The Sunday before Christmas, under direction of Mrs. Marcel (Dorothy) Loiselle, the young people of Stanstead South Church accompanied Mr. Loiselle, who drove his van, to homes in the Boundary Villages to sing Carols and Christmas greetings in weather registering 15 below F. Their voices in the frosty air and sometimes in the homes was greatly enjoyed by everyone they visited. Afterward the young people went to the church hall to warm up and enjoy the hot chocolate and goodies. This too is another tradition of the season.

Carol Singing

DERBY LINE — Saturday, December 20 was a clear cold sunny day and from St. Edwards Parish Hall, Derby Line, some 80 Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cadettes and Leaders, from Derby and Derby Line, in four trucks and some in cars went to Michaud Manor and around Derby Line to sing Carols and songs of the season to elderly and shut-ins.

They arrived back at the hall after the sun had gone and the temperatures had dropped by some 20 degrees. So warm-up games were played until hot chocolate was ready and served with decorated cup cakes.

The grade 5 Brownies were in charge of the arrangements. Prior to refreshments, all joined to sing the Johnny Appleseed Grace and while eating, there was recorded Christmas music played on tapes brought by Mrs. Provost.

Paulette Petelle, Grade 5 Leader was presented with a basket of seasonal flowers and good wishes.

From a decorated tree the "gift switch" parcels were distributed and Leaders were recipients of gifts from the appreciative youngsters.

Ecumenical Service

STANSTEAD — Fast becoming a tradition is the joint church service in Centenary Church, Stanstead, the first Sunday after Christmas, when United Church and Anglican people join in the one service.

This year the theme was "The Twelve days of Christmas", introduction of which was given by Rev. Ron Coughlin from Magog who said the 12 days commence after Christmas day and continue until the Epiphany which is "the beginning". From the scriptures he read about the Birth of Jesus and so it continued to the 12th day, then Rev. Ron Smith, of the Anglican Greater Parish of Coaticook read about "The Epiphany of our Lord."

Other readers were Judi Rever, Olive Wells, Janice Soutiere, Sally Perrault, Bonnie Drew, Ted White, Allan Nourse, John Cox, Cindy Boyd and Edward Hyatt, representing Centenary, Stanstead South and Wesley United Churches and Christ Anglican Church.

Led by the choirs of these churches and joined by the congregation, appropriate Carols and hymns were sung. The concluding number was Good Christian Men, Rejoice. Mrs. A.P. Gordon played the organ and special selections during the offertory, before and after the service.

Many joined in fellowship and conversation in the church hall, after the service, for refreshments served by the Centenary church women.

Christmas Party

STANSTEAD — Just prior to Christmas the Stanstead Golden Age Group who gather weekly in Sacred Heart Church Hall, enjoyed a gala Christmas party.

Cards were played in the afternoon at several tables and at 4:30 p.m. Father Yvan Malouin, Parish priest, celebrated a Mass in the church with special music.

Afterward in the hall at long tables gaily decorated for Christmas, with lighted candles, a banquet was served by a group of church ladies who catered. The menu was planned around roast turkey and ham with all the goodies, including a glass of wine which added to the festivity.

A delightful evening of fun followed, with dancing to music played by some of the Seniors, others played cards or just chatted.

Mrs. Roland Lefebvre, president, welcomed everyone and wished them happy holidays. The weekly gatherings will be resumed in mid-January.

Raffle Winner

DERBY — The Derby Jaycee Women held their quilt drawing prior to Christmas. They raffled off a Vermont Design Quilt made by the Jaycee women in the area, for seven weeks.

The quilt was displayed at the Daylight store in Derby Line and the Needlecraft store in Newport.

To draw the winning ticket was Lloyd Selby of Derby Line, the recently elected Representative of District 3 for this Border communities area. Also present for the drawing was Mrs. Selby, Lea Sykes and Barbara Burnham.

Mr. Selby drew the ticket of Mrs. Madelaine Thompson of Stanstead, who said "the quilt is so beautiful and I am so lucky to be the winner."

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