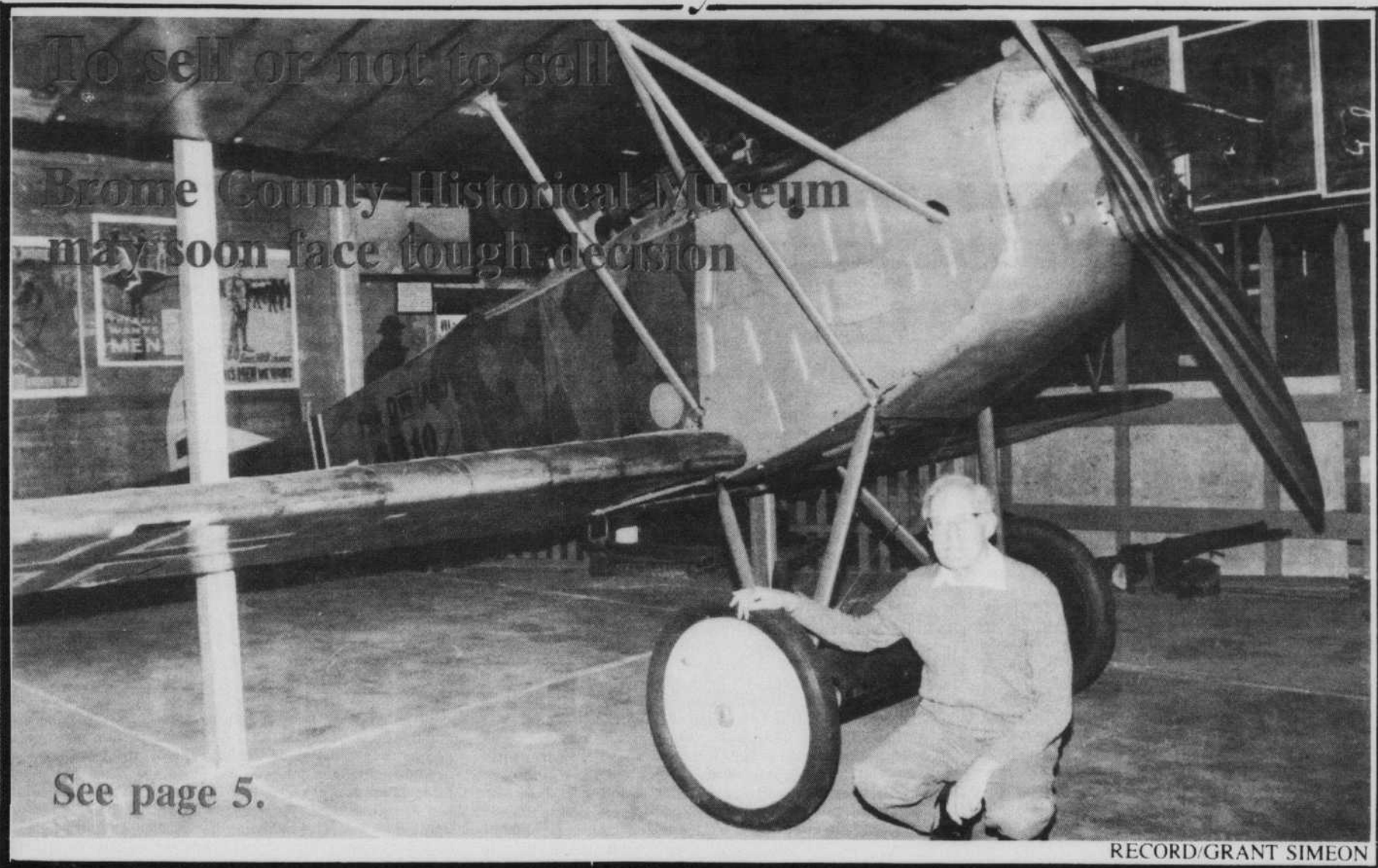


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Community Calendar

Thursday, March 28

A public meeting to discuss the threat to local institutions such as the courthouse and hospital will be held at **L'Auberge des Carrefours**, 111 Place J.J. Bertrand, Cowansville this evening at 8.

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 in Cowansville is sponsoring a **card party** at 7:30 at the Fraternal Hall, 910 Main St. in Cowansville. Prizes will be given. Refreshments will be served. Admission charged. Come and bring a friend.

Friday, March 29

A **Calvary Walk** will be held in **Mansonville** beginning at 1:30 at the Baptist Church proceeding to the Anglican, United and Catholic churches. Each denomination will conduct a short worship service in the churches, and members will carry a cross from church to church. **The Potpourri Choir** will provide special Easter choruses at each church. Refreshments will be served at the Catholic Church basement. Rain or shine. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, March 30

There will be a **card party** sponsored by the **Church Wardens in Iron Hill** on Easter Saturday at 8.

March 30 and 31

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

Sunday, March 31

There will be an **Easter Sunrise Service** at the home of **Garth and Audrey Clark** in **Mansonville** Sunday morning around 5. Everyone is welcome to attend the event sponsored by the **United Church**.

Saturday, April 6

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

Monday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 7

The **Royal Canadian Legion, Sutton Branch 158** at 2 Curley Street will hold a **Western Breakfast** from 10 till 1. Everyone welcome.

April 8, 9 and 10

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

April 11

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 is sponsoring a **Chicken Pie Dinner** at 910 Main Street in Cowansville from noon to 1 p.m. Tickets are available from members or by calling 263-0461.

Wednesday, April 17

Soup's on. Volunteers at the **Cowansville Volunteer Center** will serve lunch every Wednesday from noon till 1 in the basement of the **St. Thérèse Church**. The soup kitchen is for anyone on a low income who is hungry and lonely. New friends will welcome you without discrimination. Contribution \$1 for adult and 50 cents for children. For information call 263-3758.

Thursday, April 18

The **Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery meeting** will be held in Granby. **Rev. Walter Farquerson**, moderator of the United Church will attend.

Saturday, April 20

The **Knowlton Academy School Committee**, in collaboration with the **Quebec federation of Home & Schools**, is organizing a day of workshops at **Knowlton Academy** from 8:30 till 3:30. The theme is **The Communication Challenge: Literacy and Learning at home and school, and in the community**. There will be a literacy exchange and workshops on: Communication in the family, Volunteers — how to recruit and use them effectively; leadership development; and homework-study skills. Everyone is invited to attend. The cost is \$6 and includes lunch. For information and registration, please call **Coleen Milburn** 243-0627 or **Shirley Smith Coderre** 243-5154.

Church Services

Grace Anglican Church, Principale Street in Sutton

— Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
— Sunday: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

All Saints Anglican Church, Abercorn

— Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Glen Sutton

— Sunday: 7 p.m.

Clavary United Church, Pleasant and Maple St. in Sutton

— Sunday: 11:15 a.m.

Olivet Baptist Church, Maple Street in Sutton

— Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

St. André de Sutton, Main Street North

— Saturday (during ski season): 5 p.m.

— Sunday: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

St. Simon d'Abercorn

— Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Notre Dame des Grâces, Glen Sutton

— Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Mansonville United Church, Mansonville

— Holy Thursday: **Sedar meal and pot luck supper** at the church
— Good Friday: 1:30 p.m. Ecumenical Calvary walk (see details above)

— Evening service: 7:30 p.m.

— Easter Sunday: **Sunrise service, Clark's farm** (see details above)

— Bolton Center: 9:15 a.m.

— Mansonville: 11:00 a.m.

All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham

— Good Friday: 8 p.m. music and meditation on the cross
— Easter Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist B.C.P.

Arts Calendar

March 21 till March 31

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

March 30 till April 28

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

Starting **Friday Cinema Princess** in Cowansville is showing **The Hard Way** starring **Michael J. Fox** and **James Woods**. Back for another week is **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2**. Matinees feature the popular **Never Ending Story Part 2**. The cinema is located at 141 Main St. in Cowansville. Don't forget special prices Tuesday and Wednesday nights — only \$3.99.

Community Notes

Theatre Lac Brome needs help. Their cupboards are full and their offices are bare! The theatre is calling on friends and patrons to donate to the following **Wish List**. They can use storage space for sets and costumes. And they need filing cabinets, desks, chairs, telephones, tables, a calculator, a computer, a typewriter, vacuum cleaner, lights or lighting of any kind including lamps, track lighting, floor lamps, hanging lamps or desk lamps. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

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West Bolton: Big bucks needed for road repairs



Reporter Gil Smith points to just one of the many potholes awaiting motorists on West Bolton roads.

By Gil Smith

WEST BOLTON — Appalled at the condition of roads in this municipality, council has resolved to send a letter to the Minister of Transport about getting them fixed.

The letter, a copy of which goes to local MNA Pierre Paradis, will draw attention to the Glen Road in particular.

One observer described it as looking "like a scene from hell!"

The road, a connecting route between Highway 243 and Glen Mountain, is virtually riddled with potholes and broken sections of pavement. In addition, there's a hazardous heave in the road surface not far from the 243 intersection.

Last year the town was successfully sued by a motorist whose car was damaged by a large pothole near that same section of roadway.

"The Glen Road's in bad shape and needs a major rebuilding," said John Rhicard, the municipality's road inspector.

WARNING FLAG

He added that a warning flag had been installed at the site of the bump on the roadway, to alert motorists to the potential danger.

"There's also a sign very close to there that advises of a stop sign coming up at the highway intersection," he said in an interview. "If anyone hits that bump at a high speed, it's their problem."

Rhicard said a number of factors had contributed to the Glen Road situation this year. Among them were the unusual winter conditions whereby alternating thaws and freeze-ups added to road damage.

"The road had more traffic to contend with too," he pointed out. "There was construction in the area, which means more trucks had to use the Glen to reach various building and development sites. And, while I don't think Glen Mountain had that great a winter from a skiing standpoint, bus traffic going back and forth with the skiers might also have been a factor."

TIME OF THE ESSENCE

Commenting on the provincial government's much-publicized intention to make roads a municipal responsibility, Rhicard said time was of the essence in getting repairs done.

"If West Bolton eventually got all the roads to look after, it'd be to our advantage to have them fixed beforehand," he said.

Under the present set-up, the government handles some major repairs.

Rhicard could not estimate what the dollar figure might be in getting the roads into decent condition. But it would probably be substantial.

"We also need repairs to other roads in the municipality," he no-

ted, mentioning Brill, Argyle and Mizener, among others. There was also damage to the Bailey Road, caused by truck traffic when the government put gravel on an adjoining surface last fall.

Because some sections of road in this sprawling area may be the maintenance responsibility of certain other municipal authorities, steps had been taken to advise all concerned. Copies of the letter to the Transport Ministry had also been sent to appropriate officials in neighboring communities, Rhicard said.

WINTER JOB

"In winter we look after everything," he explained. "In summer, a number of our roads are maintained by neighboring towns like Waterloo and Cowansville for the province."

During the past winter, West Bolton was responsible for plowing some 67.65 km's of roadway. Its subsidy from the provincial government for that was \$61,178.

Rhicard, at 36 the youngest and most recent member of council, also has to deal with illegally parked cars that block roads in the community. A number of such incidents occurred this past winter, and prevented snow-clearing crews from doing their job.

"The worst was during the first winter snowstorm last Novem-

ber," Rhicard recalled. "The hunting season was still on at the time, and cars were parked everywhere. The plows couldn't get through."

The problem was aggravated later in the winter when skiers and others parked near intersections, causing more grief for snow-removal crews and general traffic.

NEW BYLAW

In January of this year, council adopted Bylaw 274 which bans parking a vehicle in West Bolton so that it obstructs traffic or hinders work on roadways.

Rhicard, the recipient of such road complaints, proposed the bylaw's adoption at a town meeting and was promptly made responsible for enforcing it. He's also empowered to "move a motor vehicle or to cause it to be moved, in the case of snow removal or other municipal road work."

"What I do is fill out a standard infraction form, giving the nature of the infraction, the amount of the fine to be assessed, and things like that," he said.

There's a careful line to be observed when it comes to towing vehicles away, though.

"Discretion will have to be used in cases like that," Rhicard maintains.

A couple of other things might influence the new law, too. One is the fact that West Brome seems to have backed into an unprofitable arrangement with the court in neighboring Waterloo, in regard to the processing of cases.

COURT COSTS

Waterloo, in addition to a \$200-a-year affiliation fee, charges this municipality \$25 a case for court handling of bylaw infractions. The local parking fine under Bylaw 274 is \$10. West Bolton, therefore, will be paying out two-and-a-half times what it takes in, every time a parking ticket is issued.

The municipality is currently considering ways and means of balancing those figures.

It wouldn't help to try to get the provincial police, who are technically responsible for local law enforcement to take over the issuing of parking tickets either, Rhicard says. They don't handle calls involving cars unless an accident has happened or in cases where a car has been abandoned for several days.

The second bugaboo concerns the posting of signs advising motorists of the new parking restrictions. Such signs might have to be put up throughout this extensive municipality. Costs would then be prohibitive.

"Some of the ones who violate the parking laws probably don't even know they're in West Bolton," said Rhicard during the recent interview. He went on to add, however, that municipalities are protected by laws that apply to them in general and which are fully backed up by government authority.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

- Council has accepted Town of Brome Lake's offer of fire protection for 1991. The cost: \$12,838.80. Last year West Bolton had only \$7000 worth of fires. Councillor Donald Badger suggested the municipality request TBL to carry any credit over to the following year.

- A dispute involving the closing of Quilliams Road back in 1965, and which has affected land held by some local residents, is a step closer to solution. Agreements are said to've been received from Stanley and Robert Quilliams, giving a right-of-way across part of Quilliams Road to the residents involved. Robert Quilliams is a councillor and pro-Mayor for West Bolton.

- The accounting firm of Raymond, Chabot, Martin & Paré have been appointed auditors for this municipality for the year 1991.

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Eastern Townships captured in book by Lucinda Fisher



Lucinda Fisher says she wanted to write a book that would be educational, but fun.

RECORD-GRANT SIMEON

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Sugaring-off in the Eastern Townships will soon be captured in a colorfully illustrated book for children written by Knowlton writer Lucinda Fisher.

"Maple sugar is so Canadian and there's so little of that tradition available in print for young people," Fisher said in an interview this week.

"I wanted to write a book that would be educational, but fun," she said. "Something bright and lively that would capture the imagination."

Fisher sent her first draft to some 20 different Canadian publishers before one bit.

"It's tough to get a book published in Canada," she said. "It took four years. You get discouraged but you have to keep plugging."

PAID OFF

Fisher's determination paid off when Boston Mills Press in Erin, Ont., an award winning publishing house for educational books, liked both the concept and the approach

adopted to tell the story.

The publisher dispatched John deVisser, one of Canada's top photographers, to capture the essence of maple sugar season in the Eastern Townships.

DeVisser is no stranger to things Canadian. The former national film board worker also provided photo material for books written by well known Canadian animal rights activist and author Farley Mowatt.

Last week de Visser toured the region photographing the Stanbridge East museum, Lawrence Rhicard's sugar house in West Bolton and Francois Duffar's Knowlton sugar shack for Fisher's book.

"There will be a lot of images in the book that local people will recognize," Fisher said.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The maple sugar story will begin with an historical perspective of sugaring as seen through the eyes of the early settlers and evolve to the present day maple sugar industry including current problems such as acid rain.

"I want it to be historically accurate, but interesting at the same time," Fisher said.

Information for the book came from the Brome Missisquoi historical society and the Stanbridge East museum to ensure authenticity, she added.

Fisher said she expects the book to be available sometime this year.

Meanwhile, she is busy working on two other books which have been accepted for publication. A children's fiction story will be published in Toronto, while a book on horses has been accepted for publication by an American publishing house.

The mother of two says when she's not at her computer writing, she's in the barn caring for nine horses — five of which are her own.

"Either that or I'm reading, I'm addicted to mystery stories," she confessed, citing Martha Grimes as a favorite mystery writer.

Fisher's freelance material has appeared in numerous magazines, specialty publications and in Brome County News.

Ladies' Auxiliary to Welcome Encampment No. 9 holds meeting

KNOWLTON — The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Welcome Encampment No. 9 was held on March 11 at the Oddfellows Lodge Hall in Knowlton with eight members present. The Chief Matriarch Virginia Clifford welcomed everyone. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Scribe — Matriarch Laura Burnham and approved.

There were no bills. Communications: The letter from the Grand Patriarch Ronald Talbot was read from the Bulletin by the Scribe. A copy of the new Constitution was received and tabled until the next meeting, giving the Scribe a chance to note any changes from the previous one and as the Grand Patriarch Ronald Talbot will be visiting our lodge at the next meeting, members will be

able to ask any questions pertaining to it. All the letters from sovereign Grand Lodge had been received, but as the members had heard them read in their respective lodges they were put on file.

The report of the finances given by Matriarch Gladys Thompson remains the same as the previous meeting.

Under-Good of the Order — Patriarch Eddy Clifford of King George Encampment No. 15 of Waterloo was given the Auxiliary Degee by Matriarch Laura Burnham acting as Chief Matriarch assisted by the Junior Warden Matriarch June Royea. He was welcomed by the members. Matriarch Virginia was pleased to have him join in her term as he is her husband and was seriously ill last year. He thanked the lodge for

putting on the degree and said he had always wanted to join the auxiliary since he became a member of his own encampment in Waterloo.

Matriarch Elizabeth Pow reported Matriarchs Margaret Wright and Elizabeth Goyette would serve lunch at the meeting.

Matriarch Virginia said the card party to be held on May 13 will be discussed at our April meeting.

The charter was reverently draped for Matriarch Molly Wing who joined the Auxiliary June 30, 1960 and became Chief Matriarch in 1966-67. She was a faithful member and we will miss her smiling face. As there was no other business, lodge closed in form and lunch was served by Matriarchs Virginia Clifford and Laura Burnham.

Holy Trinity Church Women hold meeting

SOUTH BOLTON — The annual meeting was held on March 14 at the home of Ada Davis. President Sheila Needham welcomed everyone and thanked Ada for hosting the meeting. Rev. Keith Schmidt opened the meeting by leading all in prayer.

The officers for the year are: President, Sheila Needham; Vice-

President, Hilda Hill; Secretary, Sharron Sharman; Treasurer, Jane Willey; Telephone Person, Ada Davis.

Upcoming events for 1991: Summer Sale, June 29 from 1-3:30 p.m. at South Bolton W.I. Hall.

Summer Supper, August 10 starting at 5 p.m., Bolton Centre

Town Hall.

Apple Pie Day, October 12, Bolton Centre Town Hall.

Fall Supper, November 2, starting at 5 p.m., Bolton Centre Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned, and tea, coffee and sweets were served by our hostess Ada Davis.

Ladies' Auxiliary sponsor party

KNOWLTON — Another successful card party was held at the Canadian Legion, Brome Branch #23, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary members on March 18.

500 was played at 15 tables, winners being: Ladies 1st, Evelyn Patter, 6520; 2nd, Ethel Marsh, 5850; low, Estalene Charby, 2550. Men's 1st, Lawrence Page, 5880; 2nd, Bill

Royea, 5470; low, Brian Badger, 2040.

Ethel Marsh and Evelyn Patter were the winners of the 10 diamond bid. Several door prizes were won by a lucky draw. Lunch was served at the end of the evening.

There will be one more party on April 8, and thanks to all who have faithfully attended.

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WWI Fokker airplane may be victim of museum cuts

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Inadequate facilities combined with the loss of important government grants has forced Brome County Historical Society president Peter Downman to consider selling its museum's most precious relic.

At the society's annual general meeting this weekend, the society's new president stunned members by suggesting the historical and museum society might have to sell off its World War 1 Fokker airplane — one of only three remaining in the world.

The museum — one of the oldest in Canada — held its annual meeting a month before the museum it operates is slated to be stripped of its accreditation by the Quebec Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

The suggestion of parting with the plane which has become an integral part of the museum shocked many including museum longtime archivist Marion Phelps.

LOSE FUNDING

But in his annual report Downman suggest the sale of the plane may be something members will have to consider in the future — especially since the museum is about to lose an important part of its funding Cultural Affairs.

In December, the museum received notification from Quebec that funding would be discontinued because the museum did not meet government standards.

"The evaluators claim our collection goes in all directions, and that's deliberate," Downman said at the time. "We are telling the whole story."

"The objective of the Brome County museum, like other rural museums, is to chronicle the history and development of the Eastern Townships," he added.

The Society, which has operated without interruption since its founding in 1897 largely through the efforts of volunteers interested in preserving the heritage of the region.

LACK PROPER FACILITIES

"We don't have the facility to maintain the plane under proper conditions," Downman said. "I suggested it's something we should think about."

Downman said there are two large rips in the fuselage of the plane which require repair.

"The plane is covered with silk which has been varnished," Downman explained.

"Maintenance of the artifact requires a carefully controlled environment," he added. The museum buildings are not heated in winter.

Downman said the plane was taken to Trenton in 1962 for an overhaul.

"The engine hasn't been turned over for 20 years," he added. "It's probably frozen up."

Downman stressed he was not suggesting the plane should be sold immediately.

"Nor," he added, "am I sure we have the authority to dispose of it. It's something we should think about down the road if we don't have the proper facility to maintain it."

Archivist Phelps said the thought of losing the historic aircraft is devastating.

"We have done everything humanly possible to maintain the plane," she added. "After the war, Canada received several planes through the war reparations agreement."

"Ours has probably been the best maintained of any received by Canada," she added. "At one time there were many Fokkers around. Now there are only three."

said Monday, a March 4 meeting between museum officials and representatives of Cultural Affairs was cancelled because of a storm.

A new meeting date is being set.

NO GOOD NEWS

Meanwhile, Downman says he has received no good news from the Quebec government regarding either the re-establishment of the \$10,000 operating grant, or a commitment of any other money under the historic buildings fund.

The sale of the plane may be something members will have to consider in the future — especially since the museum is about to lose an important part of its funding from Quebec's Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

But, she agreed, ideally the museum buildings should be winterized to provide the controlled temperatures required to maintain the aircraft.

Brome-Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis said last January he would investigate the possibility of securing funding to have the turn of the century museum buildings winterized.

A spokesman in Paradis' office

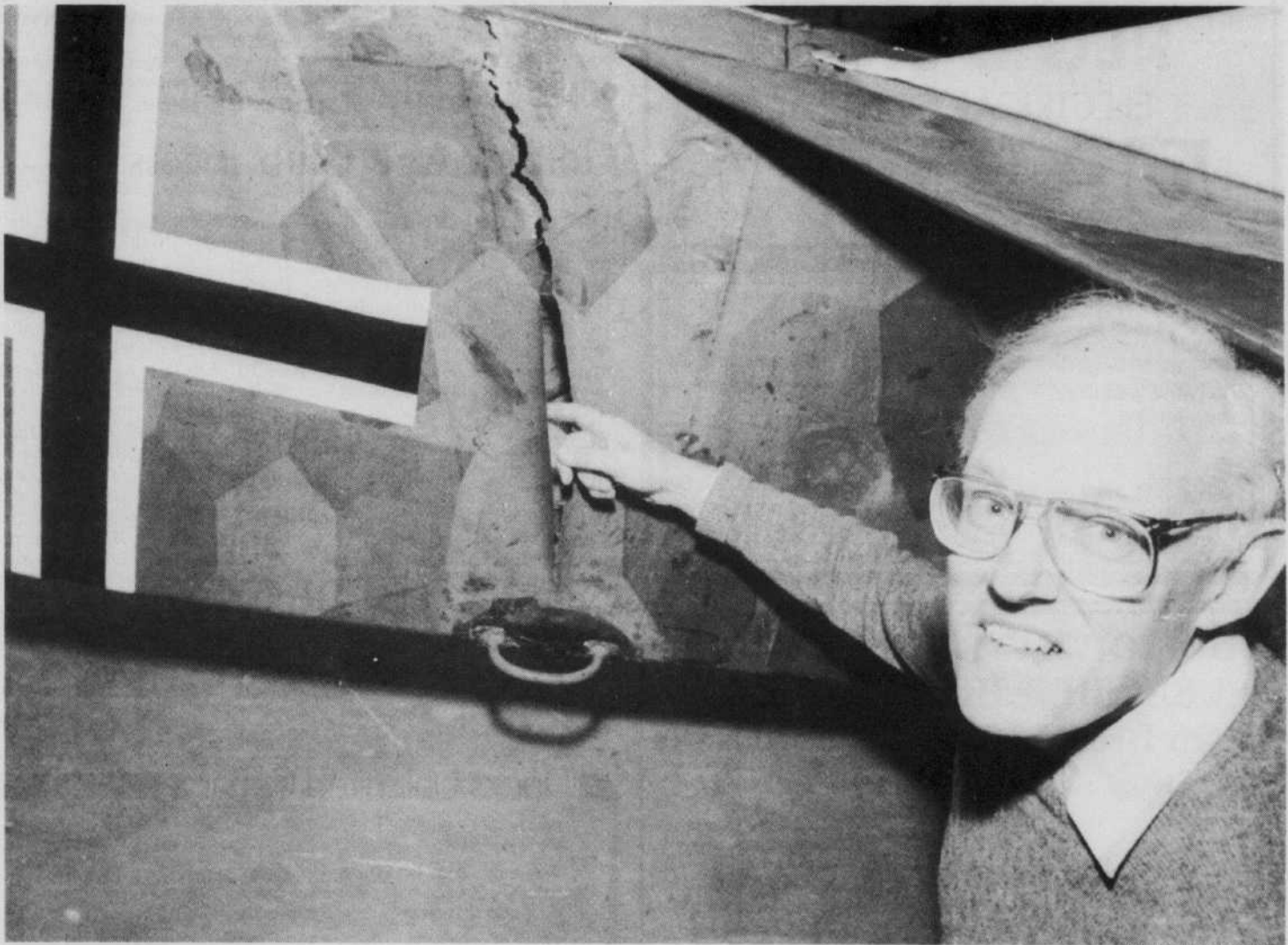
The Town of Brome Lake tourist association has agreed to rent space for a tourist bureau in the Village Street museum.

"That should provide some short-term relief and increase tourist traffic to the museum," Downman said.

At Saturday's meeting a moratorium was placed on the election of any new officers until the current cloud of uncertainty over the future of the museum has been lifted.



Marian Phelps... 'We have done everything humanly possible to maintain the plane.'



Society president Peter Downman said maintenance of the Fokker aircraft requires a carefully controlled environment and the museum is not heated in winter.

RECORD GRANT SIMEON

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 holds regular meeting

COWANSVILLE — Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 met on March 18 with 29 members present. The acting N.G. Sister Freda Ruitter called for Regalia Drill.

Lodge then opened in form with Sister Winnie Holliday, P.N.G. acting as Vice-Grand. The roll call showed 17 Past Noble Grands present. The minutes of

the last meeting were read by the Secretary Sister Shirley Vaughan, P.P. and accepted as read.

It was reported Brother Leon Bennett, P.G.M. had passed away since our last meeting. Brothers Don Provis and John Morrow are both in hospital. Brother William Monteith reported Sister Ruth Gage from Vermont has passed away.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Restoration Lodge No. 32 with a cheque to help with expenses for our chicken pie dinner. A letter from Sovereign Grand Lodge with a questionnaire on a national survey, a letter from Sister Laura Burnham, Sec.-Treas. of the Planning Board asking for a donation for the Board.

Sister Elsie Rivers, P.N.G. sent her dues with a donation for the Flower Fund. Sister Shirley has Dove Theta Rho calendars for sale.

Sister Jean McClay solicited food and prizes for the card party to be held on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fraternal Hall.

A letter of thanks will go to Restoration Lodge for their donation. A donation will be sent to the Planning Board cartaged for Camp Garagona, Camp Massawippi and Edith Kathan Home. The secretary will send a note of congratulations to Sister Sally Dryden who received the Degree of Chivalry on March 23.

Sister Donna Luce congratulated Sister Freda Ruitter for a good job as Noble Grand. Sister Freda thanked members for filling absent officers chairs. As there was no other business, lodge closed in form. The flag was retired by the Colour Bearer Sister Jessie Robitaille and God Save the Queen was sung.

All retired to the lower hall

where lunch was served by Sisters Gloria Taylor, Freda Ruitter and Christine Molenaar. The birthday song was sung to Sister Shirley Vaughan, P.P. whose special day occurred on March 26.

The card party sponsored by Prosperity Lodge was held on March 14 with 10 tables in play. Sister Irene Williams welcomed everyone and hoped all would have a good evening. Prizewinners for ladies were Hazel Rumsby, Bernice Thomas, Irene Williams. Men winning were Malcolm Jones, Ormonde Brown, Gerald Coup-land. Bingo: Doreas Tinkler and Ormonde Brown.

Door prizes: Teenie Symington, Jean Scott, Hilda Rumsby and Hope Jenne.

Raffle: Carol Page, Herbie Riti, Isabella Beattie and Jean Chapman.

Lunch was served buffet style.



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Yamaska Valley Canadian Club first meeting

The first spring meeting of the Yamaska Valley Canadian Club was held at Le Château Bromont on March 11, with Dr. John Elson, guest speaker.

Dr. Elson, a retired professor of geological-engineering at McGill, has travelled, studied and taught extensively. Theme of his talk was one of his particular interests —

“The Rise of Civilization in the Near East.” This timely subject gave the audience an in depth look at the development of civilization

in the area of Iran and Iraq since the Ice Age.

Dr. Elson noted that all aspects of civilization, including language and agriculture can be traced back to the region known as the Fertile Crescent. A slide presentation added much interest.

The speaker was introduced by Barbara McGibbon and thanked by Eric Pollard.

Barbara Reid, President, chaired the meeting, and noted that Joan Stephenson, Past Presi-

dent, has been named our Regional Vice-President on the National Executive Committee.

The scheduled speaker for the March meeting, Judge Andrée Ruffe, was unable to attend. It is expected that this talk will be held in June.

James Langley, Ph.D., archaeologist, will be the speaker at the April 1st meeting.

Any member wishing to go on the Centaur Theatre Trip, April 24, should contact Eric Pollard by April 5.

Golden Age Club meets

WATERLOO — Members of the Golden Age Club met on March 11 as usual at the Legion Hall with a good attendance. President Carlton Ladd welcomed all, including two visitors, Mary Lavers of Lennoxville and Alice Denault. The Secretary gave her report, after which 500 was played at 16 tables with 15 at the games tables, making a total of 81.

Prizes for highest in 500 went to Doreen Gibbs, 5560; Lillian Brown, 5060; Oral McGovern, 4640; Jessie Bailey, 4050; Ticket drawn from game players, Dora Young.

Door prizes: Afton McCutcheon, Dorothy L. Young, Evelyn Squires,

Anna Giroux, Mary Emmett, Ruth Lefebvre, Blanche Jones, Ann Harsell, Hilda Marsh, Laura Williams, K. Gummer, Hildred Gibbon, Frances Johnson, Dorothy Copping, Norma Owens, Valentine Vintinner, Friedel Jagusch, C. Ladd, Lucille Aitken, Helen McGovern, Juliette Page, Vivian Beakes, Nellie Darling, Hazel Lassemba, Nellie Williams, Bud Johnson, George Soles, Reba Holloway, George Bailey, Alice Denault, Rita McGovern, Lucy Wright, Gordon Marsh, Edna Lassemba, Laurier Lefebvre, Marion Moffatt, Myrtle McLellan, Toodie McCullough, Madeline Poulin, Elvia Johnson,

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It's often argued that the media can inflict irreparable damage by printing first and retracting later.

But what about ordinary citizens? Don't they also have a responsibility to ensure, to the extent possible, that the information they are disseminating is factual and fair?

Last week a well organized group of prominent citizens bombarded the press and the public with urgent missives warning of the impending closure of the Cowansville courthouse and Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital. Presumably for effect, the situation was exaggerated to the point of hyperbole.

In one communiqué, citizens were urged to rally to save both of these vital institutions. In a second statement, BMP Hospital was dropped from the release.

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Asked about the discrepancy between the two statements, a spokesman for the group admitted it was a "mistake" to include the hospital.

Oops.

The same statement unequivocally claims, "The Quebec government 'has decided' that the Cowansville courthouse will be transferred to Granby, leaving behind a minimal number of judicial services."

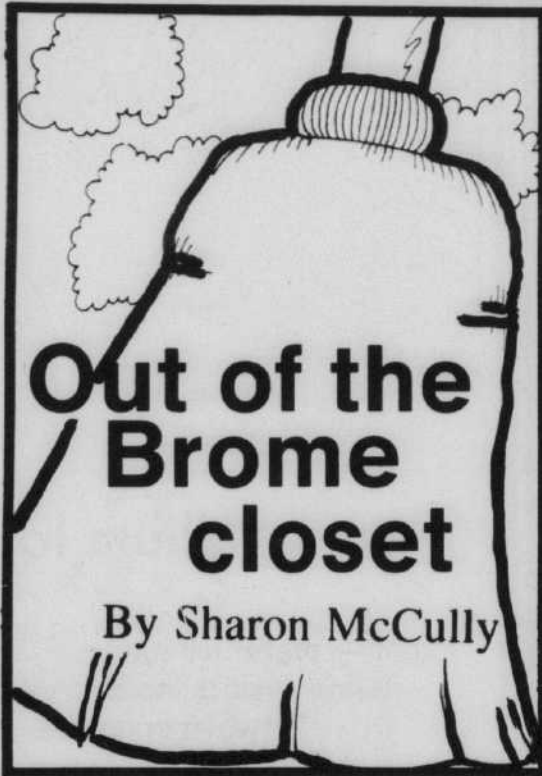
Oops.

A second, modified version states, "The government of Quebec 'is threatening' to transfer to Granby our courthouse in total or part."

Justice Minister Gil Rémillard has stated publicly on several recent occasions he has no intention of closing the Cowansville courthouse. I'm not suggesting anyone take his word for it, but certainly nothing of the kind "has been decided".

What is very real is the impact of diminishing services at both institutions which could eventually lead to their demise unless some positive action is taken. It may be difficult now for this group to regain the credibility it needs to rally public support for the battle ahead.

Public institutions are the backbone of a commu-



nity. Any threat to their existence is cause for alarm — particularly among senior residents. It is clearly irresponsible to attempt to manipulate the media — and by extension the community — with exaggerated and unfounded claims.

It's hardly productive to cry fire when all you need is a hose.

Beaver Chapter No. 7 OES holds meeting

GRANBY — After being closed for the months of January and February, a meeting of Beaver Chapter No. 7 OES was held on Monday, March 11 with Mrs. Idelisa Ramsay, P.G.M., as Worthy Matron and Edward Morgan, P.P. as Worthy Patron, Pro Tem. in the East.

Following opening of the Chapter, the flag of our country was placed in the East.

Our own Clarence Allen, P.P. and now Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was presented by the Conductress Rita Beaudin, P.M., welcomed by the Worthy Matron, escorted to the

East and given Grand Honors. The Worthy Matron welcomed members of Grand Chapter and all others attending.

The Secretary read the minutes of the December meeting and other matters pertaining to our Chapter and that of the Grand Chapter.

In loving memory of the late Edra Beake of Waterloo and the late Ralph Bell of Pierrefonds, the altar was draped.

Two officers for 1991 were installed into their office. Audrey Allen, P.M. as Secretary and Letitia Cousens, P.M. as Ruth. It was our pleasure to have these two mem-

bers with us again — Audrey, after her severe accident and Letitia's illness in November. A sincere welcome back to both of you.

At our April 8th meeting, the Grand Instructor for our district will make her visit for Instruction. At the same meeting the degrees of the order will be conferred on an incoming member.

After pertinent business of the chapter was enacted it was closed in regular form, all retiring to the lower hall for the penny fair, refreshments and a social time.

Hostesses for the evening were Idelen Ramsay, Catherine Lawrence and Brenda Williams.

Creek United Church Women meet

WEST BOLTON — The March meeting of the Creek United Church Women was held in the church hall on Wednesday afternoon, March 20 with eight ladies present.

The president, Margot Allen called the meeting to order and all joined in reading the UCW purpose.

Devotions were led by Alice Whitcher using an article of Rev. John Dunford, entitled "Standing on Holy Ground." Scripture passages were Exodus 3:1-10 and Acts 3:11-26. The hymn: "In the Cross of

Christ I Glory."

The program convenor, Jean Webster continued the topic begun last month or "Media". This time we discussed "Messages We Get From the Media", through advertising. People who find some of these commercials repulsive and unacceptable should write to make known their disapproval.

The minutes of the February meeting and the Treasurer's report were read, followed by correspondence consisting of two thank-you notes and a letter from the Sherbrooke Hospital. A donation

will be sent to the hospital.

Under new business, the request for the UCW to cater for a 50th wedding anniversary; a guest-speaker, Mrs. Healey from Waterloo for our meeting in April; the Youth Forum being held in Knowlton Academy, Saturday, March 23 and the rummage sale, tentative dates of May 18 and 25 were discussed.

A time of fellowship while partaking of Margaret Ludovici's delicious strawberry shortcake brought the afternoon to a pleasant ending.



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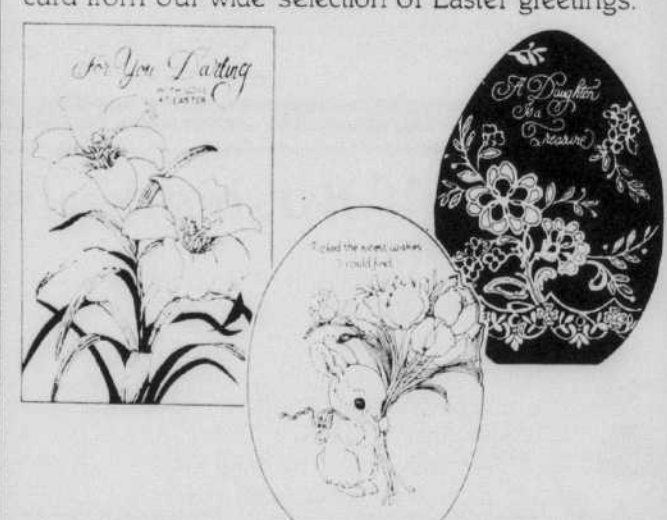
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Amateurs Knowlton Players move to big stage

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Knowlton Players, the amateur wing of Theatre Lac Brome, proved fertile ground for new talent when Emma Stevens and her director-husband Jean Charles Rivard went looking for two women to star in their most recent production.

José Jones, 65, and Janet Rogerson, 25, were drawn from the amateur ranks after Stevens had an opportunity to observe both women on-stage and back-stage.

Jones starred in two amateur productions before making the jump to professional theatre.

"I was in Come Blow Your Horn and Big Bad Mouse," said the British born Jones. "But I had never done any serious dramatic acting." "Although," she added, "when you grow up in England, you're exposed to every kind of theatre from a very young age."

"I don't suppose Helen Hayes began her career at 65," she laughed.

BEHIND THE SCENES
Janet Rogerson, an apprentice aircraft mechanic for three years, began her stage career behind the scenes as a stage manager for amateur productions.

"I really enjoyed drama in high school and college," says Rogerson. "When my father was killed last winter, I needed to get involved in something I enjoyed, so I turned to the theatre."

The two amateurs-turned pro will join Emma Stevens on stage for John Pielmeier's gripping tale, Agnes of God.

Director Jean Charles Rivard says the play centers on the emotional turmoil of a naive young novice who has a baby. Rivard develops the story around the interpersonal relationships which evolve among Agnes, the Mother Superior, and the psychiatrist.

"You can hear a pin drop the emotion is so strong," says Stevens. "It's certainly an incredible tribute to Janet and Josee to be able to move into a dramatic role and be so effective."

All three actresses are on stage throughout the play.

DEMANDING PLAY

"It's extremely demanding," noted Rivard. "The three women go through all the emotions with the audience leaving them drained at the end of the show."

Because of the intensity of the emotion, all three women say they've been drawn very close to one another.

"There's the female bonding, but rehearsing for this type of play was also very taxing," Rivard said. "There was a bit of nipping and snapping too."

But not for long, the women say.

"We were too busy to waste time and energy we needed on stage bickering," said Jones.

Agnes of God will play for the second weekend beginning Thursday evening, March 28, and running nightly at 8:30 through Sunday March 31.

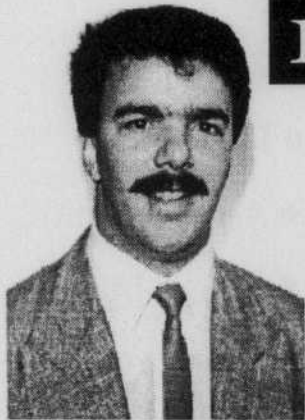
Ticket price is \$12. One dollar of each ticket sold will go towards supporting the Brome Lake food

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Janet Rogerson, José Jones and Emma Stevens appear in Agnes of God this weekend at Theatre Lac Brome.

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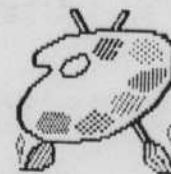
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Theatre Lac Brome hires ambitious new manager

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Theatre Lac Brome has hired a new general manager to set the three-year-old theatre back on a solid foundation.

Nicholas Pynes spent his first day on the job Monday sifting through a mirage of paperwork.

The Montrealer will bring to the Knowlton theatre several years of experience garnered from work as a theatre administrator and off-stage experience as a pianist and music director in New York.

Pynes said he took the job with the financially strapped theatre because he believes he has the managerial skills to put the theatre on a sound footing.

Pynes says he is reasonably well connected to the theatre community in Quebec.

WHERE TO TURN

"I know where to turn for help," he said.

Pynes is a classical pianist began his career in theatre as a music director. He later worked as an administrator with Geordi Productions' Shoestring Shakespearean theatre where he helped initiate a program to move productions to remote regions of the province.

He later worked with *La Maison Theatre*, a Montreal based youth theatre which hosts touring theatre companies.

"I was hired to help develop the English-language theatre component," he said.

Pynes also spent time in New York working on and off-stage as a

pianist and music director in several musicals productions.

The new general manager says he believes summer theatre should be amusing, fun and interesting.

"A very successful piece of theatre is not always summer fare," he said.

Pynes said he hopes to expand the theatre's repertoire to include music concerts which would attract both French and English audiences.

FIRM FOUNDATION

But in the short term, Pynes says he'll be concentrating on putting the theatre on a firm foundation.

Audience development and a sound marketing strategy are also on the new manager's agenda.

The new director said an exciting summer season is presently being planned. But nothing too ambitious, he stresses.

"Our first objective is to bring some organization to the operation while providing a theatrical experience for the people who come to Theatre Lac Brome," he said.

Theatre Lac Brome recently received financial assistance from the McConnell Foundation to help stage the summer season. The funding enabled the theatre to engage Pynes to plan the summer season.

The theatre's board of directors are continuing their fundraising efforts to erase past debts and set the theatre on an even keel.

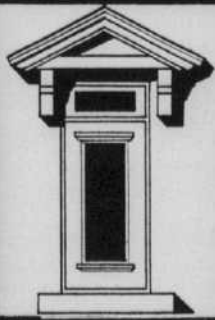


Nicholas Pynes, Theatre Lac Brome's new general manager plans to get the three-year-old playhouse back on a solid foundation.

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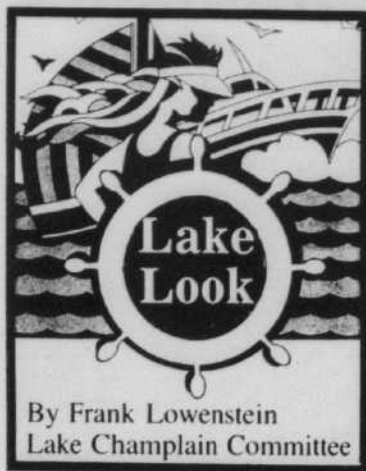
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Perched on ice: Fishing on Lake Champlain



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Nearby, more than two dozen other vehicles were arrayed on the frozen lake, casually distributed, as though waiting for the spring thaw to dump them into the lake. Around them moved heavily bundled figures, pausing occasionally, largely not talking to one another, trying to stay warm in the keen north wind.

The scene: a typical weekend's ice fishing on Lake Champlain.

Although better known for his accomplishments as a botanist and acid rain researcher, on weekends Vogelmann leads a not-so-secret

life as an ice-fishing fanatic.

Like most avid anglers, Vogelmann has favorite spots. Watching the shoreline carefully, triangulating on two nearby houses, Vogelmann positioned his car between a pick-up truck and a Ford Escort, on a piece of ice that looked much like any other.

FAVORITE SPOT

Nonetheless, Vogelmann had a history with this particular location, and thought it might yield good fishing. In a few moments he had hopped out and set to work drilling new holes and breaking free the ice that had closed holes left by previous anglers.

Beneath more than a foot of ice waited the object of the day's efforts, yellow perch.

The yellow perch is not a large or glamorous fish. The ones that emerged from the lake that day were typically six to eight inches long, with olive stripes running across a yellowish-green body.

Perch are fond of shallow waters, where they forage for small fish and invertebrates during the day. At night they sink to the bottom and rest. They are abundant and fecund: a single female can lay 23,000 eggs in a year.

From the perspective of an angler, there are other traits of importance.

LOTS OF BONES

Yellow perch are bony, and even when expertly cleaned and cooked, the flesh must be peeled away from

the backbone and its accompanying spines before they are eaten. Their relatively small size means it takes two dozen perch to make a hearty meal for two. But despite size and bones, the perch is a prize in the eyes of many anglers.

The reasons for perch's popularity are many.

Vogelmann, who has fished for most of the fish that Lake Champlain has to offer, cites taste. Perch, he contends, is the fish that one can eat most often without growing tired of it.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologist Brian Chipman points out that the fish is "superabundant" and that "where you find them you can usually find a lot of them." And because yellow perch are relatively easy to catch, he notes, they are a good way to introduce kids to fishing. Perhaps most importantly, he adds, "You don't need a boat."

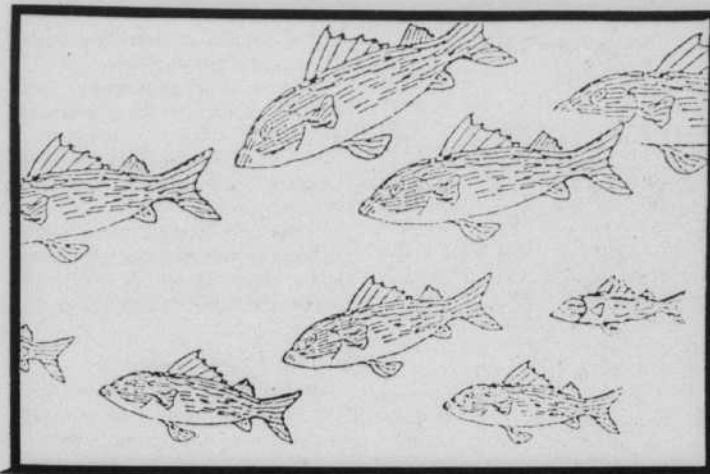
BASIC EQUIPMENT

Indeed, at its basic level, ice fishing is almost austere free from the need for gear that has taken over most sports.

In an hour and half of fishing with hand lines (no reel, just yanking the fish up once they bite) Vogelmann and I caught 39 yellow perch — remarkably poor fishing in his eyes.

We cut our holes through the ice with a hand-cranked ice auger or broke through old holes with our boots, and sheltered from the wind behind his car occasionally.

Of course, one can get more so-



phisticated, with shanties and heaters, power augers and multiple lines on tip-ups, but ice fishing, like swimming, remains a sport that one can pursue with a minimum of investment. And a small public right-of-way can spread anglers over many acres of frozen lake surface, without any area for parking boat trailers needed.

The result is that many residents of Vermont, New York, and Quebec roam the lake's surface in search of perch.

"I'm beginning to believe that there are more people who ice fish than are out on the lake fishing in the summertime," reports Chipman.

PERCH A PLENTY

In the winter of 1988, George LaBar, Associate Professor of Fische-

ries at the University of Vermont, found that 1.9 million perch were taken from the northeastern part of the lake alone.

In contrast, yield of lake trout and salmon from the whole lake totaled less than 14,000 fish in 1985.

Even if the number of salmon and lake trout caught doubles, as is expected with sea lamprey control, yellow perch will still far outstrip them as a percentage of the catch.

On a weight basis, the catch of yellow perch from the northeastern part of the lake in 1988 totaled some 369,000 pounds, while that of trout and salmon lakewide in 1985 totaled under 55,000 pounds.

By contrast, a study done lakewide on ice fishing in the mid-1950s found that only 428,536 perch were taken. In other words, the catch has almost quintupled in just three and a half decades.

Chipman notes that some anglers have complained that the perch today are smaller than they were a few years ago. This could be an indication of high fishing pressure.

PRESSURE ON LAKE


If either the recreational perch fishery or the small but expanding commercial harvest of perch are reducing the population of older fish, the remaining perch might lay more eggs to compensate, and a still abundant but younger and smaller population would result.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has launched a study this winter to assess how the Lake Champlain perch population is faring.

One early indication, however, can be found in Zaddock Thompson's comprehensive and detailed *Natural History of Vermont*, published in 1842, which reported that perch varied in length from 8 to 12 inches, with occasional specimens of 14 inches being found.

LaBar's 1988 study, by contrast, found an average size of 7.5 inches, with virtually none larger than 10 inches.

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Master Plan: TBL will have to be realistic — MacKeen

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Roughly 200 citizens of the Town of Brome Lake attended a series of sector meetings to tell a special town planning committee what they would like their town to look like in the future.

Committee chairperson councillor Frances MacKeen said the Knowlton sector reflected the greatest division of opinion on the question of future development.

"Our challenge will be to find a compromise which will be acceptable to most citizens," MacKeen said.

Citizens in smaller villages such as West Brome and Fulford told the committee they want to remain quiet farming villages free from development.

"There is lots of room for development," MacKeen added.

"We would have to consider such things as services to any new deve-

lopment, however," she added.

The Town of Brome Lake encompasses a territory of 40,000 square acres — nearly double the size of Bromont.

JUNE 30 DEADLINE

The town has until June 30, 1991 to complete a master plan for the town.

MacKeen said the town-wide consultation undertaken two years ago known as Imagination continues to represent the direction the town will take.

"The difference is that Imagination made recommendations based on ideal solutions," MacKeen said. "As a town we have to consider such things as the cost of realizing those recommendations."

MacKeen said it's one thing to recommend a new road or expensive infra-structures, but quite

another to pass those costs on to taxpayers.

NEED REALISTIC APPROACH

"We will have to adopt a more realistic approach while following the same direction," MacKeen said.

The committee and consultant engaged by the town to help draft the town plan will now collate and

analyze the results of last week's sector meetings. A preliminary plan will be presented to the public in May.

"Before the public meeting in May," MacKeen said, "we hope to have a written summary of the committee's recommendations available to the public."

MacKeen said she believes the

Town of Brome Lake is one of the few towns in Quebec to undergo such sweeping consultations with the public before drafting the town plan.

"Whether people agree or disagree with what the town does in the end, they won't be able to say they didn't have an opportunity to express their views."



Frances MacKeen... 'Our challenge will be to find a compromise.'

Council benefit raises \$1700 for BMP hospital

By Sharon McCully

WEST BROME — The town of Brome lake council will turn over some \$1700 to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital foundation following a successful community benefit dinner held Sunday at The Loft in West Brome.

More than 200 tickets were sold for the third annual benefit organized annually by West Brome councillor George Bristol.

"It's becoming the social event of the year in West Brome," Bristol said. "Every year it gets a little bigger and people stay a little longer."

Brome Lake mayor Gilles Decelles and councillors served boeuf bourgignon to residents and visitors who attended the annual dinner.

"It's probably one of the most rewarding things we get to do as a council in the run of a year," Bristol said.

Entertainment — aside from the entertaining sight of councillors waiting on constituents — was provided throughout the evening.

Loft owners Dorothy and Rob Newcomb also contributed to the success of the event, says Bristol.

Bristol said several doctors and administrators, including BMP's director general Mario Cyr attended the event.



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Talent scouts seek new acts for variety benefit

KNOWLTON (SM) — Talent scouts are out in the region searching for acts which will be featured in a variety show benefit for Theatre Lac Brome.

"We have a fair number of singers, but we're certainly eager to hear from more," noted Bev Rogers, a member of the organizing committee. "But what we're looking for now are other acts—comedians, magicians, dancers."

Auditions will be held before the 10-act show hits the stage in May. The show will be held one night only, organizers say.

Rogers is inviting people with talents from regions other than Brome Lake to participate in the show.

"We have some people from Montreal who have already expressed an interest in performing," Rogers said.

Barbara Cosgrove, a local country and western singer, will be on hand with her "singing machine" to provide musical back-up for performers.

Gib Rotherham, another committee member points out that the May benefit will take the form of a variety show rather than a talent contest.

"There is no competition involved," Rotherham stressed.

Tickets for the benefit show are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

For ticket information or to arrange for an audition call 243-0609, 243-6237 or 243-0124 after 6 o'clock.

Dig this: Would-be archeologists get chance to explore E.T. ruins

BROME LAKE — Would-be archeologists and enthusiasts now have the chance to go into the field for two days in search of the secrets of man accompanied by professional researchers.

The weekend of May 3-5, the Auberge du Joli Vent will take its guests to enigmatic stone structures with a special archaeological package that includes field excursions, discussions, and video presentations.

No experience or special training is required other than an inquiring mind.

Well-known Montreal archaeologist and anthropologist Pierre Jacques Ratio and Gérard Leduc PhD and president of Environnement Equinoxe Inc., whose expertise focuses on ancient stone structures and environmental issues will lead the group in their search for things ancient.

Cairns, petroglyphs and ancient walls of the Eastern Townships will be explored.

The weekend includes two breakfasts, two picnic lunches and two dinners as well as site excursions, illustrated conferences, discussion periods and videos.

The May 3-4-5 weekend will be offered in English. From April 26-27-28 the session will run in French. Each group is limited to 20 people so early booking is advised.

For further information contact the Auberge du Joli Vent at 243-4272.

Brome Branch No. 23 hosts District meeting in Knowlton

KNOWLTON — Brome Branch No. 23 was host for the District meeting on Sunday, March 3. First Vice-President, Comrade Joe DiNarzo welcomed all members from other branches as did the past president of the Auxiliary Comrade Margaret Pille.

District Commander Comrade Ben Rainville called the meeting to order after the singing of O Canada, then introduced the head table, one of whom was Comrade Anne Cameron from Provincial Command who would be speaking on the Veterans Independence Programs.

Comrade Cameron gave a brief resumé on the Veterans Independence Programs and a question period followed. A few points were straightened out on this subject i.e.

— A veteran does not have to be on War Veterans Allowance to obtain V.I.P. assistance but a means test is required.

A veteran and spouse with net earnings of \$1269 not including O.A.S. or a single veteran with \$800 per month are eligible for this benefit.

The new Service Officer for Provincial Command, Comrade

Giguere, was introduced at this meeting.

The Ladies retired to the lounge for their meeting. Branches gave their reports. There were two branches absent.

Re the \$30,000 exemption for the G.S.T. This amount includes all monies made under one roof. This would include the Branch and Auxiliary.

The Ladies returned from their meeting giving the branch a brief report on what had taken place.

The meeting was adjourned by singing God Save the Queen.

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AIDS: Quebec to survey local teens

KNOWLTON — Young people aged 15 to 29 in the region will be asked to participate in a province-wide survey dealing with AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

In the St. Jean area 1100 teens between 15 and 19 will be asked to participate in the survey.

Young people will be polled between March 25 through May 8, 1991 on their sexual knowledge, attitudes and behavior.

The objective of the survey is to determine if young people in the area have adequate information to prevent the spread of AIDS, and to determine if

teens are using preventive means to avoid infection.

By means of a 20-minute interview, the teens will provide answers which will be analyzed to help health workers address the needs in the region. Regional results will be combined with a provincial profile of 3000 young Quebecers aged 15-29.

The results of the survey will be made public in November and will help determine the nature of preventive programs. The regional health council of Haute Richelieu is working in conjunction with the Quebec health department of health on the survey.

Paradis turns sod for new school

FRELIGHSBURG — Elementary students in Frelighsburg helped Brome Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis turn the sod for a new and renewed school in Frelighsburg.

Work on the school will begin this spring with completion projected

by the opening of the new school year next fall.

Quebec will pick up the tab for \$1,020,865 of the \$1,327,700 project.

The municipality of Frelighsburg will also contribute \$175,000 and the Davignon school board,

\$206,835 including the cost of installation of water and sewage services.

Students attending the school will benefit from a new gymnasium and improved classrooms when they return to class in the fall.

St. James Evening Guild holds meeting

FOSTER — The March meeting of St. James Evening Guild was hosted by Mrs. Frances Johnson at her home on Wednesday evening, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The President Dorothy de Solla called the meeting to order, welcomed members and visitors and led in prayer. Eleven members responded to the roll call and two visitors were welcomed.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report. Fifteen more copies of the Anglican cookbook had been ordered. Elvia Johnson had put together a number of woven squares which had been donated, also a cushion. It

was moved by Doreen Gibbs, seconded by Phoebe McBride that \$1000 be given to the Church Corporation to cover their commitments.

The date of May 11 was set for our spring card party.

The April meeting will be hosted by Dorothy de Solla at her home in Waterloo on April 10 at 2 p.m.

The lucky draw was won by Muriel Whitehead.

The president moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Elvia Johnson.

Following the benediction, refreshments were served by the hostess who was thanked by the president, seconded by all present.

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APRIL 21ST, 1991 REFERENDUM

NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL LIST FOR FISHER-POINT / AUBERGE DU LAC BROME SECTOR

TO CONCERNED PERSONS, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. The electoral list for the Fisher-Point / Auberge du Lac Brome sector was deposited at the municipal office on March 27th, 1991. The list of electors is now subject to revision.
2. The requirements to be met to be an elector and to be entitled to have his name entered on the list are that, on **February 11th, 1991**, the person must:
 - be over eighteen years of age
 - be a Canadian citizen
 - not be under interdiction
 - be either domiciled in the Fisher-Point / Auberge du Lac Brome area, or a single property owner or a single occupant of a place of business

N.B. Legal entities have the right to vote at referendums. Additional condition applying to undivided co-owners of property or co-occupants of a place of business: to be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by a majority of them who are co-owners or co-occupants on February 11th, 1991, as the only co-owner or co-occupant entitled to be on the referendum list as property owner or occupant of the place of business. May not be designated a person who is otherwise already entered on the electoral list in a higher ranking capacity.

3. The electoral list may be consulted and applications for entry, striking off or correction filed at the only filing office, located at Town Hall, 122 Lakeside Rd., during regular working hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.), on the following days:

- from Thursday, March 28th to April 5th inclusive 1991 (except Good Friday and Easter Monday) and
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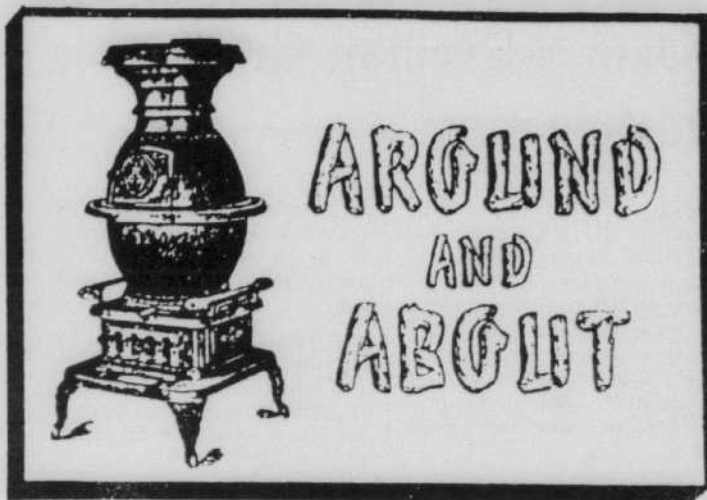
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East Farnham

Mrs. June Royea

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pow were visiting Mrs. Lois Pow on Saturday evening at the Edith Kathan Home, West Brome.

Relatives and friends of Kenneth Johnson were sorry to hear of his passing on March 4. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Barbara and family and to his aged mother, Mrs. Hilda McCullough of Cowansville. The funeral was held on Thursday, March 7 from the Morris Funeral Home, Cowansville.

Mrs. Harriet Comeau was a March 3rd dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bauer. Other guests were Mrs. Helen Parks, Cowansville, Mr. and Mrs. Norman

Lavolette and family of Bondville, Miss Shelley Bauer, Bromont and Miss Nancy Bauer of this place. A prettily decorated birthday cake was presented to Harriet by her daughter Beverley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Horner of Scarborough, Ont., were guests of Mrs. Jessie Horner the week of March 3rd.

Mrs. Ruth Hawke was an overnight guest of Mrs. Jessie Horner. On Monday, March 4, they were luncheon guests of Mrs. Christine Molenaar in Cowansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bray, Dollard des Ormeaux, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richmond, Cowansville, were supper guests of their mother Mrs. Bernice Thomas on Sunday, March 10.

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Peter Leney and friend of Montreal were recent visitors of Mrs. Dorothea Leney.

Mrs. Dorcas Lauer, Los Angeles, Calif., is spending a while visiting Mrs. Violet Cook.

All best wishes from friends for Mrs. Phyllis Brown who has been a patient for several weeks at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

Alex MacArthur and Pete Wightman have returned from a vacation trip to Tampa, Florida.

Robert Martin suffered a fractured shoulder in a fall down several flights of stairs at the home of his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Orton Baker of Mississauga, Ont. He has been recuperating at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin.

Lester Martin of Toronto came to attend the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin on March 2. The party was held in the Oddfellows Hall, Knowlton, and was a complete surprise to Gordon and Bertha.

Mrs. Goldie Grenier, Farnham, was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Marguerite Miller on Thursday, March 21.

Wayne and Pat Miller have returned from their vacation in the Caribbean.

Burhl Wightman has returned to the BMP Hospital, and all friends wish him a good recovery.

Sutton

Mable Boyce

Mrs. Denise Lapierre, Abercorn, and Ms. Jane Jewett, Vale Perkins were supper guests of Christine Boulanger on Saturday, March 16, after which they went to the Loft in West Brome to listen to music by a Montreal band "The Puritans".

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rumsby and Miss Marjorie Muir, Howick, Que., and Mrs. Thomas Maine, Toronto had supper with Mrs. Ellen Rumsby on Tuesday, March 19.

Bob and Kay Miller of Dundee, Illinois, have been visiting relatives in this area.

Mrs. Barbara Mandigo entertained at a family dinner at her home on the Scenic Highway recently. Guests were Kay and Bob Miller, Dundee, Ill., Mrs. Hazel Rumsby, Iron Hill, Mrs. Grace Bullock, Glen Sutton, Mrs. Janet Bazinet, Knowlton and Walter and Evelyn Miltimore, Sutton.

Best wishes to Eric Russell who has not been feeling well lately.

Alan Wood, Scarborough, Ont., called on Carla and Alice Bidwell in Sutton while on a skiing holiday.

Harold and Rose Hazard visited Mable and Dick Burnham in Iron Hill recently.

Harold and Rose Hazard motored to St. Albans, Vt., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs, and while there, they took Mrs. Jacobs to Burlington for a medical consultation.

Get well wishes to Carl Bidwell who is presently in the BMP Hos-

pital with pneumonia.

Leaman Fuller of Fuller Road is at present in the Cote Rest Home, South Bolton. Mrs. Lillian Page of Rosenberry Road is also in residence at the same Home, our best wishes go out to them at this time.

Kathy and Philip Sherrer recently entertained in their home. They invited their family, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Sherrer, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sherrer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sherrer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Morin, Mrs. Archena Chalifoux and Kenneth Sherrer. They enjoyed a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The family spent the evening reminiscing old times until 11 p.m.

South Bolton

Jane Willey 292-5785

Mrs. Mable Burnham has returned home after undergoing surgery in the CHU Hospital. All wish her the best of health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barber, Cowansville, called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ling, Waterloo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burnham on Thursday.

Miss Jane Hamelin and Fritz Belzar, Mansonville, were callers on her aunt, Mrs. Mabel Burnham.

Tommy Marsh and Miss Tina Cote visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burnham.



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