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Declare Outaouais "free zone"

MRC mayors vote unanimously to support construction workers in fight against CCQ

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

CAMPBELL'S BAY – Like most of his fellow workers in the construction industry, Rick Bilodeau knows how to "screw" the system. He knows if a non-unionized backhoe operator worked 10 hours for him, he bills him for six. That way the rate wages comply with the Commission construction du Québec regulations.

But Bilodeau, who is unionized, is tired of finding ways to get around Quebec's construction laws which permit only CCQ card-carrying members on construction sites. The Hull contractor used to find relief in working in Ontario where he does 50 per cent of his business.

"It was like a big weight lifted off your shoulders," Bilodeau says. "You weren't worrying about an operator calling to tell you he just got caught (by a CCQ inspector)."

But that too is expected to change as the Ontario government plans to make it more difficult for Quebec construction workers to make a living in that province.

That's why Bilodeau was one of 100 construction workers who crammed into the Pontiac MRC chambers Monday night asking for the mayors' support in their bid to change the law.

The mayors unanimously agreed to support the request for the Outaouais to be declared a "free zone" based on its proximity to Ontario – free of many CCQ regulations.

The resolution also calls for residential construction to be released from regulation and governed by the open market and that union membership be a matter of choice.

The workers applauded the mayors after the resolution was unanimously approved.

"We're unique because we border Ontario," says Bristol Mayor Jack Graham, who has been following the plight of the construction workers closely.

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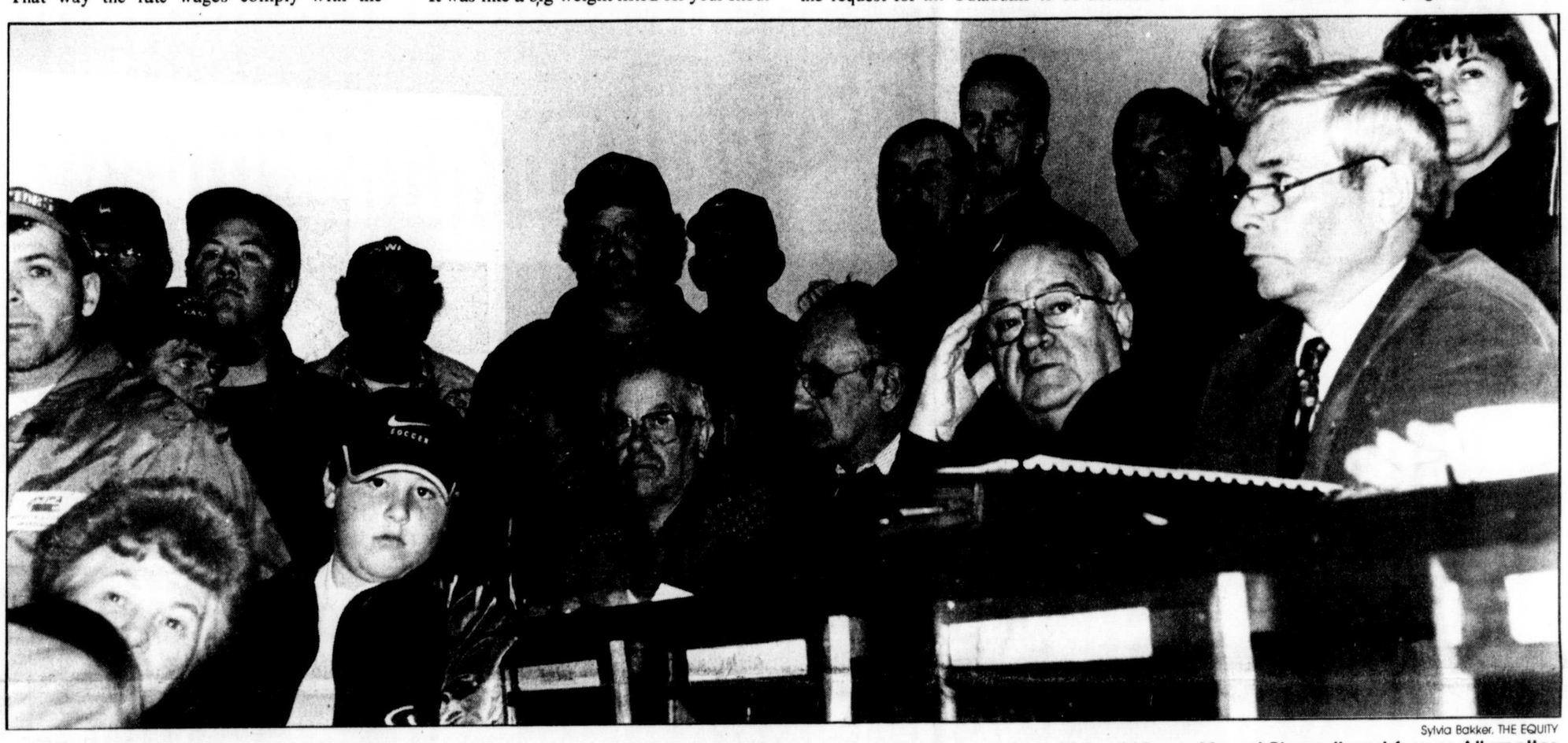

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SURROUNDED: Seated from the right, Clarendon Mayor Jack Lang, Fort Coulonge Mayor Hector Soucie, Calumet Island Mayor Marcel Pigeault and former Allumettes Island West Mayor Jerome Sallafranque are nearly engulfed by construction workers and their supporters during Monday's MRC meeting. About 100 people crammed into the MRC's chambers to hear the mayors unanimously support a resolution declaring the Outaouais a "free zone."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Firefighters, police inhale tar fumes

FORT COULONGE – A domestic squabble turned into a nightmare for firefighters and police after they were called to a fire in Fort Coulonge last week.

Two MRC Pontiac Sûreté du Québec police officers and nine firefighters with the Fort Coulonge Volunteer Fire Department (FCVFD) had to be admitted to the Pontiac Community Hospital for blood and lung tests after inhaling tar fumes. All were released a couple of hours after the tests revealed they were OK.

The firefighters and police responded to a call about 12:30 a.m. Apr. 20 after a 35-year-old woman tried to commit suicide by cooking tar on the burner of the stove at her Baume Street apartment just hours after assaulting her husband with a beer bottle. The tar caught fire, filling the apartment with toxic fumes.

"The stench was incredible," says Marcel Laporte, assistant chief with the FCVFD. "I've been with the fire department for 13 years and have never smelled anything like that.

"One of our men even threw up after smelling it."

Laporte says a next-door neighbor smelled smoke and phoned the fire department. Apparently, the woman put tar in a frying pan, covered it with a lid, turned the stove on, then went to bed. When the firefighters arrived, they had difficulty convincing the woman she had to leave the building. Eventually, they got her out of the smoky, stench-ridden apartment and she was taken to the PCH, where she has been kept under surveillance since.

The chain of events began about 9:30 p.m. Apr. 19 when police found a man semi-conscious and bleeding from the head on Baume Street near his apartment building. The Fort Coulonge man was taken to the PCH, then transferred to hospital in Gatineau where he was treated for head injuries. SQ spokesman Const. Marc Ippersiel says the man was too confused to recall what happened or where he lived. Police later found out he was the husband of the woman who started the fire. The woman has been charged with assault with a weapon causing bodily injury. She was transferred from the PCH to jail in Hull yesterday morning and was scheduled to appear in Hull court yesterday afternoon.

Plumber drained $900 for advertising

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

QUYON – A Quyon plumber's advertisement in the local paper ended up costing him $900 more than he figured.

Garry Young was fined for placing an ad (costing about $20) in the Jan. 29, 1997 edition of THE EQUITY.

Young says the Regie du Batiment du Québec (RBQ) inquired about the ad at THE EQUITY's Shawville office before issuing the fine in March of that year.

Heather Dickson, co-publisher of the paper, says the RBQ wanted to confirm the ad was in fact placed and paid for by Young. She initially rebuffed their attempt to gather information, but when officials with the RBQ returned with legal papers requesting information, she only told the inspectors Young did place the ad.

Young revealed his dilemma at the Apr. 19 meeting of the Right to Work Association (ADAT) at the Lions Hall in Shawville. However, meeting and ADAT protest organizer Tom Orr urged contractors and workers to continue advertising.

"Don't quit advertising," the Shawville contractor told the crowd. "Business must go on. We're hoping to get something accomplished here."

Young, a Toronto Institute of Technology plumbing certificate holder, retired in 1994 after 30 years of plumbing work and discontinued his licence. Early into his retirement, Young felt he had to keep busy. Thinking he might pick up some plumbing work, he placed the ad in THE EQUITY.

When he received the fine in the mail a couple of months later, he wasn't sure what it was for. The French-only document was lost on the unilingual English-speaking plumber.

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Caisse refuses to mortgage contaminated corridor: farmer

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

LUSKVILLE – According to an Onslow farmer, the Luskville-Masham Caisse Populaire lent $132,000 to the Neighbors' Association for the purchase of the old CP Rail corridor – although banks don't normally mortgage contaminated land.

Alain Larose made the discovery when he applied for a $7,000 mortgage to buy the corridor section which runs through two of his farms. The Caisse Populaire refused to give Larose the mortgage when the farmer revealed the land was contaminated. He was approved for a personal loan to buy the corridor.

However, that same land is part of a 35-kilometre-long corridor already mortgaged by the Caisse to the Neighbors' Association, says Larose, a member of the association. The Neighbors' Association bought the land from CP Rail two years ago.

Last month THE EQUITY learned that the Ministry of Environment warned the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) last August that the corridor is likely contaminated. This information was never made public to the local UPA members until THE EQUITY published the story last month.

Michel Larose, director-general of the Luskville-Masham Caisse, would not comment specifically on the Neighbors' Association mortgage or Larose's application for confidentiality reasons. He did say normally a property has to be OKed before a sale can be completed. The septic system has to be checked and the land should be free of contamination, for example, he says.

The reason being, if an owner defaults on a mortgage, and the bank repossesses the land, the provincial government could force the bank to clean up the land – at the bank's cost. But, Michel Larose adds, each file is different.

"It's not illegal for a bank to (give a mortgage for contaminated land)," he says.

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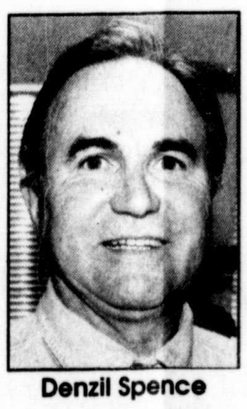
Allumettes election looms

Tight race for candidates vying for mayor, councillor

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

ALLUMETTES ISLAND – With 110 votes cast at Sunday's advance poll, the first election in the new Municipality of Allumettes Island is under way.

The candidates for the mayoralty and council will have to wait until May 2 for the full results, however, when many of the municipality's 1,555 voters head to the polls on election day. Polling stations at St. Joseph's Municipal Hall, Demers Centre Fire Hall, and Chapeau Fire Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Denzil Spence

Among the many issues facing the new council, bringing tourists and industry to the island are cited as very important to its future economic growth. Though there is some concern about how the new municipality will function – three ships, one captain, one voter quipped – candidates and voters are confident the amalgamation is workable.

The municipalities of Allumettes Island East, Allumettes Island West and Chapeau were officially united as one – Allumettes Island – as of Jan. 1 this year. The amalgamation process took nearly one and a half years to complete.

Following is a list of candidates and synopses of their platforms. One candidate, Andre Martin in Seat 5, dropped out of the race one week after submitting his nomination papers.

"As I was getting more involved, I didn't think I would have the time," Martin says. "There is a bigger responsibility with a bigger area."

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

The candidates
Mayoralty
Jerome Sallafranque

Mayor of the former Allumettes Island West from 1985 to 1998, Jerome Sallafranque says he is the man to take over the helm of the new municipality.

"I'm the person to bring all the people together in a larger municipality," Sallafranque says. "I can do this because of my ability to communicate with people.

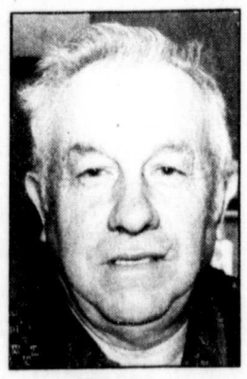
"I'm a people person, and a good listener, who tries to solve people's problems."

Sallafranque says if elected mayor he would do his best to maintain a low tax base for the island, implement a recycling program at the island's dump sites, improve the roads, and attract tourists while providing good leadership.

"We have to see if we can get more tourist dollars onto the island," Sallafranque says. "Bringing a recycling program to the dumps is very important for the environment."

Denzil Spence

As mayor of the former Allumettes Island East, Denzil Spence not only represented his constituents at the local level but attempted to defend their rights as Canadian citizens at the provincial level in a failed bid as Equality Party candidate in last fall's provincial election.



Jerome Sallafranque

"I feel I have something to offer the people of Allumettes Island," Spence says. "I can assure the people that I will fight to the bitter end against separation and that Allumettes Island will stay in Canada."

Spence says tourism and business development are keys to a growing economy for the island. Spence believes "the time is ripe for economic development" and he will work to encourage light industry and small businesses to locate to the island.

"We now have the population base to offer businesses something," he says. "People here are ready to move forward.

Council
Seat 1
Mardie Carroll

An interest in municipal politics brought the one-term councillor with Allumettes Island West back to the polls in the new municipality.

"I'm running because I'm very interested in municipal politics," says Carroll, who sat on the most recent council. "There are many things I look forward to getting done.

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WAITING

Park poll results unknown

BRISTOL – The results of the Pontiac Station Park opinion poll are … still unknown.

Initially, it was expected that auditors would have tabulated the results by now, and they would be made public at Tuesday's council meeting.

However, being tax season, the auditors, Connelly & Koshy, are extremely busy and won't be tabulating the results until next Tuesday, keeping Bristol residents in the dark a little while longer.

While no one at Bristol Town Hall will confirm the number of ballots returned, rumours suggest as many as 600 came in, about half the number eligible.

For those of you who have had your heads buried in the sand for the last few months, the poll asked Bristol taxpayers whether they wanted the Millennium Committee to apply for a Year 2000 grant to build a park at Pontiac Station. Critics fear taxes will rise to sustain the project and vandals will damage the property at night; proponents say the project will be an asset to the municipality for current residents and a lasting legacy for generations to come.

FROM THE FRONT

Declare Outaouais "free zone"

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"There's so much mobility back and forth, we can't treat it to being equal to other parts of Quebec.

"This has to be recognized or close the borders."

Graham plans to accompany a group of construction workers to Quebec City today (Wednesday) when their petition is expected to be presented in the Legislative Assembly by Outaouais MNA's.

Jocelyn Dumais, a Gatineau cement contractor who founded the Right to Work Association (ADAT) in 1992, has collected more than 12,000 signatures of those who support ADAT. Many were collected in Pontiac by local workers.

Initially, Dumais told Quebec Labor Minister Diane Lemieux he would deliver a petition with 50,000-plus signatures. But with the Ontario government expected to announce legislation restricting the construction industry today, Dumais says they can't wait.

"We set up the goal of 50,000 (signatures) in one month," Dumais says. But he is satisfied with the 12,000-plus collected in 10 days.

Same problem

Support for ADAT's cause has spread to Temiscamingue in the northwest and up to Montreal and Lac St. Jean at the other end.

"We have different problems, but it always comes back to the same three letters – CCQ," says Bilodeau, who has been with ADAT since its inception.

If things don't change, Bilodeau says he's contemplating packing up and moving.

Throughout the group of workers at Monday's meeting, nearly everyone had a story or two to tell about the CCQ.

Luskville contractor Raymond Belisle used to employ 10 men. Today, his business can barely support himself and his son. For the last four or five years, he has had to keep an eye out for CCQ inspectors while on the job. To add to his woes, now Belisle has to worry about losing his Ontario snow removal contracts.

Legally, Quyon's Tom Murdock is supposed to have a general contractor's licence according to the CCQ.

"But I'm not a general contractor," he says. "I specialize in windows and doors."

Outside the MRC building after the vote passed, Dumais encouraged workers to continue the fight.

"Take your kids to the construction site and let them work," he said.

"I hope by the end of the year we won't have to hide to go to work."

Dumais is confident ADAT will win its case against the Supreme Court expected to be heard later this year.

"It's just a matter of time before we win."

Graham uses an appropriate metaphor:

"When you build a house, you have to build the foundation first. I don't think they're at the roof yet."

But there's more determination, more people and more support than when the MRC made a similar trip to Quebec City about a dozen years ago, he admits.

"It's not only about cards, fines and permits," Graham says when asked why fight the battle a second time. "It's about people and how this affects their families."

"It's not nice when you have to hide to work."

Young fined for ad

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speaking plumber. The fine was returned with a request for an English translation. When the translation arrived, he learned he had been fined for placing an ad in THE EQUITY. He immediately pulled his ad from the publication, and has not advertised in THE EQUITY since.

"I wasn't sure what it was for," Young says. "I thought we had freedom of speech.

"If I had known I could be fined for placing an ad, I wouldn't have done it. Now, I'm stuck with a $900 fine.

"It's kind of upsetting, you can't even advertise. I'd certainly like to see the law change so we can work. Why not have inspectors come here instead of someone giving fines?"

The fine alleges "while he was not licensed for this purpose, (Young) gave the impression that he was a construction contractor."

Marc Fortin, regional director of the RBQ, says the law is in place to protect the consumer, not deprive anyone of making a living.

"The law is applied for safety, security, quality, and to ensure the consumer is guaranteed good work, and that the work will be finished," Fortin says. "We check the financial statement of the contractors to make sure they have enough money to finish a job they start."

In Young's case, Fortin says the ad only confirmed what they already knew: Young was working as a plumber without a licence.

Fortin says he has no choice but to enforce the law.

Beginning in June, every contractor must include the RBQ registration number in their advertisements.

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

NEW MANAGER: Marsha Bean, new manager at the Shawville branch of the Bank of Montreal, has been at the branch for 28 years.

New manager no stranger to Shawville

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE – The new manager of the Shawville branch of the Bank of Montreal is neither new to Shawville nor the Main Street branch.

"I started working here three days after I left high school (in 1971)," says Marsha Bean, of Shawville. "It was my first job and I liked it. I started as a teller."

Beginning in 1980, Bean has worked with agricultural and small business portfolios. She has also taken courses through the Canadian Institute of Bankers to further her growing knowledge of the industry.

"Work is what you make of it," she says. "If you enjoy your work, you'll put more into it."

Bean feels she was promoted to replace outgoing manager Marcel Lemire because of her experience and a willingness to work with the community.

"A lot of times, people want to leave the community," she says. "I don't. My ties are here. Of course, it depends on individual circumstances."

Including the manager, the Shawville branch has seven full-time and one part-time employees.

Police, court news

Students, officer discuss Colorado massacre, jury duty begins

SHAWVILLE – For many students, the massacre of 12 students and a teacher in Littleton, Colorado hit too close to home. Could the same thing happen at our school? many students asked themselves.

For that reason Pontiac MRC Sûreté du Québec Const. Marc Vaillant met with about 150 to 200 students at Pontiac Protestant High School last week. Const. Vaillant instructed the students on how they should react in similar circumstances.

Later the officer met with PPHS and laid out the beginnings of an emergency plan for such a situation.

If requested, SQ officers will meet with students at other high schools in Pontiac.

Court news

Campbell's Bay will be a beehive of activity today (Wednesday) as the first trial by jury in about six or seven years gets under way at the court house.

Today some 200 people will descend on the court house, fulfilling their civic duty of jury duty. Of course, only 12 will be eventually selected, but 200 letters have been sent out to residents across the county from which lawyers will choose.

On trial is an Allumettes Island man on charges of arson.

Police report

Apr. 19 – break and enter in Otter Lake and in Fort-Coulonge.

Apr. 20 - theft in Danford Lake; break and enter in Shawville.

Apr. 21 – theft in Norway Bay; accident with material damages in Bristol and in Clarendon.

Apr. 22 – accident with material damages in Litchfield.

Apr. 23 – accident with material damages in Chichester.

Apr. 24 – accident with material damages in Mansfield.

Apr. 25 – accident with material damages in Mansfield; break, enter and theft in Grand Calumet Island.

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Rudolph stays at Patro

Orphaned deer in educational role

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

MANSFIELD – Mansfield gained another attraction recently.

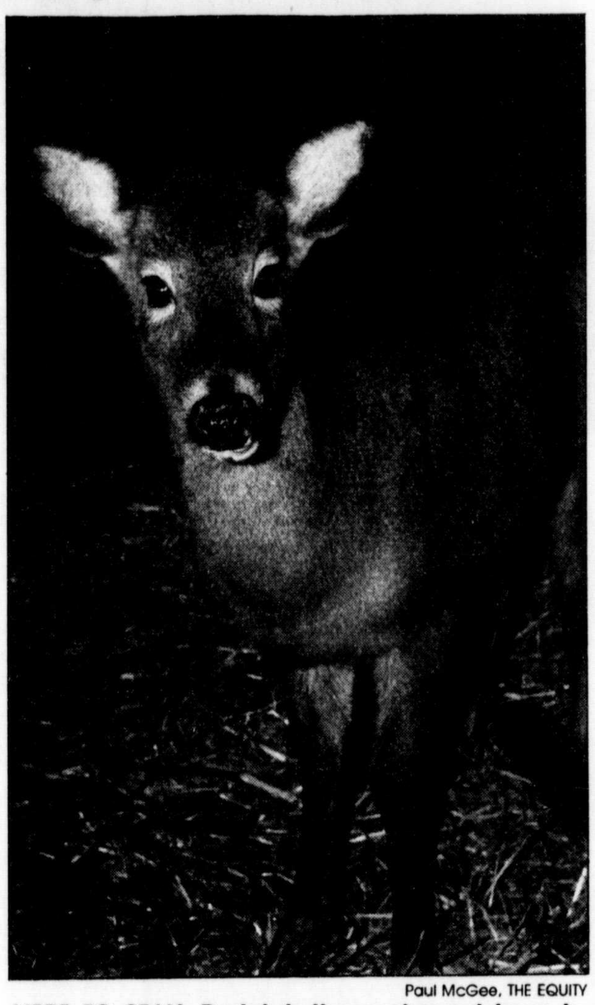
Much has been written about the tourist sites such as the Coulonge Chutes, the Marchand Bridge, Spruceholme, and the Bryson House. However, a young fawn named Rudolph may soon be a star attraction.

The young buck has been staying at the Patro day camp on Lapasse Road in Mansfield since his rescue from the ice-cold, rushing waters of the Coulonge River Dec. 22 by firefighters of the Mansfield Fire Department.

According to regulations of the Ministry of Environment, Rudolph should have been released on his own into the wilderness. (The fawn's mother drowned while they tried to cross the river on that fateful day.) However, the Ministry granted Patro with a temporary holding permit and a nutrition guide, with May 1 as the scheduled release date.

However, much to the elation of camp workers, Rudolph can stay as long as Patro wants to keep him.

"We received permission last week from the Ministry to keep him," says camp founder Brother Marc Frappièr. "All we have to do is build a fence 2.5 metres high."



Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

HERE TO STAY: Rudolph the orphaned fawn in his pen at the Patro day camp in Mansfield.

Patro received a permit as a Centre de l'education de la faune, meaning Rudolph will be earning his keep with the camp's children during the summer.

"There's going to be an educational thing with Rudolph," Patro's Josée Allard says. "We're really excited. I'm anxious to see the looks in the kids faces this summer."

Reports say the firefighters who rescued Rudolph are very happy the deer is staying at the camp.

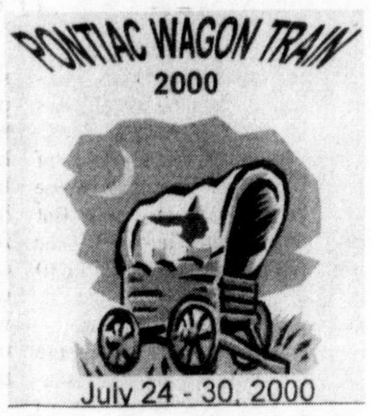
Rudolph is about one year old.

Winning logo picked

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

PONTIAC – A winning logo depicting Pontiac's Wagon Train 2000 project has been selected.

The full-color logo was created by Clarendon's Barb Harris and includes the Indian head logo of the Pontiac MRC on the canvas of the wagon. This logo was one of several submitted in the contest.



LOGO: The above logo created by Barb Harris will be featured on Wagon Train paraphernalia.

Besides the logo, the Wagon Train committee has been successful in nailing down several other key aspects of the event which will see a train of horse-drawn wagons travel from Quyon to Chapeau along the old railway corridor from July 24 to July 30, 2000 in celebration of the new millennium.

July 31, 1999 is the deadline for corporate sponsorship in the book entitled "History of Transportation in the Pontiac," being written by local historian Gord Graham and expected to be on sale by September. Sales of this book are expected to cover most of the funds to finance the event.

As well, Jan. 31, 2000 will be the closing date for entries to the train. Registration forms are in the midst of being printed and committee chairperson Brian Harris says already 100 people have expressed interest in participating.

The following is a tentative schedule: July 24 – Truck in to Quyon, July 25 – Leave Quyon for Shawville, July 26 – Leave Shawville/Clarendon for Campbell's Bay, July 27 – Leave Campbell's Bay for Fort Coulonge/Mansfield, July 28 – Leave Fort Coulonge for Waltham, July 29 – Leave Waltham for Chapeau, July 30 – Depart from Chapeau

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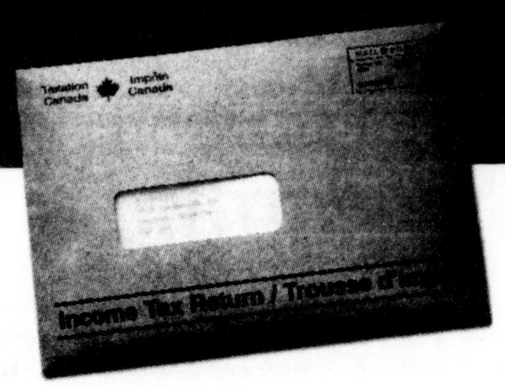

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Occasional walkouts part of job action

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE – Nurses across the province, including Pontiac, will be staging occasional walkouts and other forms of job action in their bid to secure a 15 per cent salary increase.

During the coming weeks, nurses at Pontiac Community Hospital, Manoir Sacre Coeur and the CLSC, who are all part of the provincial union FIIQ, will be on occasional rotating strikes for a day or half-day at a time. Other forms of protest will include donning jeans and a t-shirt on certain days.

Nurses hope the protest will force the provincial government to come to the table to negotiate their collective agreement.

The government has counteroffered FIIQ's demand of 15 per cent with five per cent over three years.

Pontiac Community Hospital RN Suzanne LaSalle calls the government's offer an insult to every nurse in Quebec.

"Since June of '98, we have been without a contract," says LaSalle, who is in charge of grievances for nurses at the hospital. "We're not being taken seriously."

Adding salt to the wound is the government's proposal to make major changes to job security.

After two years of permanent employment in Quebec, a nurse's job is secure and she can refuse any transfer more than 50 kilometres from her current place of work. The government wants to change that to 150 kilometres.

As well, the government wants to decentralize the agreement, forcing local unions to deal with individual employers on items other than salary and job security.

"Decentralization will mean the employer will be able to do what they want with us," says Sylvie Chartrand, local union president for nurses at PCH.

"The whole package is a take away thing," LaSalle says.

Ninety per cent of PCH's nurses who cast a ballot last month voted to strike. (Fifty of the hospital's 80 nurses voted. Forty-five voted to strike.) Across the province, 63 per cent of nurses voted to strike.

"We're overtired, we're overworked. We don't have time to talk to patients."
Sylvie Chartrand, nurses' union president

The legal strike will mean approximately half the nurses on a shift won't come in for a day or half day occasionally. On other days, half the nursing staff will leave for an hour. The job action will not affect essential services which will remain at 100 per cent of nursing staff at all times.

Management at PCH is not concerned about patients' safety during the job action.

"Our nurses are very professional," says Richard Grimard, PCH's assistant executive director. "They know what they can and can't do (within the law)."

That will be important as nurses seek public support as well as increased public awareness of their plight. Nurses will ask the public to sign a card to be sent to Minister of Health Pauline Marois. This Saturday, nurses will be clad in jeans and t-shirts with the words "Enough is enough!" emblazoned over a picture of a lemon being squeezed.

"They've squeezed the last amount of juice out of us," says LaSalle.

But nurses aren't ruling out an illegal strike, either.

"If the government doesn't sit down and take us seriously, maybe then we'll have no recourse in regards to an illegal strike," LaSalle says.

Working conditions

The lack of proper working conditions seems to be as big of a problem as the lack of decent wages, according to the nurses.

"We're overtired, we're overworked. We don't have time to talk to patients," says Chartrand.

"It's very hard," says Chantal St. Aubin, RN at the Manoir Sacre Coeur in Mansfield where nurses voted 56 per cent to strike. (Nine of the home's 16 nurses voted.) "There's not enough nurses to work so there's a lot of overtime. The nurses are getting tired of working overtime."

At its peak, nurses were so scarce at the hospital their shifts were filled by ward aids on more than one occasion. Ward aids bathe and feed patients but are not trained to read charts or administer any medical treatments. This meant the nurse working the same shift as the ward aid was responsible for twice the medical work.

Chartrand works with three other nurses at night. If a delivery is taking place, two nurses must go to obstetrics, leaving the remaining two to handle the 40-some patients in acute care.

"Sometimes we have patients who say they've been ringing (for service) for awhile," Chartrand says.

Still, despite the lack of staff, the nurses take pride in the service they do give. The care at PCH's obstetrics is so well known, many city patients choose to have their babies in Shawville.

Hiring nurses

At least at PCH, those days of not enough nurses should be soon over. A number of part-time nurses have been recently upgraded to full-time positions, and management is in the process of hiring another 10 more full-time nurses.

Both Chartrand and LaSalle give credit to PCH's director-general Charlotte L'Ecuyer for realizing there was a need for more staff. But they say they are lucky in that L'Ecuyer went ahead and made the decision to hire before the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux de l'Outaouais told the other institutions not to upgrade part-time nurses to full-time status even though these nurses work full time with overtime.

With the addition of more nurses, conditions are getting better Chartrand and LaSalle admit. For the month of May, nurses will get at least one weekend off. Better than none, they admit, but not as good as the two weekends they are entitled to getting off.

These extra nurses will mean an easier workload only if they stay, Chartrand

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Solidarity

It's amazing what solidarity can do. It was only two years ago when Shawville contractor Tom Orr came into THE EQUITY office pleading with the Editor to help in the fight against Quebec's restrictive construction laws.

But at that time there was little the Editor had to go on. No construction worker wanted to go on record. No one wanted their picture taken. Licensed or not, construction workers feared further harassment from the CCQ if their name was found in a story criticizing the laws. They had a point. These men were simply trying to eke out a living. Further surveillance from the construction police wasn't going to make that any easier. Most people resigned themselves to the fact that belonging to the CCQ was the law. There was little anyone could do about it. Just keep on hiding.

But it's different today. Buoyed by those already out in the open, more and more construction workers are coming out of their hiding spots. The plight of the independent construction worker is gaining validity. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of the Right to Work Association (ADAT).

The case for CCQ regulation is beginning to unravel. Holding a CCQ card does not automatically mean good workmanship, the public is learning. The Montreal case of the Régie du bâtiment being sued for poor inspection can attest to that. The Régie OKed the work done by licensed workers. Similarly, not holding a card doesn't mean poor workmanship.

The more protection an industry offers the consumer the better. But the CCQ can continue to shield consumers from unskilled workers while at the same time opening up the market to more qualified workers from both provinces. As the ADAT has suggested, CCQ inspectors could inspect the work done rather than the workers doing it. Or simply removing the limit of the number of cards issued would be a start. In a small area like Pontiac, word of mouth will put shoddy workers out of business before a CCQ officer can pull out his fine pad.

Workers know this, most of the public knows this. The key is to get the government to see the light. Standing together, united as one can only help the cause.

Sylvia Bakker

Correction

In last week's EQUITY, the story "No quorum for Pontiac council – again" stated there would be no quorum for the Apr. 21 meeting. In fact, the Municipality of Pontiac council did have quorum for that meeting in which regular council duties such as the payment of bills were handled.

Letters to the Editor

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Dave Moore, THE EQUITY

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YOUR OPINION

Handcuff me now

Dear Editor,

A union is a body of people who join together to present their case to those that employ them.

Here in Quebec the C.C.Q. cannot be recognized as a union. I am not against unions, but everyone should have a choice to join or not to join. The C.C.Q. has dictated that in Quebec to be a construction worker, you must belong to their organization which I refuse to recognize as a union.

In my opinion, the situation should be this: Supposing I went along to a large construction site and asked for a job and I am told by the foreman that he can hire me provided that I join the union that has negotiated for good wages and safe working conditions, then I would be willing to join. Joining should be a simple procedure.

On the other hand, if I go to work for a member of the public that is building or renovating a house, I should legally be able to negotiate freely with that person without any interference from the C.C.Q. You can tell me I should not work Sundays and rightly so, but nobody shall tell me I cannot work the other six days of the week.

If the C.C.Q. feel it is in their power to fine me or put me in jail, they may as well put the handcuffs on me now.

Paul Stanworth
Thorne

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Fighting chance

Dear Editor,

The construction dilemma continues. The Quebec government does not want to allow people to work without competency certificates. However, they make it nearly impossible to get one.

The OCQ is a union but it is a union for the government, not the working person. The ADAT is trying to change this for our area. But the support of all residents is needed.

Many area stores have forms on their counters for you to sign to show your support. Fifty thousand signatures are needed to even get a fighting chance. Please sign the forms.

This situation will only get worse if it is allowed to go on. Help the fight for the livelihood of this and future generations.

Bev Bisson
Campbell's Bay

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Cancer can be beaten

Dear Editor,

Yes, it is that time again! The Quyon and District Canadian Cancer Campaign blitz is on Monday, May 3.

Please welcome the volunteers as they do a very worthwhile task. I salute our volunteers and thank all the contributors.

Cancer can be beaten!

Jean McCann
Quyon

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The obvious

Dear Editor,

Gilles Duceppe and Jacques Parizeau have tried to state what should only be obvious – a Quebecer is someone who lives in Quebec.

Daniel Janvier, president of Chambly riding association, was totally against this concept. Roger Pomerleau, a former MP, warned that the leadership was playing with fire. This gentleman says, "I am told I am a Canadian. I'm not a Canadian. I am a Quebecer and it insults me to be told I'm a Canadian." Well, I've got news for him, whether he likes it or not, if he lives north of the 49th parallel and south of the Arctic Circle he's a Canadian. Mind you, if he should decide to take up residence elsewhere, good riddance!

The fact that he chooses to be insulted is not what concerns me. The fact he would deny me, a 51-year resident of Quebec, my right to be a Quebecer does. I'm not only proud to be a Quebecer, but damn the people who would deny me this privilege. I suppose after separation these characters would make anyone not of the "pure laine" persuasion non-entities. Children of a lesser God, as it were.

Would they set up a qualifications board, DNA tests, measure your skull or your nose? Suzanne Tremblay says that Céline Dion is not a Quebecer. Would Suzanne's word be enough to disqualify Ms Dion? Would the cabinet ministers in the PQ who are born in the British Isles and Haiti qualify as Quebecers? Mr. Pomerleau has already scuttled Mordecai Richler and Howard Galganov but endorses racecar driver Jacques Villeneuve (who does not live in Quebec) as a Quebecer.

Can you imagine such an inane (or should I say insane) idea being seriously debated? What is scary is this debate is taking place by our highest elected officials.

It reminds me of the philosophy of a short, mustachioed failed artist who convinced his fellow countrymen that they alone were pure enough to be considered supermen.

At first these silly, almost comical xenophobes were not to be taken seriously, but we all know where that path they ventured on lead to.

Lawrence Stafford
Campbell's Bay

YOUR OPINION

Councillor wants answers

Dear Editor,

After reading Couns. Hawley Lepine's allegations in a recent issues of THE EQUITY, I would like to respond with the following:

It is very difficult to "pull together" when in the east we believe in enforcing our bylaws and the west finds there are too many bylaws and wants to rewrite them or ignore them altogether. The east wants to hire additional part-time staff in the urbanism department to harmonize our bylaws with the MRC's regional bylaws and the west doesn't ... Why? Not only are we not getting part-time staff, but we are losing our building inspector.

At our strategic planning meeting, which was boycotted by the mayor, it was decided to hire a person in charge of recreation and culture because our municipality is now in need of one. The east wants to hire and the west won't because the mayor says no ... Why?

The west is working really hard to have the roads' inspector fired ... Why? Councillors of Wards 3 and 7 are being declared in conflict of interest in the CP Rail issue ... Why? Is there a hidden agenda?

To all my whys, I expect truthful answers from my fellow councillors from the west. We were elected to work for the welfare of our municipality not for a few individuals who do not agree with our existing bylaws or for elected members trying to follow through on their campaign promises.

The council's job is to administer the municipality's affairs by doing the most for less, but the mayor's unilateral way of working defies this purpose.

By the way, Mr. Lepine, thank you for mentioning vision, plans and goals for the municipality in your letter as these are issues addressed by the east in our meetings with you.

Jean-Pierre Gendron
Councillor, Ward 6

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Millennium history project

Dear Editor,

Extensive research is presently underway to produce a historical background of Pontiac's famous people of the 20th century. The project is limited and only those persons who have performed in a most exceptional manner will be considered for publication.

The basic criteria are as follows:

1. A person born or who resided in the County of Pontiac for a considerable amount of time during the 20th century.

2. A person who won or was awarded a medal for distinguished service beyond the call of duty.

3. A person who was specifically honored for accomplishments far beyond the norm and duly recognized by his peers.

At the present time it is probable that the number of individuals so honored will not exceed 15. It is planned that a permanent record in the form of a book will be published in the year 2000.

If you have information or knowledge of anyone who may qualify for this special honor, please write to the address below and enclose pertinent information or contact THE EQUITY.

A series will begin in THE EQUITY in the near future.

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ENVIRONMENT FORUM

When wildlife is a problem – guarantee the future of our bears, wolves

By KATHARINE FLETCHER

Last Thursday I was talking to one of my readers, a local Pontiac resident (who doesn't want his name printed).

We were chatting about wildlife and he told me that he discovered a bear trap in the woods. It was a large metal "drum" with the lid cut so jagged metal spikes pointed downwards, inside it. At the bottom of the barrel was an open tin of sardines, irresistible bait for a bear.

This method of trapping bears or any live creature is disgusting, inhumane and totally illegal. Bears are drawn by the smell, put their heads inside the barrel to feast, and then cannot extricate themselves from the can. Blinded, terrified and in pain, they die a lingering death.

A clean shot from a skilled, licensed hunter who is hunting in-season is one thing. But such cruelty as the trap that my reader found in the Pontiac woods can never be condoned.

Indeed, wildlife walk a thin line when it comes to being "acceptable" here in the Pontiac countryside.

Why? Rural residents have a complicated relationship with nature. We live in wildlife's only refuge. Most of our Pontiac homes border bush lands, the last vestiges of the forests that once dominated our region. In reality, although these "wild lands" appear vast, they are really like a patchwork quilt of agricultural land, farms, houses and little villages with parks like Gatineau Park as tiny island sanctuaries.

Wildlife cannot read signs. Wildlife cannot understand that munching corn or felling a calf is writing their own death warrant.

Balanced against wildlife's needs are what we consider our right to earn a living and raise a family. Who wins?

Guess.

Wolves

Livestock farmers have a huge investment in protecting their herds. Such animals represent a family's future and, as the farmer builds up the bloodlines of a herd, these domestic animals become increasingly valuable and well-worth protecting.

Predators like wolves aren't welcome and shooting them remains common practice.

What is done with the bodies?

Some are buried. Some are left in the bush. Either way, the carcass can attract other wild animals that are eager for an easy dinner and so that cycle of "wildlife management" continues.

Bear

A few years ago, a combination of drought, scant rainfall and northern forest fires conspired to encourage bears to migrate to our region. There were bears everywhere. For example, Eric and his English cousins were surrounded by eight adults plus numerous cubs, in Gatineau Park. This was an extraordinary encounter and despite the numbers, there was no hint of an attack. Thrilled, Eric's cousins captured the bears on video, and you can bet that Canada lived up to its amazing reputation for being a wilderness country full of vast numbers of wildlife!

And, while walking in our fields one day during that "autumn of the bear," a hunter came by and asked us if we wanted him to kill any bears on our land (we declined). He told us he had been hired by local Pontiac farmers to shoot the bears who were destroying their corn crops.

He claimed he had shot 90 bears. It was all legal, he said, as he had "a special permit."

Since then, I've heard that this, too, is illegal. About 15 years ago individual farmers did have the right to shoot animals that were destroying their crops or livestock on their own land.

Evidentially this all changed in Quebec a few years back. These days, before farmers can legally shoot an animal, every proper deterrent such as fences must be demonstrably in place before they can get permission to shoot. And, prior to shooting, farmers must get authorization and apparently such permission is difficult to obtain these days.

Why the laws? Because of dwindling wildlife populations. But if a farmer is having a real problem with one or a group of wild animals with a taste for calves or corn, he or she has an urgently real, immediate problem. And here in the countryside, animals such as deer seem to be in great abundance.

What is the answer?

Upsetting the balance

Over the past several hundred years, we human beings have irrevocably upset the natural predator-prey balance such that what countryside we see around us here in the Pontiac is neither "pristine" nor "natural" in the true sense of the word.

What people talk about now is "managing wildlife."

It seems to me that these very words are at war with themselves. Wildlife know no boundaries, can't read trespassing signs, can't figure out the consequences if they eat a prize calf rather than a fawn. Given that all of us share responsibility for permanently upsetting the natural balance, what future can we guarantee for our wildlife? Is the howl of the wolf on a starlit August night, or the sight of a sow and her cubs as important a symbol to us as the cry of the loon? If so, we'd best think things through pretty carefully as we stumble into the next millennium.

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REFLECTIONS: 116 YEARS OF NEWS

The Way We Were

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25 Years Ago

May 1, 1974

Two dentists and a vet: Drs Tremblay and Crepeau are coming to Shawville to practice dentistry. They plan to share the offices of the late Dr Wallace Hodgins on Main Street and they hope to be in business by June.

Dr Charbonneau will be moving into Bryson and will settle as a veterinarian throughout the Pontiac which should considerably alleviate the tremendous burden on Dr Grant Rogers.

Arson suspected: Two fires in Shawville – a coin wash and building shed – are under investigation by local police officers. Arson is suspected in both fires. Thus far one person has been taken into custody and held for questioning about the cause of the fires.

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50 Years Ago

April 28, 1949

Oppose Daylight time: The Pontiac Council of Farm Forums at their annual Spring Rally held at Pine Lodge, Bristol, Tuesday night went on record as opposing Daylight Saving Time. Walter Kilgour brought the contentious subject of Daylight Saving Time to the fore by asking that the meeting request the provincial government to take the power of deciding this matter from the municipalities and effect a uniform ruling on the time question for the entire province in order to eliminate the confused situation existing under present conditions.

Eddie O'Leary passes away: Widely known for his interest in hockey and other sports, Dr Eddie O'Leary of Campbell's Bay died in the Pontiac Community Hospital on Friday, April 22nd. He was 60 years of age. Dr O'Leary was a star in both football and hockey and eventually became a referee of the National Hockey League. He was a veteran of WWI during which he served with the Canadian Dental Corps. At the end of his hockey career he opened his office for the practice of dentistry at Campbell's Bay.

Cattle drown: The spirit of sympathetic cooperation so often seen in rural life was once more exemplified last week when Mr Harry Wallace of Moorhead, who had suffered considerable loss by drowning of his cattle, received a fine donation of $500 from his neighbours and friends.

About three weeks ago, when the ice was getting thin on the mill dam creek, six miles west of Shawville, the cattle of Mr Wallace went to the river to drink. The point where the water holes had been cut was about five acres from the dam. In the mild weather the ice had become thin, and when the cattle wandered out onto it, seven of them broke through. It was not until half an hour after that Mr Wallace noticed their plight and sent a call by phone for help and a number of neighbours came. Ropes were tied around the animals and they were dragged out of the cold water by horses after being in nearly two hours. Two of them had been drowned and four died of exposure, within half an hour, and one is still living but is in a very serious condition. The total loss is over $1000.

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75 Years Ago

May 1, 1924

A backward spring: A backward spring is the report from practically every section of Eastern Canada. Snow flurries, cold rains, sharp winds, bleak weather. April, on the whole was not an ideal month, if we except the closing days.

Court house: There are reports that the building of the new court house at Campbell's Bay as proposed will not be undertaken by the Government this summer, having its hands full already. No occasion for a rush it seems. Anyway, the jail is very conveniently where it is — until the works at Calumet Falls are finished.

Headless skeleton: Chichester has a sensation. The headless skeleton of a man was found in the bush, five miles from Chapeau, recently, by Henry Picard. Dr Beaudry of Chapeau gave the opinion that the skeleton must have been lying in the woods for three years. There was no means of identifying the remains, and no one in the locality can recollect of any person having been lost. Mystery surrounds the case thus far.

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100 Years Ago

April 27, 1899

Local & General: Sheriff McNally was in town on Monday summoning the jury for the approaching term of the Court of Queen's Bench which opens at Bryson on May 24.

The present has been a very unfavorable spring for maple syrup making, the sap run having been less than half that of last year. As a consequence good syrup will likely command a high price.

Onslow man murdered: Intelligence reached Ottawa last week of the murder of Michael Henry Daley, an Onslow young man who has been working at Sudbury for some time past. It appears Daley and a companion got into an altercation with some Finlanders, and that the latter afterwards followed them and stabbed both. Daley had his throat cut and died shortly afterwards. His companion was severely injured and was removed to the Sudbury hospital. An inquest was held on Daley's body and the following verdict rendered: "We believe Michael Henry Daley came to his death by a knife would inflected by one John Johnston, a Finn. We also ask the crown to take proceedings to apprehend said John Johnston."

Obituaries

Verner William Jack

Verner William Jack, beloved husband of the late Lila Gray, died Mar. 31, 1999 at the age of 95 years at the Pontiac Reception Centre, Shawville, QC where he spent the last five years of his life.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1903 at Thorne, QC to August Yach and Laura Zimmerman. He was the last survivor of a family of nine. He leaves to mourn his dear daughter Rae (Don Moore) and his three grandchildren Donna Moore, Mark (Christine), Scott (Marie) and his dearest great-granddaughter Lila Kathryn. One sister-in-law Fern Yach and many nieces and nephews.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Verner became one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1970. He was a Ministerial Servant and remained active in his faith.

His funeral talk was given by an Elder Ray Paquette of Ottawa at the Chapel of W. J. Hayes & Sons Funeral Home.

His pallbearers were six friends: Steve Towns, Tracy Kingdon, Frank Martin, Gordon Berry, Don Buckwalt and Wayne Lance. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Shawville.

Enemy forces needed

SHAWVILLE – Have you ever dreamed of sneaking in behind enemy lines, long before dawn breaks, startling your sleeping enemy into surrendering, your fellow comrades hailing you as a hero?

There's an opportunity to play soldier for a week without enduring the joys of boot camp first.

Canadian Forces Base Petawawa is looking for volunteers to participate in manoeuvres while soldiers train in the municipalities of Thorne and Clarendon from May 10 to 13.

Partisan and enemy forces are needed for the exercises. Volunteers must be over the age of 18. If you're interested, call Sgt. Joey Richardson (647-5993) by Friday.

FROM OVERSEAS

Russians optimistic about future

By CHRISTINE MACKECHNIE

In a city that has recently suffered a currency crisis, the families of local students warmly welcomed international students to their school and homes.

Recently, the NJC model United Nations (MUN) team travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia to attend an international conference. Although the MUN was very enriching, it was the time in Russia that was most important to most students.

Among the events the students attended in the evening were a Russian ballet, opera singing, folk dancing, and a political debate (in English). During the day, castles, the Hermitage (an art museum bigger than the Louvre) and important government institutions were visited. However, it was the evening events that truly displayed the Russian culture. The history of Russia is unlike most others. As a result, culture is more important than politics.

During the political discussion, it was revealed that most Russians do not trust politicians. Although this is understandable, as corruption is widespread, it causes problems for both the government and the economy. Most Russian students believed that their country had rich resources, comparable to the United States. It was common to hear a student insist that if they had better politicians their economy would improve drastically. Although it is true that the political institutions need to be improved, the Russian economy suffers from multiple problems and is truly a developing country and not a developed nation such as the US.

The Russian people's economic woes extend to their diet that remains very simple and relies greatly on starches. This is largely a result of fruits and vegetables being imported and, thus, expensive. When visiting local families, however, the mothers went out of their way to provide a delicious meal for the international students.

The family I visited provided so much food, that there was barely enough room for the plates. Pancakes, fish cake, cabbage cake, potatoes, and meat are typical food found in Russia. However, sitting at the table, the American students and I were aware that the family we were visiting were stretching their budget to provide this dinner.

Their apartment, situated slightly outside of downtown St. Petersburg, was typical of Russian cities. The kitchen, sitting room, bathroom and two bedrooms were very small, totalling less than two typical classrooms. Furthermore, the technology used to design the apartments was poor, as the walls were several feet thick to make up for the lack of insulation.

The poor housing and low quality of life for the typical Russian family, however, does not make the people bitter. The family I visited was very friendly and optimistic. Alice Klotchkova, a 17-year-old girl told me she spends the majority of her time studying and is optimistic about Russia's future.

This country will undoubtedly improve its economic and political situation in the future with its hard-working citizens and their optimistic attitudes.

Shawville Young Farmers dance to victory

ORMSTOWN – Last Saturday two square-dance teams from Shawville 4-H attended the Quebec Young Farmers' 20th Annual Square Dance Competition held in Ormstown, QC. With six senior teams and five junior teams participating, Shawville placed first in both categories. Participating from the senior team were: Matt Misener & Shannon Grant (1st couple), Jake Drummond & Rebecca Younge (2nd couple), Christopher Tracy & Melissa Nyveld (3rd couple), Andrew Lang & Jaymie Armitage (4th couple). The junior team consisted of: Tyler McCann & Jenny Hannaberry (1st couple), Joey Hannaberry & Logan Drummond (2nd couple), Jeff Hannaberry & Heather Rusenstrom (3rd couple), James Lunam & Emily Taylor (4th couple).

The Shawville Young Farmers give much credit for their success to Chris and Jeannie Judd and Scott and Jen Judd. Although the Judds weren't able to attend, they contributed greatly to the success of the teams.

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Bryson House, Pontiac Tourism match made in history

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

MANSFIELD – If walls could talk, the 154-year-old walls at the Bryson House in Mansfield would tell the tale of how it was saved 19 years ago and recently received a new breath of life.

About 35 interested folk at the Pontiac Tourism spring forum Saturday heard of the recent deal between the association and the Municipality of Mansfield whereby the two entities will work out a development plan for the historic building in the next year or so.

"We hope to re-position the house in an historical context," says Ken Fisher, president of the association, adding it could become the centre of the Pontiac tourism industry.

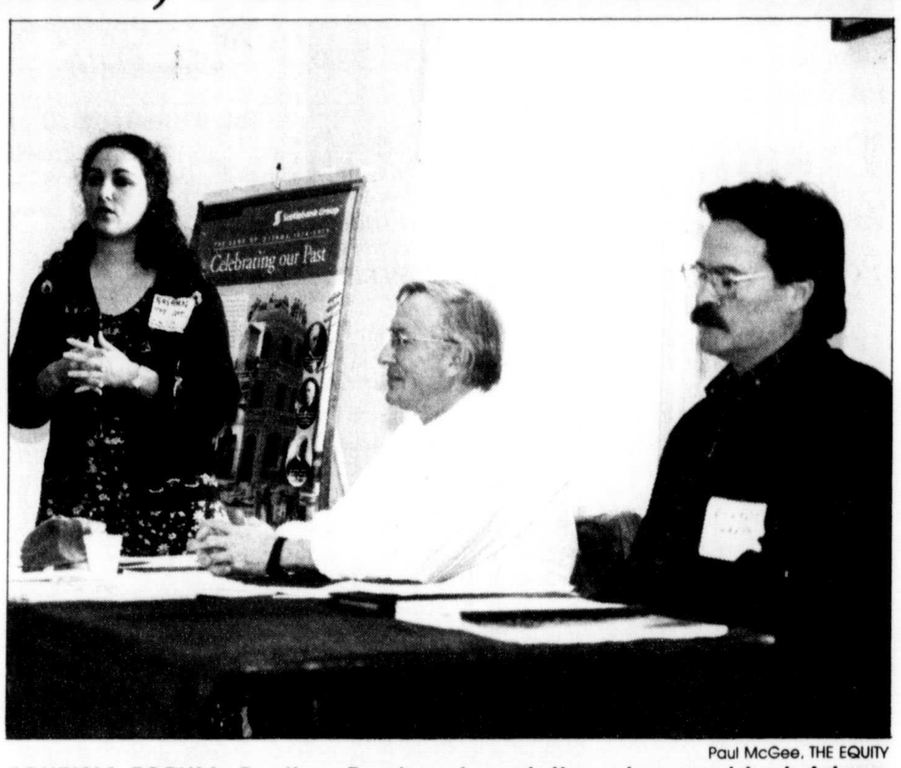
Fisher added development of the Bryson House has to be done in an "entrepreneurial" spirit.

"We may receive some grant money at start up, but after that we're on our own," he says.

The Bryson House was chosen as the focal point for the tourism push for several reasons. The historical significance – built by a lumber baron, George Bryson Sr., during the early heydays of the logging industry, a period integral to the development of the county – stands at the fore, but its availability and location also factored in the association's efforts to cut a deal with Mansfield.

The house is across Hwy. 148 from the rare Marchand Bridge and a short hop to other historical buildings, such as Spruceholme in Fort Coulonge. At present, it houses only the Mansfield Library, leaving the multiple rooms in the three-storey building unoccupied and prone to deterioration.

"I'm glad to see so much interest in the project," Mayor Robert Ladouceur told the crowd.



Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

TOURISM FORUM: Pontiac Tourism Association vice-president Ariann Bouchard (left) speaks at the association's spring forum at the Bryson House in Mansfield Saturday. Seated at the table are president Ken Fisher (left) and Richard Sharpe, who authored a book on the Bryson House 18 years ago.

"When I first met Phil (Gabriel, who instigated the initial plan to save the house more than 20 years ago) and he told me about his plan to save the house, I asked him 'Did you fall on your head, Phil?'"

Ladouceur says it is a shame to see the building virtually unoccupied, and keeping it open "just for a library doesn't make sense." He believes there must be money available to ensure the building survives.

Money ideas

Some money trickled in at the meeting, with MNA Robert Middlemiss donating $500 to the association and the Local Development Centre (CLD) kicking in $400 to support the forum.

Middlemiss says sometimes one single attraction can make a difference when trying to attract people to the area.

"Just as the Montreal Expos make people aware of Montreal, the Bryson House can bring people to Pontiac," Middlemiss says. "The more people who find out about the Pontiac, the better. It's to our advantage."

Equally important to the project, the forum picked up the support of several interested people, including George Bryson Sr.'s great-grandson, George Toller, of Ottawa.

Phil Gabriel

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity," Toller says. "I hope I can be of some help." Toller, a financial advisor with the investment firm Wood Gundy, proposed the project leaders approach the Bank of Nova Scotia with the idea to "sell" them a room in the house. The room would then become a permanent exhibit. Bryson, Sr. was a founder of the Bank of Ottawa, a forerunner of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

A new beginning

Back in the late 1970s, the future of the Bryson House looked bleak. An American visiting friends in the area spotted the white clapboard building and saw potential.

"There was no porch and I thought they were going to tear it down and put in a used car lot or something kind of nutty," Gabriel recalled.

Gabriel approached then-warden Cecil Vibert with a plan to save the house. Vibert was very interested, and backed Gabriel on a loan to buy the building.

"Up to that point in my life, I had never bought anything, except a car," Gabriel says. "There was a lot of focus placed on me then, but there was a certain magic of people in the same place at the same time."

Gabriel says there were then and are now three essentials to keeping the house intact: a backing organization, a tenant(s), and someone responsible for the upkeep of the building.

Another interested party back then was teacher Richard Sharpe, who wrote the first history of the Bryson House.

"I was fresh out of university, idealistic ... OK, I was unemployed," Sharpe joked.

Sharpe says the Bryson House can serve as a monument to past accomplishments. His wish list includes project ideas such as transforming the property to a small lumber camp, in the style of Upper Canada Village, only on a smaller scale.

"Imagine people from Ottawa-Hull cycling to view a working lumber camp," Sharpe says.

"We need to ensure our feats live on; we have a prize jewel to work from.

"Our forefathers didn't know the meaning of the word 'can't.'"

Workshops

The group assembled into four workshops to discuss project ideas and ways to bring them to fruition.

The workshops focussed on four aspects of the project: usage, events, finances, and structure.

It was suggested the house could be Pontiac Tourism's information centre, or an interpretive centre.

Room exhibits, year-round activities, and a living museum highlighted the events list, with erecting an historical sign visible from the highway a priority.

Proposed financing ventures include establishing a charitable foundation, submitting a millennial grant application, and securing a Bank of Nova Scotia sponsorship.

Structural work include implementing preventive measures to stop deterioration and renewing the appearances of the interior and exterior of the building.

Fisher says the association was elated when told by Ladouceur told they had "as much time as we need to make the project work."

Building inspector needed

Municipality of Pontiac
February 25, 1999

In attendance: Mayor Bruce Campbell, Crs Roger Larose, Hawley Lepine, Gil Fraser, Bruno Alary, Jean-Pierre Gendron, Denise Therriault-LeVasseur and the sec.-treas. Motivated absence: Pierre Sauvageau.

Ratepayers - None.

Discussion on the building inspector's resignation - It is agreed, in conclusion, to post the position of building inspector at the same yearly salary and number of work hours per week, that is: 34,000$ and 40 hours/week.

Authorization to recruit a building inspector - Whereas the building inspector, Mr. Guy Perrier, handed his resignation to the sec.-treas. on Feb. 12, 1999;

Whereas Mr. Perrier, in his letter, gives two and one half months notice thus ending Apr. 30, 1999;

Whereas it is necessary to recruit a building inspector as soon as possible in order to ensure the follow-up of files and the continuation of the work;

Consequently, it is moved by Crs Lepine and Alary that council hereby authorize the sec.-treas. to publish an ad for the position of building inspector.

Metals must be separated at dump

Thorne Council
March 3, 1999

In attendance: Mayor R. Vowles, Clrs B. Krose, D. Thrun, J. Shock-Pulley, M. Guitard, E. Pasch and L. Pasch.

Council discussed the matter of ratepayers who are placing tin cans with their regular household garbage in the trench. In order to prolong the useful life of the trench the Environment Committee will draft a bylaw to this effect.

Notice of Motion is given by Clr Thrun that at a subsequent meeting he will table a draft bylaw regarding the separation of metals at the dump.

The only tender received for the sale of the 1976 GMC Sierra was opened. Moved by Clrs Guitard and E. Pasch to accept the bid of $205. from Mr. A. Chartrand Jr. and it is further resolved that the sec. be hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Council discussed zoning amendments.

Moved by Clrs Guitard and Shock-Pulley to renew our ad in the 1999 edition of the Pontiac Travel Guide.

Moved by Clrs L. Pasch and Shock-Pulley to donate $50 to the Shawville Figure Skating Club.

Mayor Vowles reports on his attendance at the MRC Pontiac monthly meeting.

There were four mutations/deeds registered during January 1999.

Varia: The following topics were tabled and discussed: Transport comm. of Qué.; Toponymie Comm. of Qué.; Directive from CLSC; Letter to Hydro-Québec; SQ report; Internet; Memory of Mrs. Villeneuve and Tube slide.

Moved by Clrs E. Pasch and Thrun that invoices totalling $51,652.80 be paid.

Moved by Clrs Guitard and Krose that the Chairman of the Public Security Committee Clr Thrun and Sec.-Treas. R. Charette be authorized on behalf of the Municipality of Thorne to sign a Fire Protection Agreement with the Municipalities of the Campbell's Bay/Litchfield Fire Dept.

Nurses want pay increase

Continued from page 3

adds. The lure of higher wages across the river in Ontario and across the border in the United States is still strong.

A nurse in Ontario starts at $37,700, while a Quebec registered nurse makes $30,235 after three months on the job.

After six years, her salary rises to $34,401, and after 12 years of full-time work, it plateaus at $43,888.

Chartrand compares her job which took three years of schooling to that of her sister's which only took one year. Her sister, who sits in front of a computer all day, makes the same amount as Chartrand.

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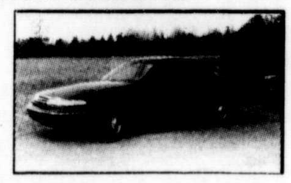

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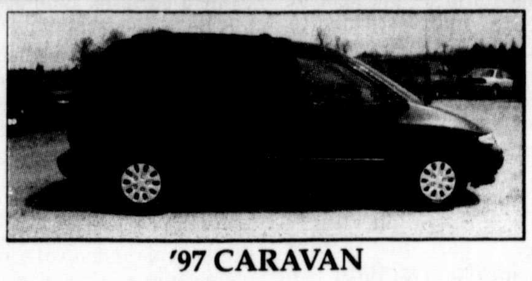

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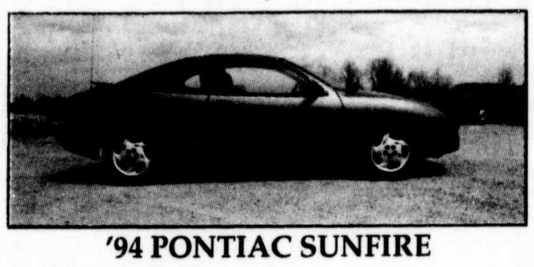

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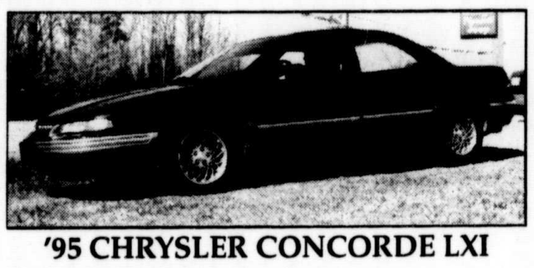

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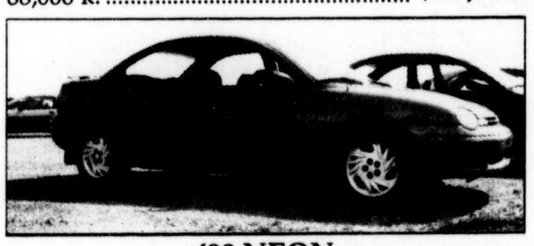

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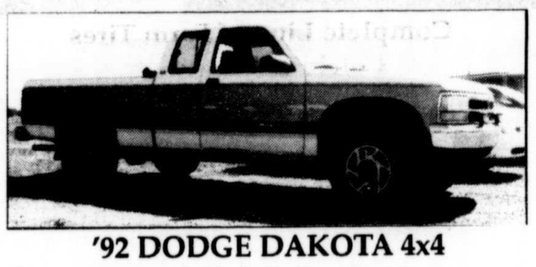

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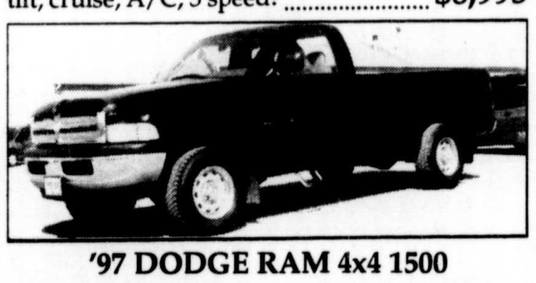

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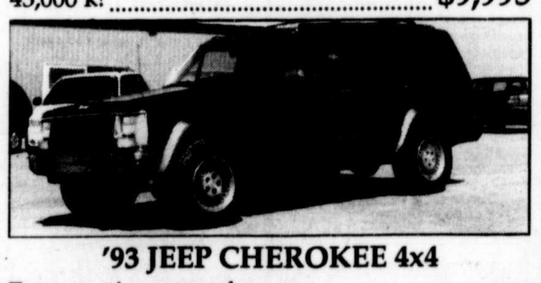

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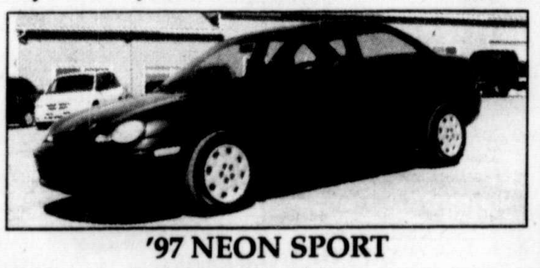

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R.A. soccer changes to one full season

Numbers down a bit, but action starts in a week

By DAVE MOORE
Equity Sports

SHAWVILLE – Starting May 5, Wednesdays and Saturdays have been put aside for Shawville's R.A. soccer.

Registration was "not bad" for the '99 season, according to organizer Steve Grey. There wasn't enough interest in the older class of 14 and 15-year-olds.

There will be two large teams in the 4 to 6-year-old division, four teams in the 7 to 9-year-old and two teams in the 10 to 13-year-olds.

Because there will be no team in the oldest division, the 10 to 13-year-olds will have the benefit of playing on the large field, Grey says.

The season runs from May 5 to July 10, with a full 20-game schedule. They will not return to the field in the fall, like they have in the years before, when the season was split in two, with the teams taking the summer off.

"School is starting then (in the fall) and some players don't return," Grey says.

So they'll just make one full season.

The Soccer Club's "Fun Day" has been set for June 26, so far, according to Grey.

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Dumouchel named minor hockey president

Association finishes season well into the black, thanks to $3,500 Pontiac National Midget Hockey Tournament donation

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Equity Sports

SHAWVILLE – The Shawville and District Minor Hockey executive added a few new faces to the head table at the annual general meeting last week.

While vice-president Alain Gagnon, secretary Helen Dumouchel, treasurer Janet McCord, and equipment manager Peggy Elliott retained their positions, Renaud Dumouchel was declared Shawville and District's new president, replacing the outgoing Jerry Chevalier.

Chris Young, the new Ottawa Valley representative and vice-president, and Trevor Fraser, the new tournament representative and vice-president, were voted in during the Apr. 22 meeting.

Sue Smart, reponsible for the ice schedule, Yvon Vaillancourt, Quebec Ice representative and John Campbell, referee-in-chief, were named to their new positions without a vote.

The vote took place after hearing several points from the audience concerning last season. The executive assured them that new members would be looking into their concerns.

Outgoing Ontario representative Wayne Bohart passed on information relating to his last meeting, namely the Ottawa District is looking for used equipment to send off to the Northwest Territories. It was suggested that anyone with equipment contact Peggy Elliot.

Also helmets are to be used by coaches on the ice in the future.

As well, Bohart spoke about mandatory instruction needed for coaching staff each season (three and a half hour refresher course starting in the 2000-2001 season).

Again, registration fees was one of the main concerns of the small crowd but the executive assured them that they would try and keep the rates down.

One suggestion was to use some of the $10,000 bond the association had in the bank, for some time now, to offset the cost of registration. Other suggestions for the money were for more glass around the rink, (the executive feel that the town and the Junior B's should be brought into that type of project) or use the money to pay for tournaments: ie one for each team.

While the board said they would look into using the money, the underlying feeling is that keeping it in the bank for emergency use is the proper thing to do and spend the interest.

The executive was asked to reflect on the past season and asked what could be improved. Would they be looking at the problems faced by the Peewee House playing non-contact in Ontario?

Most Ontario Peewee teams played contact hockey in House league last season, (Quebec body-contact is played at the Bantam age and in competitive leagues only). This executive will be faced with a question as to where Peewee players will play once again.

Will they play in the Metro league or will minor hockey have a dilemma of moving all of its House league teams into the Metro league? Most parents do not agree with the latter.

Dumouchel said they will deal with the situation, but they'll first have to wait until Ontario has its May 19, meeting (that's when all associations in District Five vote on body-contact in Peewee House to Midget).

Young also pointed out that going to the Metro league could be a step backwards for players looking to play competitive hockey.

Young's reasoning was that players who played Bantam contact this season in Ontario, would end up play non-contact in Metro next season.

Still, the Metro league is the stepping stone to the CC. It is the only competitive league that the Shawville Association and the rest of Pontiac can play in.

Interesting notes

• The Pontiac National Midget Hockey Tournament donated $3,500 to Shawville Minor Hockey. After a budget that saw Shawville finish the season up $37.56, it was a welcome addition with Janet McCord saying that "It looks a lot better now."

• Why weren't our tournaments on the Ottawa District Hockey Association list? Outgoing vice-president Randy Plouffe states that deadlines were met and even a new list was faxed after they lost the first one. Still, Shawville tournament dates where not on the list for another year. The executive said they will look into it.

• Faced with dropping numbers in Bumblebee, Shawville will look at picking up the Learn-to-skate program that the Shawville Figure Skating Club is dropping. This should mean less cost for parents.

• For those who missed CC testing, players may have to go to Aylmer, Hull or even Gatineau to be tested. Alain Gagnon says that any player wanting to play CC, or any competive hockey in the Outaouais, will have to be tested. But Gagnon will be looking into the rules regarding the Pontiac. All associations had three years to deal with this, but Pontiac has been in the Outaouais Regional League for two years now. Gagnon will know by May 4.

• Off to UOVMHL, Vivain Bohart is the new secretary-treasurer for the entire Upper Ottawa Valley Minor Hockey League.

• Pontiac Zone grows. Pontiac's eastern frontier is now at Terry Fox Rd, just outside Aylmer. The old line donation from the Pontiac National Midget people, that puts minor hockey well into the black.

• A girls' dressing room! There is talk of a hospitality suite which could include a girls' dressing room below the suite, on the east side stands by dressing room two. "This is something that there is a need for," said past-president Jerry Chevalier. Girls playing in Shawville have to get dressed in the washrooms and then walk across the lobby to put skates on. The hospitality suite was in the originally sought during the mayor arena renovations a number of years ago but it never got off the ground. $3,000 has been pleged by the Pontiac National Midget Tournament and some wood has been donated. More planning has to be done and the whole approval proccess started again.

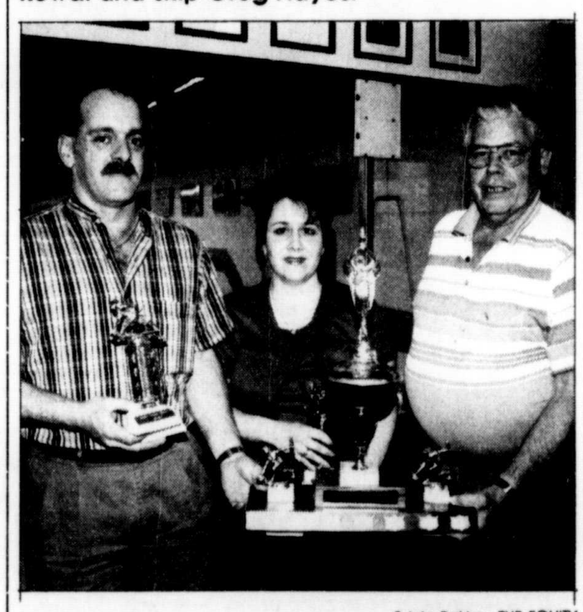
• Minor hockey to pay for referees' course? That was one of the questions up in the air. On top of that, minor hockey is still looking for more refs. They have to be 14 years of age or older, contact John Campbell.

• Insurance for the execution. Members on the board to be insured for liability.

• The budget. Less ice rented in March, fund-raising, donations put them over the top for $37.56 profit.
$50,174.19 income.
$50,136.63 expenses.
$37.56 left. Add a $3,500 was east of Quyon.

Sylvia Bakker, THE EQUITY

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY: The Shawville Curling Club wrapped up its season Saturday night with its annual awards banquet. Most winning teams have been featured in THE EQUITY throughout the season. Above are the winners of the President's trophy for Friday night mixed. Front row, from left, lead Kristine Hayes, third Janes Hayes. Back row, second Andrew Rowat and skip Greg Hayes.



Sylvia Bakker, THE EQUITY

BUCKY MCKAY TROPHY: Mary Knox's rink won the Bucky McKay trophy for Tuesday night mixed curling. Flanking Knox are lead Kerry Sharpe (left) and third Bob Campbell. Missing is second Heather Murray.

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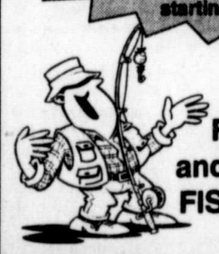

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Warm woolen clothing needed, CWL learns

BERNADETTE HENDRY

On Apr. 6 at 7:30, the CWL of St. Alphonsus Parish met at St. Joseph's Centre. The meeting was called to order by Gail Sullivan. Father Harrington led the opening prayers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Correspondence was dealt with, conveners' reports were given and finances were updated.

Our closing dinner will be on June 8 this year. The guest speaker will be Jim Keogh. He will speak of his experiences in Peru.

Joan reported on the spring meeting. She told us that the Sisters of Charity are requesting donations of warm woolen clothing to be distributed to the people of their community.

We discussed the plight of the Kosovo refugees and decided to wait for more information before deciding what form of assistance we can offer.

The meeting was adjourned and a social hour followed. The hostess was Joan Sallafranque.

The next meeting will be May 4.

Résultats des élèves de la région aux épreuves uniques du ministère de l'Éducation

HULL – Les élèves des écoles secondaires publiques de la région de l'Outaouais qui se sont présentés, en juin 1998, aux épreuves uniques du ministère de l'Éducation ont obtenu une note moyenne de 74, 05 pour cent, ce qui se compare à une moyenne de 75 pour cent à l'échelle du Québec, toujours dans le secteur public. Dans la région, la proportion d'élèves de ce secteur ayant atteint la note de passage s'est élevée à 86,3 pour cent. Pour les écoles publiques de l'ensemble du Québec, le taux correspondant est de 88, 07 pour cent.

Dans le secteur privé, les élèves de la région ont obtenu une note moyenne de 86,7 pour cent, leur taux de réussite s'établissant à 99,3 pour cent. Ces résultats se comparent à une moyenne de 83,0 pour cent et à un taux de 97,0 pour cent, observés dans les écoles privées de tout le Québec.

De tous les élèves des commissions scolaires de la région qui ont commencé leurs études secondaires en 1991-1992, 64,3 pour cent avaient leur diplôme en main à la fin de l'année scolaire 1997,1998, soit sept ans plus tard. D'une région administrative à l'autre, cette proportion varie de 64,3 à 76,2 pour cent, le Nord-du-Québec non compris.

On a également mesuré la proportion des élèves qui ont obtenu leur diplôme dans des délais normaux, c'est-à-dire cinq ans après le début de leurs études secondaires. C'est le cas de 50,1 pour cent des élèves de la région, pour la dernière cohorte étudiée (1993-1994). Les taux de diplomation dans chaque région administrative s'échelonnent de 47,7 à 62,7 pour cent, toujours le Nord-du-Québec non compris.

Ces données sont tirées du document Résultats aux épreuves uniques de juin 1998 par école pour les secteurs public et privé et diplomation par commission scolaire, rendu public la demaine dernière par le ministère de l'Éducation. Les résultats détaillés sont consultables dans Internet (http://www.meq.gouv.qc.ca).

Ventes de garage – Pensez sécurité

Chaque année, des ventes de garage ont lieu dans des villes et villages à travers le Canada. Les gens cherchent souvent des bonnes occasions dans ces ventes; toutefois, ces occasions pourraient être dangereuses.

Des règlements et des normes de sécurité ont été établis en vertu de la Loi sur les produits dangereux concernant certains produits de consommation, notamment un grand nombre de produits pour enfants.

Quiconque organise une vente de garage est légalement responsable de s'assurer que les produits, qu'ils soient neufs ou usagés, sont conformes à toutes les normes de sécurité.

Rappelez-vous, la prochaine fois que vous aurez l'intention d'organiser une vente de garage, pensez sécurité. Vous pourriez être tenu responsable si quelqu'un avait un accident avec un produit acheté à votre vente de garage.

Voici une liste partielle des produits qui doivent respecter des normes de sécurité. Trop souvent, on a constaté que ces produits présentaient des risques pour la sécurité.

- Barrière pour bébés
- Marchettes pour bébés
- Sièges d'auto et sièges d'appoint
- Vêtements de nuit pour enfants
- Lits d'enfants et berceaux
- Casques de hockey et protecteurs faciaux
- Parcs pour enfants
- Poussettes
- Jouets

Lorsqu'on achète des produits pour enfants à une vente de garage, il est sage d'éviter tout article qui n'est pas en bon état. Les articles endommagés devraient être jetés.

Abandon du projet de centrale hydroélectrique

MONTRÉAL – À la suite d'un examen attentif des contraintes liées à la préservation de l'environnement des Rapides Deschênes, la société en commandite Hydrowatt Deschênes a décidé d'abandonner le projet de construction de la centrale hydroélectrique qui avait été envisagée sur ce site.

Cette décision fait suite à une concertation entamée de longue date avec le Ministère de l'Environnement et la Ville d'Aylmer qui avait conduit à modifier substantiellement le projet initial. Cette évolution avait eu pour conséquence d'allonger les délais de mise en oeuvre du projet et d'imposer l'obtention d'un nouveau certificat d'autorisation de la part du Ministère de l'Environnement.

La société en commandite Hydrowatt Deschênes avait été retenue pour développer ce projet à la suite d'un apel d'offres publiques lancé par le Ministère des Ressources naturelles, en 1993, dans le cadre de la politique des petites centrales.

Groupe de soutien

La Société Alzheimer de l'Outaouais québécois tiendra une rencontre de groupe de soutien, pour les aidants naturels et les intervenants, lundi le 10 mai 1999, de 19h00 à 21h00, au Centre d'accueil Pontiac situé au 290, rue Marion à Shawville.

Bienvenue à tous.

Année internationale des personnes âgées – Tournée provinciale

HULL – C'était au tour de Hull récemment de recevoir la tournée nationale du Bureau québécois de l'Année internationale des personnes âgées (BQAIPA) et du Conseil des aînés. Les présidentes de ces deux organismes ont rencontré des représentants des divers organismes impliqués auprès des aînés afin de discuter avec eux certains aspects de l'avance en âge.

Les participants ont eu l'occasion d'échanger lors d'ateliers sur quatre thèmes, diversés en sous-questions et couvrant des sujets tels:

- S'adapter à une population vieillissante: une nouvelle façon de penser;
- Les retraités: la nouvelle réalité;
- Les aînés et la santé;
- L'intergérationnel.

Lors de la plénière qui suivit, plusieurs éléments de réflexion et quelques souhaits ont été dégagés. Ainsi en matière d'adaptation à une population veillissante, on a recommandé de promouvoir une image positive du vieillissement, surtout les médias et de poursuivre les actions après l'année internationale, afin que les aînés puissent vivre libres et en paix.

En ce qui concerne les retraités, on a insisté sur la nécessité que les employeurs mettent en place des programmes de préparation à la retraite qui couvrent l'ensemble des situations qu'auront à vivre les nouveaux retraités et non seulement les aspects monétaires. Ils ont insisté sur l'importance pour les nouveaux retraités de donner un nouveau sens à leur vie et s'imposer dans leur communauté afin d'être mieux écoutés et respectés.

L'aspect santé a été considéré sous les volets santé physique, problèmes psychosociaux, d'abus et de violence.

On a alors insisté sur le besoin d'informer les personnes âgées et de former plus adéquatement les professionnels de la santé sur les dangers de la mauvaise utilisation des médicaments. On a aussi signalé la nécessité de briser l'isolement qui s'installe chez plusieurs aînés afin de leur permettre de maintenir un équilibre psychosocial. En ce qui a trait aux abus et à la violence faite aux aînés, on a insisté sur la nécessité pour les personnes qui en sont témoins, de dénoncer ces situations auprès des diverses instances concernées.

Le dernier sujet, les relations intergénérationnelles, a interpellé les aînés afin qu'ils participent le plus possible et même provoquent des activités les mettant en présence de personnes de d'autres groupes d'âges. Il a aussi été recommandé que les aînés s'ouvrent auprès des plus jeunes afin de partager et créer une solidarité aboutissant à des projets communs.

En soirée, les organisateurs avaient invité la population à participer à la présentation d'une pièce de théâtre interactive ayant pour titre "Qui dit vieux?" créée par le théâtre Parminou, mettant en vedette le comédien bien connu, Gilles Pelletier.

Plus de 600 personnes ont répondu à l'appel. Cette forme d'événement théâtral permet à l'auditoire d'intervenir à certains moments lors de la représentation, ce qui obligent les comédiens à varier leur prestation. Cette façon de faire a permis aux participants de s'exprimer sur des sujets, tels: le vieillissement physique, les différences entre le vieillissement féminin et masculin de même que la solitude, la dépression et l'amour chez les aînés.

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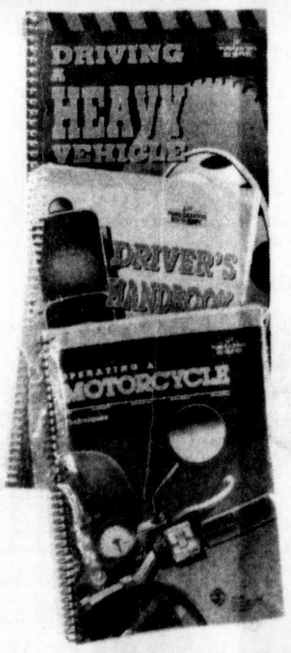

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Allumettes election looms for candidates

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"We have a great opportunity as one municipality with more people and more ideas."

Carroll says the public is concerned about roads and the tax rates.

"I don't hear a lot of other complaints," she says.

Bringing industry and tourism to the island is key to future development, she says.

"We don't have much industry here," she says. "If they are not farming, they're working in Pembroke.

"I think tourism is very important for the island."

Carroll has worked on the Ottawa River Waterway committee and spent several years on the Pembroke Separate School Board.

Rolland Sawyer

After repeated attempts to contact Rolland Sawyer, press-time approached. THE EQUITY apologizes for not being able to include a synopsis of Sawyer's platform.

Sharon Sullivan

Previous experience on council – 14 years with Allumettes Island West – and the opportunity to be part of the new municipal council has prompted Sharon Sullivan to seek re-nomination.

"I think it will be a great experience, very educational, and I want to help the people," Sullivan says. "If, as a councillor, you get a complaint, you should act on it to see the problem is met."

Sullivan says tourism and industry are keys to future economic development of the island. Tourism should be promoted so people are made aware of the local attractions, and industry "is desperately needed, to the point any new business coming in would be an asset."

"We have been talking a lot about tourism. We definitely need tourist booths with lots of information," she says. "As well, we need people in the booths who are well-versed in what the area offers.

Seat 2
Merrill Allard

Farmer and forestry worker Merrill Allard says the amalgamation of the island's three municipalities inspired him to run for council.

"It's because of the amalgamation," Allard says. "I want to make sure there is good representation throughout the island."

In addition to his experiences on the farm and in the forestry industry as an employer, Allard feels his 15 years as a Separate School Board commissioner – three of those as chairman – would serve him well on council. The busy family man (11 children) is convinced the island's economy needs tourism and small businesses to prosper.

"We have to bring in tourism, we have to work hard at it," Allard says, "because we know we aren't going to have any big factory here.

Caroline Lesieur

Expressing dissatisfaction with the previous council, Caroline Lesieur, of Allumettes Island West, says she decided to run for office to see if she can contribute to the island's future.

"I wasn't too happy with the previous council," Lesieur says. "They wouldn't respond to people when contacted.

"I'm retired and have some free time, so I thought I would run. It's going to be a heavy four years (due to amalgamation)."

Lesieur is not too quick to jump on the tourism-is-our-saviour bandwagon.

"Tourism is fine, but it's not a permanent thing," she says. "We get tourists for a few months then they leave and we still have high unemployment."

Aurel Vaillancourt

A veteran of municipal politics – 28 years as councillor in Allumettes Island West – , Aurel Vaillancourt says he is running because he knows the ropes.

"I'm running because I've been on council a long time,' Vaillancourt says. "We always worked with the people to look after the roads, fencing, and tourism.

"We should work for tourism, to get more tourists to the island."

Industry would be a bonus on the island, Vaillancourt says, as long as it's not a sawmill.

"A new industry would be nice, sure," he says. "I don't know what kind it could be. But not a sawmill. There are enough surrounding us already."

Seat 3
Evelyn Culleton

Elected by acclamation, Evelyn Culleton says her experience on the amalgamation committee prompted her bid for a seat on council.

"I sat on the amalgamation executive committee and saw it through," Culleton says. Culleton says having someone form the amalgamation committee on council would help ease the transition.

This is Culleton's second term as councillor, completing her first term on the last council of the former Allumettes Island East. She says she first ran to connect to "the political atmosphere."

Culleton says the new council should look to future economic development because "there is no growth with downloading." She says tourism should be pursued as a means of injecting new money into the municipality to offset the strain on finances caused by provincial downloading of services, such as police.

Seat 4
John Lapierre

John Lapierre was also elected by acclamation. Lapierre could not be reached for comment.

Seat 5
Albert Collin

A former mayor and councillor of Chapeau, Collin says his previous experience on council will help with the amalgamation process.

Collin served as councillor for four years ('77-'81) before he was elected mayor in 1981, a position he held for 12 years before he was beat out by Bernard Conroy in 1993.

"I thought I would run because my experience may help the municipality come together," Collin says. "There's going to be some work bringing in changes, bylaws. It's going to be a big job."

Neil McGuire

A veteran councillor, Neil McGuire says he is "anxious" to see what the fruits of amalgamation are.

McGuire says his 18 years of experience as a councillor in Chapeau combined with his experience on the amalgamation committee will contribute to the operation of the new municipality. He says Allumettes Island is ripe for growth.

"We have the opportunity with the evaluation and population to do something creative for the area by bringing in industry or other development."

McGuire says they have to do something to keep more young people on the island.

Seat 6
Guy Fournier

Guy Fournier, an ambulance attendant, says he wants to become involved in municipal politics.

"I want to help try to make a change," Fournier says. "We have to get things going, such as tourism, as well as check the sewers and the quality of water."

Fournier says some people are uncertain as to what the new municipality may bring.

"Some people are maybe scared of one municipality," Fournier says. "People are confused and don't know what's going to happen."

Fournier says a dose of industry would be a cure for people's uncertainty.

"If we can bring in any kind of industry, that would be beautiful," he says

Richard Lavigne

Richard Lavigne says if elected he looks forward to serving the public and learning municipal politics.

What he has learned, though, is the island's need for both tourism and industry. He says though they get a fair number of tourists visiting in the summer, they have to get more year-round.

"You won't see any economic boost unless you can bring in industry," Lavigne says. "We're going to have to look at something, because younger people are leaving the island and not coming back."

Lavigne is an active member of the Chapeau Civitan Club and is a member of the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex's board of directors.

Caisse refuses mortgage on contaminated corridor

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Alain Larose, however, wonders what will happen if he tries to sell his farm in 20 years. Will a future buyer be refused a mortgage because it contains contaminated land? he asks.

Meanwhile, Pierre-Yvon Alary, the president of the Neighbors' Association, would not comment on the Ministry of Environment's claim that the corridor is contaminated. Nor would he comment on the Caisse's refusal to mortgage Alain Larose.

Alary told a reporter the Neighbors' Association has no problems "except with someone like you and your journal."

Connections

Coincidentally, two directors of the seven-member board of directors of the Luskville-Masham Caisse Populaire are connected to the Neighbors' Association: Bruno Alary is a member of the Neighbors' Association, and Hélène Alary is the wife of Pierre-Yvon Alary.

Hélène Alary says the directors were informed of Alain Larose's application and refusal by Michel Larose, but the directors did not make any decisions concerning the file.

If Alain Larose's section of the corridor is contaminated, Hélène Alary does not blame the farmer for not wanting to buy it.

But she questions whether a letter from the Ministry of Environment – stating the corridor is likely contaminated – even exists. As a director of the Caisse, she has not seen it, nor has the Neighbors' Association, Hélène Alary says.

Still, she acknowledges, Alain Larose's section may be contaminated because it was a stopping point for trains. But she doesn't believe it was the Neighbors' Association responsibility to tell Alain Larose. He should be taking the problem up with whomever sold the farm to him, she says. At that point, the dealings with CP had already begun and the former owner would have known the association was trying to buy the land to sell it back to farmers.

EQUITY columnist leads writing workshop

PEMBROKE – On Saturday, May 8 the Upper Valley Writers' Club will be presenting a day-long workshop on periodical writing by Katharine Fletcher, THE EQUITY's environmental columnist at The Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Pembroke.

The purpose of the workshop is to help freelance writers learn how to get published in the newspaper and magazine periodicals market. Topics discussed include how to analyze the markets – and how to write that all-important query letter.

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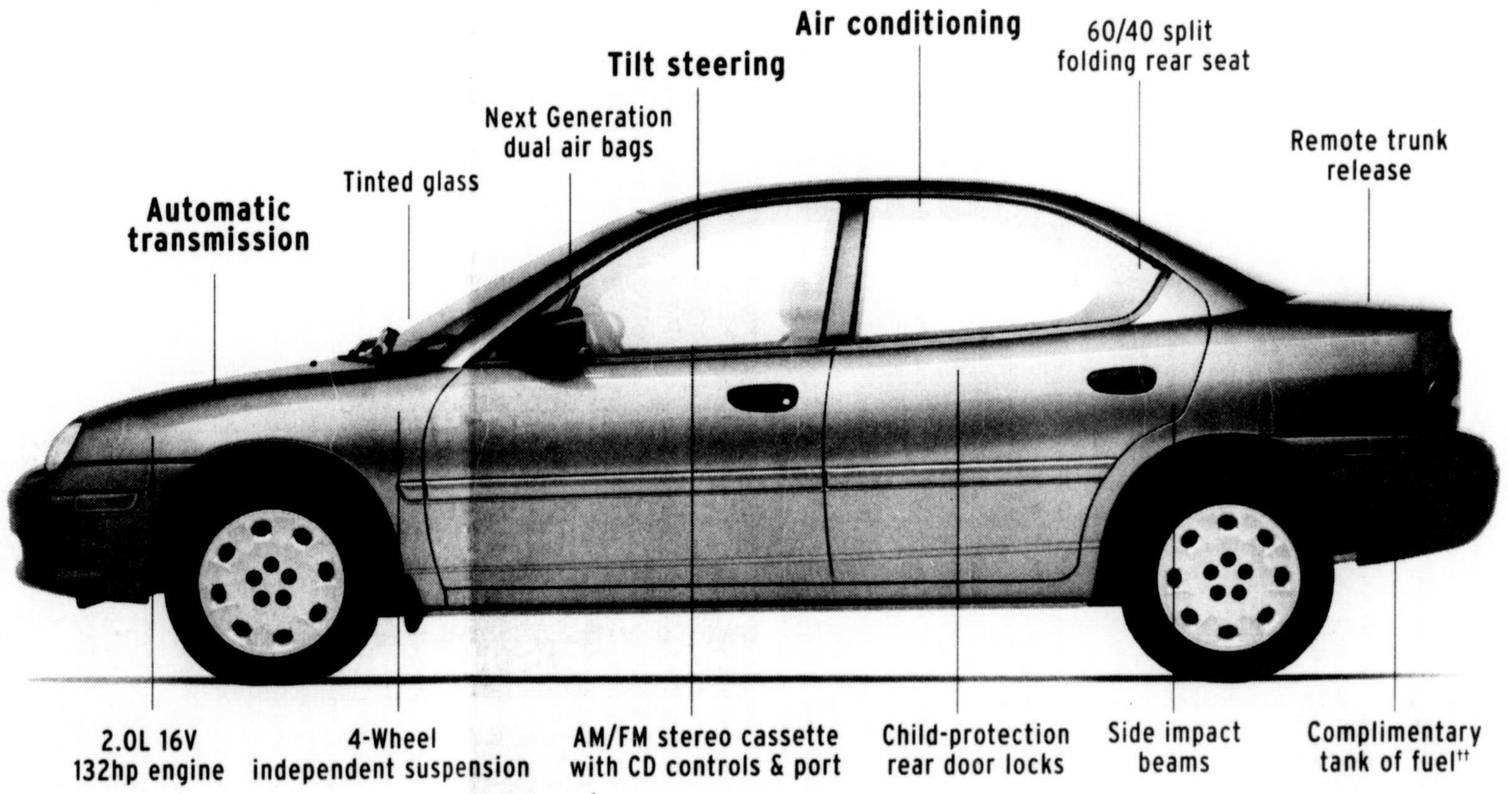

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COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, APR. 30 - 7:30 pm - TCRA Ladysmith Bingo. $1000 in prizes. All welcome. 1ba28

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - Round and Square Dance: Old Time Dance, Bethany Hall, Danford Lake, QC. Dancing from 8 pm to 12 am. Lunch served at midnight. Music by Ron Martin. Admission: $5 each. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the Bethany Hall Committee. 1ba28

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - 8 pm - Campbell's Bay - Soirée Casino Night presented by Campbell's RA, RA Hall, Second Street. $10 per person, light lunch, door prizes. For information 648-2588. 3ba28

SUNDAY, MAY 2 - Campbell's Bay - Church of Faith, Praise and Prayer services will be starting at 10:30 am (Hwy 148 across from the Police Station). 2ba28

SUNDAY, MAY 2 - 4 pm - 7 pm - Hot Roast Beef Supper. Forresters Falls Orange Hall. Adults $9, children 5 - 12 years $3.50, pre-schoolers free. Sponsored by LOL 552 and LOBA 1302. Handicap access. Everyone welcome. 1xa28

FRIDAY, MAY 7 - 10 am - 2 pm - Rummage Sale. St. Paul's Anglican Parish Hall, Shawville 2xm5

SATURDAY, MAY 8 - 2 pm - 4 pm - Annual Tea of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Pontiac Reception Centre. Please support our freewill offering fundraiser. 1xa28

SATURDAY, MAY 8 - 5 pm - Pontiac Mallard Fish and Game Club Barbotte Supper, Quyon Legion. Music by Newfie and the Country Airs. Info call Mark 458-2942 or Ron 458-2983. 2bm5

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FRIDAY, APR. 30 - 10 am - 2 pm - Multi-family yard sale. Shawville, 832 John Dale Road. 1ba28

FRIDAY, APR. 30 (noon) **& SAT., MAY 1** (10 am) - The Boucher's, 886 Clarendon Street, Quyon. 1xa28

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - Family yard sale. Route 303, one mile north of Shawville at Reuben Stewart's. 1xa28

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Conroy - I would like to thank the nurses and doctors in the OR and 2nd floor, and a special thanks to Dr. Potvin.
Also, thanks to friends and neighbors for their visits, phone calls, cards, fruit baskets and flowers when I was in Pontiac Community Hospital.
Mervin.

Daley - Thanks are expressed to all who helped make my birthday celebration a most memorable one!
For the cards, flowers and gifts. It was a surprise but an enjoyable one. To those who planned it, came and the meal was excellent.
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THANKS

Munro - The family of the late Shirley (Judd) wish to express a sincere thank you to our family and friends for all the wonderful food, many donations, cards, flowers and especially the kind words which came in our time of sorrow.
A very special thank you to the nurses at PCH who went out of their way to care for Mom/Nan. Thanks to Dr. Potvin, Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Talko for their excellent care.
To Rev. Roger Young for being there for us, St. Paul's Choir and Marian Hobbs organist.
Sincere thanks to St. Paul's Evening Guild for catering a delicious lunch after the service.
Special thanks to Hayes Funeral Home for their professional and sincere services.
Dawn and Jenna Munro.

BIRTHS

Meisner-Trudeau - Stephen and Trudy are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Mikayla Grace on April 15, 1999, 8 lbs 8 oz. Proud first-time grandparents are Grace and Austin Trudeau and a first granddaughter for Richard and Carolyn Meisner.

DEATHS

Jenkinson, Sarah Hanna - Sarah (Hodgins) at Rochester, N.Y. April 14, 1999 in her 84th year. Beloved mother of Fred and Eugene. Lovingly remembered by grandchildren. Predeceased by one son Rodger and six sisters, Bernice (Smith), Maye (Armstrong), Hester (Wilson), Maude (Mee), Irene (Brown), Nina (Wilson), Elsie Corrigan, two brothers Henry and Earl. Also remembered by sister-in-law Minne Hodgins of Ottawa and many family and friends. Cremation, interment at Shawville Village Cemetery, May 2, 1999 at 2 pm.

IN MEMORY

Bennett - In loving memory of a special brother and uncle, Bobby, who passed away April 28, 1984.
Gone but not forgotten.
Joan, Clement and family.

Black, William H. "Bill" - In loving memory of a wonderful husband who left us so suddenly April 28, 1998.
One year has come and gone,
The pain remains, but so do wonderful memories
Of a special man.
He had a smile, a pleasant way,
A helping hand to all he knew,
He was so kind, so generous and true,
On earth he nobly did his best,
Grant him, Jesus, heavenly rest.
Love and memories last forever.
Always loved,
Irene.

Black, William (Bill) - In loving memory of a dear son-in-law.
We who loved you, sadly miss you,
As it dawns another year;
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of you are ever near.
Sadly missed,
Love Mom Patris.

Black, William (Bill) - In loving memory of a great dad who left us so suddenly April 28, 1998.
God took him home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love him still;
His memory is as dear today,
As in the hour he passed away.
Sadly missed and forever remembered,
Bill Jr. and Family.

Black, William Hewitt - In loving memory of Bill who passed away so suddenly at 51 years on April 28, 1998.
God walked around the Heavens
And decided then and there,
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And the love and happiness you gave us,
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Lovingly remembered by Elizabeth and Ivan.

IN MEMORY

Pirie - In loving memory of our parents Sadie (Dunlop) Pirie who passed away April 27, 1978 and Edwin Alex Pirie who passed away August 17, 1980.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our heart.
Dearly missed,
Joy and Dalton Hodgins,
Eleanor and Allan Black.

McNab president of Shawville Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

By HELEN TOWELL

The Shawville Ladies Hospital Auxiliary meeting on Apr. 13 was held at the home of Mary McCagg with a good attendance.

President Mildred Horner chaired the meeting. Helen Towell opened the meeting with a reading (Roadside Flowers). Business was conducted in the usual manner. The presentation of the annual report of the activities during the year were given by the secretary Emily Burritt, and the annual financial report was given by the treasurer Margaret Lang.

Cards were signed and sent to the shut-in members.

Nominations took place for the coming year. Doreen McNab was appointed the new president for the two-year term, and Elaine Beck as vice-president. Others remained in their chairs.

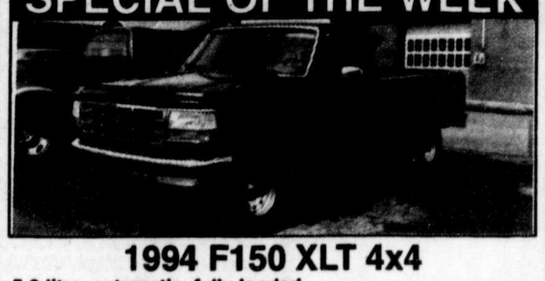
Mildred Horner was thanked and was presented with a gift for her dedicated work during her two years as president.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary McCagg.

A potluck lunch was served by the members, followed by a bake sale. All proceeds will be donated towards the CT scan.

The May meeting is to be held at the home of Mildred Horner. New members are always welcome.

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK



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Page 113 - Item #5, Supercycle Mach-II freestyle BMX, 71-1458-6. Chain cover not included.
Page 123 - Steel golf cart, 86-0516-0. This golf cart does not come with a scorecard holder as stated.
Page 176 - Items #3 and #4, Halogen track lights, 52-3402X/52-3421X. Copy reads: With bulbs. Should read: Bulbs extra.
Page 177 - Items #6 & #7, curved-style vanity strip, 52-3735X. Should read: Glass shades extra.
Page 288 - 2 1/4-ton jack and pair of 2 1/4-ton axle stands, 09-1061-6. Copy reads: Set 52.99. Should read: Set 59.99.

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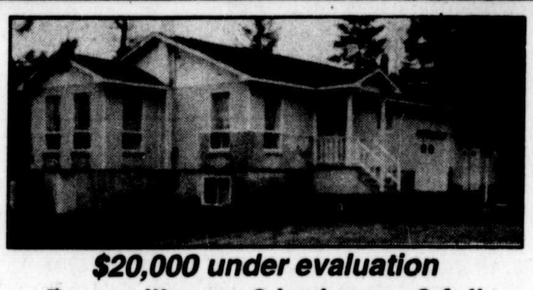

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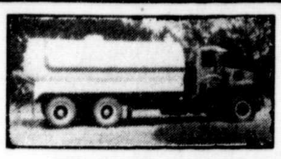

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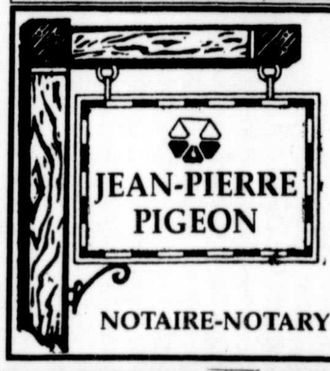

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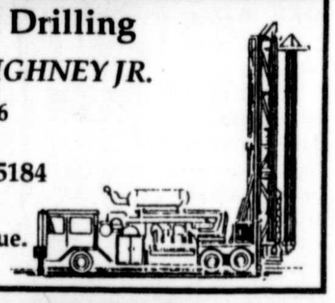

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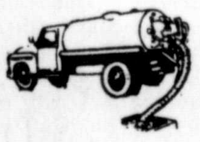

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Shawville dancers win competition

Caldwell

Apr. 20, the Lionettes held their last euchre party until the fall at B's Place. Ladies' high was won by Georgina O'Connor, ladies' low by Jean Burnett. Men's high went to Frank Lacourse and men's low to Art Mayhew. The door prize was won by Phyllis Black and the 50/50 draw was won by Laura Moore. Congratulations and hope to meet you all there again next fall.

It is with great sadness that we send sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley (Judd) Munro who passed away this past Thursday. Shirley will surely be missed by all who knew her.

The pancake supper held this past Thursday at the Oddfellows Hall was well attended. The old saying "Finger licking good" sure could be used for this event. Congratulations go out to the Rebekkah's who put on this event. The other event was the Apple Blossom Tea sponsored by the ladies of the Eastern Star held Apr. 17 was well attended as well. In speaking to some of the members of the Eastern Star this past weekend they told me it was the best tea, bake and craft sale they had in years. Congratulations, you people deserve a great deal of credit for the work you do.

Jennifer, Jeffrey and Joey Hannaberry of McKee went to Ormstown this past Saturday with the Shawville 4 H Calf Club dancers to compete in a square dance competition.

It's chilly so far this weekend. The thermometer has just reached 5°C at 1 pm, but with the sun shining it's lovely weather. The birds are sure plentiful at my feeders. There are still grosbeaks around and many finches of all description, chickadees, robins and you could go on and on. With the trees at the back of my property and the shrubs in the middle of the lawn it seems an ideal place for the birds. They are so pretty and a real joy to watch. It won't be too long until we'll be complaining about the heat.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Cruikshank of Morrisburg who passed away on Apr. 19. She was the beloved wife of the late Percy Cruikshank (1987). She was laid to rest on Apr. 21 at Norway Bay United Church cemetery.

I just received word that the Shawville 4 H Club dancers, juniors and seniors, won the Square Dance Competition at at Ormstown this past weekend. They had a wonderful trip. Congratulations.

We had a very enjoyable visit this past Saturday with Denis Renaud and wife Gwen in Quyon.

Visiting with us over this past weekend were Susan Wilson and son Shawn and Neil Sharpe of Shawville.

Well, I saw something this past Sunday on the way to church, two deer crossed in front of us and it's hard to believe because one had horns and I mean horns. Now what's unusual about this, deer don't have horns this time of year, but they tell me what I saw was a fallow deer. They were really beautiful.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of William Labadie of Quyon who passed away this past Sunday.

A lovely anniversary party was held on Saturday night at Casa Grecque Restaurant in Gatineau in honor of Sterling and Barb Tubman's 35th anniversary. Family and friends gathered to wish them all the best in years to come. Attending from this district were Clarence and Carol Tollman of Elmside, Gail Sparling and friend Victor Godin of Shawville.

We were so pleased to hear that Manson Little of Rochester, NY, has already undergone surgery and is on the road to recovery. This has been a trying time for his wife Roberta (my niece) and family as well as his relatives and friends here in Canada. So we are all so pleased and relieved with the outcome. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

WARMING UP: Members of Le Trio Quantz warm up before performing classical music at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church on Calumet Island Sunday. The concert, a presentation of Concerts Ponticello, of Hull, was the third in the area since last fall, the other two at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Quyon. From the left: Lise Germain, flute, Anne Contant, cello, and Fréderic Dodgson, oboe.

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Charteris

Sympathy goes out to the Munro and Judd families in the sudden passing of the late Shirley Munro (Judd) who passed away last week. She will be sadly missed by all.

Get well wishes to Cody Smith who had the misfortune of spraining his knee and ankle while driving his motorbike Saturday. Get well soon.

Birthday wishes go out to Donald Smith who had a birthday Apr. 26 and to little Emaleigh Peel, also to Marilyn Rogers on the 26th, Steve Rogers on the 29th and to Marilyn Organ in England on May 1.

Mrs. Donny Smith of Charteris and Wendy Wilbe and daughter left Friday by car to spend the weekend with their family and friends in Kipawa. They returned Sunday.

Eileen Smith and I called on Harold and Merle Smith for a wee visit on Friday.

Sorry to hear Lyle Howard of Charteris lost his barn and tractor to fire last week, when he was wakened by the firemen in the middle of the night.

Donny Smith and his mother Eileen spent last Thursday in Dunrobin with Gerald and Peggy Smith, also with Steve helping him with his lawn.

Bernice Hodgins spent some time Thursday with her mom while Eileen and Don were away in Dunrobin.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Howard of Ottawa spent the weekend in Shawville with Barry's sister Audrey Howard.

Donny Smith started working on the land on Apr. 26. Hope he has a good year, this is his birthday. We sure want a good rain, Donny says the ground is very dry, we have had very little rain all spring, lots of wind every day.

I'd like to say thank you to the A.Y.P.A. Guild for the lovely basket of goodies Eileen and I received form the guild. We really appreciate it. Thanks again.

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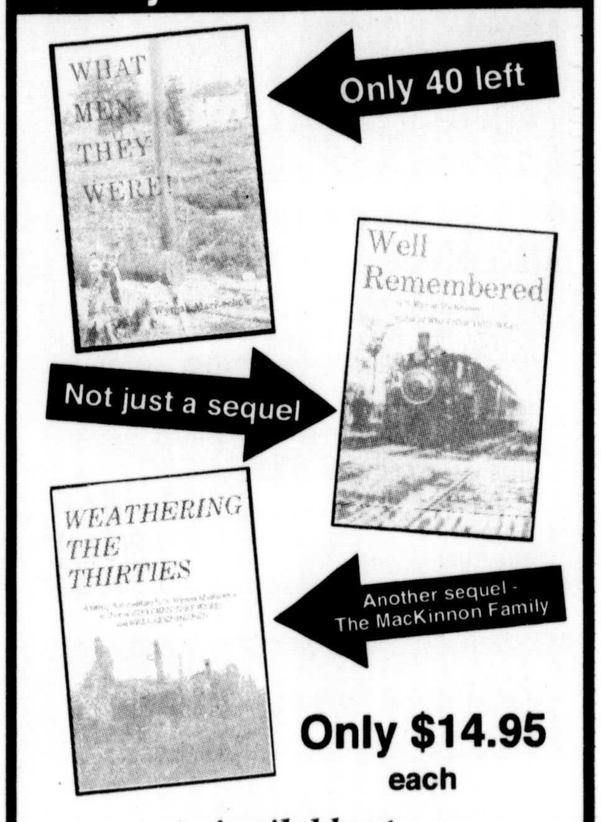

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Happy birthday greetings

Vinton

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kelly and daughter Kelsey from Orleans spent the afternoon of Apr. 17 with Brian and Cindy Corriveau and family. They also visited Irene Sloan and Bertha and Leo McGee. Their main purpose for this trip was for their daughter Kelsey's official Grade 3 school assignment. She had to show the differences between rural and urban living. She took many pictures of different things in the country and in the city.

Apr. 6 Arnold and Phyllis Sloan flew to Iqaluit to visit their son Kevin and family. They returned home Apr. 12. They had a very good trip and a nice vacation.

Belated birthday greetings to Brent Sloan on Apr. 18, Philippe O'Brien on Apr. 19, Michael McCrank and Joyce McGee on Apr. 20. Hope they all had a very good birthday.

Apr. 19 Barry Kelly celebrated his birthday. May Barry have many more happy birthdays.

Happy birthday goes out to Natasha (McGee) Macdonald who celebrated Apr. 26. Hope Natasha had a very happy day.

The shooting in Colorado during the past week was an awful disaster. It's so sad for anyone who is involved. One never knows the future.

Merry spring gardening

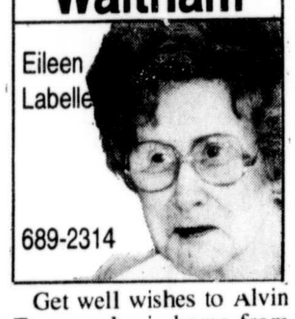
Otter Lake

Belated birthday wishes to Bev Murdock who had a birthday Apr. 22.

Sunday afternoon the Sisters of Otter Lake were visitors of Joyce and Wayne Keller at Belle Terre Botanic Gardens Greenhouses on the Mountain. They toured the new greenhouses and the climbing, blooming red roses, clematis and thousands of blooming flowers on display. The Sisters are planting a new perennial bed with their new organic acquisitions of perennial specimens. Happy gardening to all in the new spring season.

Media should set an example

Waltham



In recent issues of THE EQUITY two ladies have expressed their opinion on the disrespectful use of God's name. I fully agree with them and wish that people regulating TV, radio, etc. would ban programs that use God's name in such a disgraceful manner. I realize this can become a habit and people utter it without thinking. Nevertheless, it is not a good example, especially for children.

Best wishes to David and Rose Rochon at the OK Corral.

Cathy Pilon attended the women's banquet at Petawawa on Apr. 20.

In last week's EQUITY when I expressed my thoughts about the blackbird building a nest in the tree, I was not annoyed as was stated but amazed. My penmanship was the cause of the error.

Get well wishes to Alvin Turner who is home from the hospital.

Lisa Turner is home after attending college in Sudbury. We wish her the best.

Lillian Spinks left last Tuesday for Almonte where she is visiting her sister.

Reina and Marguerite Gagnon spent a recent weekend with relatives in Montreal.

On Apr. 20 Richard and Cathy Pilon and I motored to Ottawa and spent a very pleasant day. The weather was ideal.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Vaillancourt are visiting relatives in Oshawa.

Rev. A.T. Harrington was a supper guest of the Bill Murdocks this past week. Father is improving favorably from his unfortunate accident.

Hank and Mary Gelineau of Renfrew visited at my home on Wednesday.

Best wishes to Brenda Chaput and her daughter who are home from the hospital.

Carol Ann Cormier and Betty Ryan enjoyed a memorable day trip to Montreal recently. They travelled by train to old Central Station, then went to Monet's exhibit at the Musée des Beaux Arts and had lunch in Old Montreal near the harbor.

Good turnout at spaghetti supper

Ladysmith

Get well wishes go out to Clifford Fierobin, Ahart's brother of Ottawa, who is ill.

Visitors with Margaret and Ahart Fierobin on Sunday were Dorval and Elda Wickens and on Saturday evening for supper, Myles and Suzanne Milford and family of Danford Lake.

I would like to wish my friends Larry and Rose Palmer of Charteris a very happy anniversary on Apr. 28. Many more years of good health and happiness.

We need rain very badly. The ground is so dry and the fire hazard is very high. Please be careful.

I would like to send out get well wishes to Elmer Krose who hasn't been feeling the best lately. Get well soon Elmer from all your friends and neighbors.

Pastor Karl Kappes has left on a three-week vacation.

Visiting with us this week were Mrs. Harry Newton, Mrs. Dale Dick and Mr. Carson Newton from Kapuskasing. They are Dennis' cousins and we haven't seen them in five years. They also visited other friends and relatives in this area.

Get well wishes go out to Glen Sparling who is currently in Gatineau Hospital undergoing treatment.

Visiting with us on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Martineau of Quyon.

While fishing on Saturday Dennis saw an osprey and two kingfishers, also an otter and a beaver – everything but fish.

The Thorne Hospital Auxiliary and the TCRA spaghetti supper was held on Friday evening with a good crowd and excellent food. It was for the CT scan fund.

Spending the weekend at his cottage at Johnson Lake was Jack Ellacott of Ottawa.

Pavilion holds last euchre game

Campbell's Bay

It is clean up time at cottages throughout the area. At Lawless Lake many families visited over the weekend. The Videtos, Jim De Finney, Berlinguettes, Mary Baird, Cecil and Sadie Letts all enjoyed the weekend.

Vibert Pavilion held its last euchre of the season on Tuesday evening. Ladies' high was won by Addie Shea, second was a three-way tie between Gisele Ralston, Mary Cole and Lorraine Gagné. Mary Cole was the winner after a draw. Men's high was a tie between Paul Stafford and Emile Devlin. After a draw Paul Stafford was the winner. Second was won by Theo Schroeder. The door prize was won by Dora Hearty. A delicious lunch was served by Leona Larue and Addie Shea. Further euchres will be at the Golden Age Club.

Maureen Belanger was released from Gatineau Hospital Saturday and is to continue her recovery at home. We wish her well. Visiting with them on the weekend Ian and Vicki of Carleton Place, Chad and Angela of Ottawa.

Get well wishes to Basil Belland who is a patient in an Ottawa hospital.

Friday was my sister Norma Stewart's birthday. I went to visit for lunch and enjoyed a meal and birthday cake.

Jill and family are in Orlando, Florida. She is attending a conference there and some side trips to Disneyworld. They report good weather.

The April meeting of St. Andrew's United Church Women of Campbell's Bay was held at the home of Doris Telford of Shawville. Following the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The April meeting of the Campbell's Bay Hospital Auxiliary was held at the home of Etta Lunam. Plans were made to hold a bake, plant and yard sale on May 28 at the Old General Store. Proceeds will go to the CT scan fund.

Visiting with Norma and Nellis Stewart were Donna, Jack and family of Ashton.

Get well wishes to Billy Ryan, a patient at Pontiac Community Hospital.

Get well wishes to Muriel Moorehead. She had the misfortune of having a bad fall, hurting her nose.

Evans Brown broke his wrist. We wish him all the best as he recovers.

Mrs. Alva Lance is home from a holiday. She enjoyed seeing the bridge in PEI, one of her dreams that came true.

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