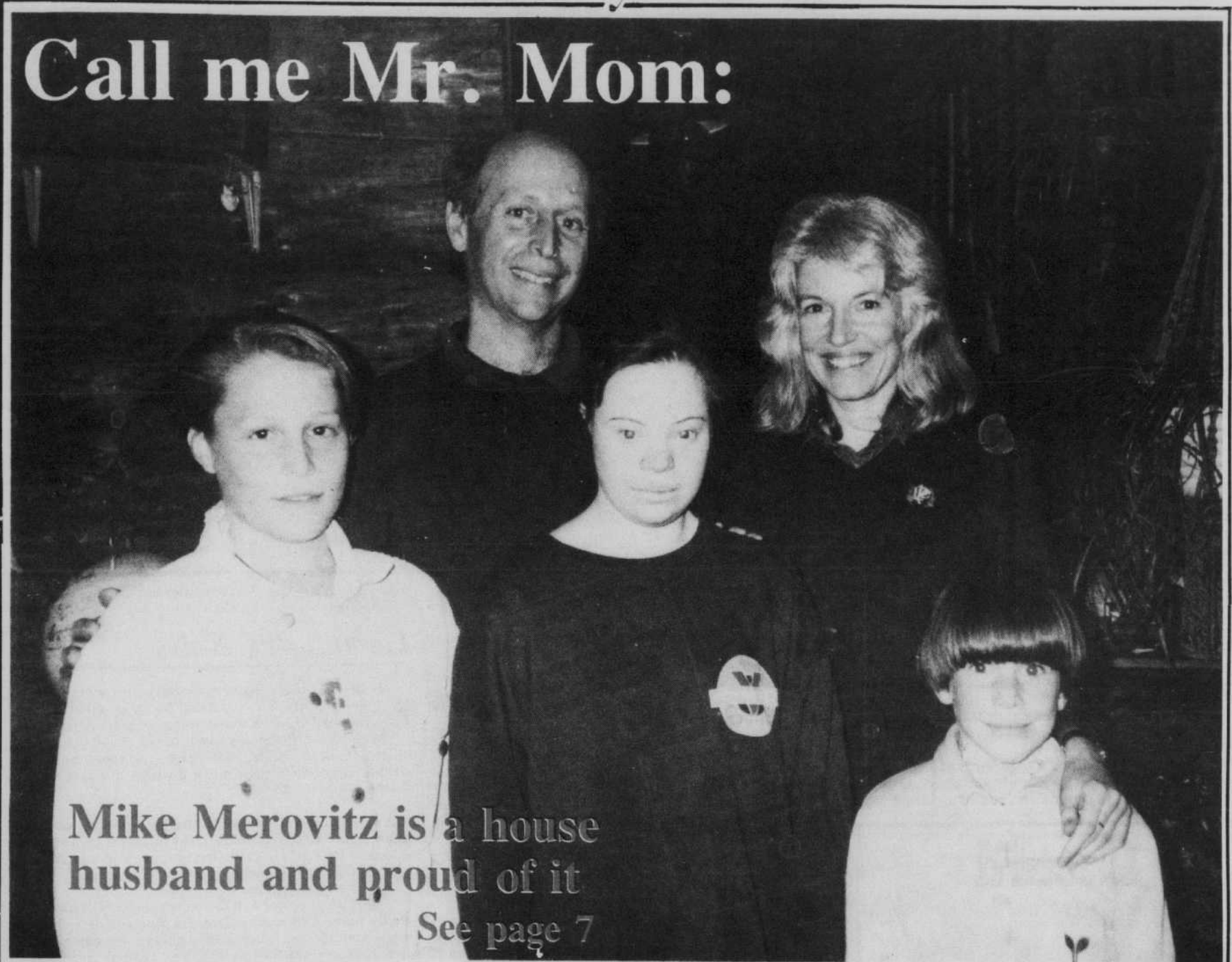


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Mike Merovitz is a house husband and proud of it

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*Merovitz at home with wife Lisa, and children Sorrel, 15, Aaron, 14 and Zachary, almost 8.*

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# Brome County Community Billboard

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, March 7

The **March meeting** of the **Sutton Women's Institute** will be held at Cecil Carr's Studio, 40 South Main St. in Sutton at 11:30. There will be a **sandwich lunch**, and new members and guests are welcome.

A **500 card party** will be held at 7:30 at 910 Main St. Sponsored by **Cowansville Chapter No. 17**. Admission charged.

### Friday, March 8

There will be a **500 card party** at **Grace Anglican Church Parish Hall**, Main Street South at 8. There will be **prizes and refreshments** and a small admission charge. Everyone is welcome, so come and bring a friend.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of the Granby Royal Canadian Legion** will be holding its monthly meeting at 8.

### Saturday, March 9

A **500 card party** sponsored by **Beaver Chapter No. 7 O.E.S.** will be held at the elementary school at 7:30. There will be prizes and refreshments, and everyone is welcome.

### Sunday, March 10

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

There will be a **fashion show** at **Boutique Coco** between 1 and 3. Hors d'oeuvres and champagne cocktails will be served courtesy of Knowlton's food shop **L'Apéritif**.

A **card party** organized by the **Ladies Auxiliary** will be held at the **Royal Canadian Legion**, 120 Davignon Blvd. in Cowansville at 1:30. There will be many door prizes, and a **light lunch** will be served. Everyone welcome.

### Monday, March 11

**John Elson** a former professor of geology at McGill University will be the guest speaker at the **Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley** at 2 at the **Chateau Bromont**, 20 Stanstead St. His topic will be the **Rise of Civilization** with a slide presentation.

### Thursday, March 14

There will be a **St. Patrick's Day luncheon and bake sale** at **Knowlton United Church** from 11:30 till 1:30. The menu includes **Irish stew**, soups, homemade buns, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

There will be a **St. Patrick's Day soup and dessert luncheon** at **All Saints Church Parish Hall** on Main Street in Dunham. Luncheon begins at noon and admission is \$5. A



**Sutton's Book Nook** celebrated its fifth anniversary last weekend with an open house with distinguished guests including authors **Reed Scowen** and **Louise and Elizabeth Abbott**.

The owners of the **Book Nook**, **Louise and Tony Preese**

were happy to greet everyone who came to their store. During the weekend celebration, the **Preeses** donated five per cent of their book sales to the **Sutton Library** and **Sutton Elementary School**.

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bake sale and card party will follow lunch.

The **March meeting** of the **Sutton Women's Institute** will be held at **Cecil Carr's Studio**, 40 South Main St. in Sutton at 11:30. New members and guests are welcome. A sandwich lunch will be served.

### Monday, March 18

A **500 Card Party** will be held in the **Knowlton Legion Hall** at 7:30. Admission is \$3.

### Saturday, March 23

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

## Arts Calendar

### Till March 9

The **Knowlton Players** present the **Neil Simon** comedy **Come Blow Your Horn** at **Theatre Lac Brome**. Performances **Friday and Saturday** night at 8:30. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at **The Townslipper**, **Paddie's Boutique**, **Oh! La! La! Chocolates**, or by calling 243-1061.

### March 9 and 10

**Brome Beaux-Arts** presents the **Trio Fantasia** with **Valerie Kinslow** at the **Old Brick Church** in West Brome **Saturday** at 8 and **Sunday** at 3. The trio consists of **Sophie Rivard** (baroque violin), **Mary Cyr** (viola de gamba) and **Sandra Mangsen** (harpichord). They will perform works by **Rameau**, **Marais** and **Leclair**. Admission is free. For more information call 263-2346.

### Saturday, March 16

**Sound Unlimited** presents an evening of rock & roll at the

**Knowlton Playhouse**, featuring **Beyond** and special guest **Stonehenge**. Starts at 9 o'clock. Admission is \$3 at the door.

## Community Notes

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

All those interested in **meditating for peace** are invited to come to the **Center of Inner Light** in Sutton on Thursday evenings at 7:30 for group meditation. For information, please call **Kitty Nunnelley**, 538-3624. No charge.

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

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# Gilles Decelles: It's been lonely at the top

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Gilles Decelles has learned a few things about politics since becoming mayor of the Town of Brome Lake three years ago — including how lonely it can be at the top.

Decelles was the favorite candidate in the 1986 election of the local establishment. The municipal and conservation associations and the local publication Tempo supported Decelles' bid for the mayoralty, successfully ousting pro-development mayor Homer Blackwood. But he wasn't long in power before some members wanted to call in their markers.

Decelles said during his first year as mayor, representatives from the associations attempted to pressure him into making decisions.

"If I learned anything in politics, it's that you decide for yourself what is right and then go in that direction," he said. "That way you always make decisions based on issues and not according to personalities."

## DOESN'T AVOID CONTROVERSY

Decelles says while it's important for him to be liked, he doesn't shy away from taking an unpopular stand on issues.

"I can live with controversy," he said. "I don't lose sleep over controversy. But I prefer when people can work together and have a good time."

Decelles said the demands of the job are often extreme.

"My style has changed a lot in the last year," the 42-year-old mayor said in an interview Tuesday.

"With all the paperwork and committee meetings I find I am unable to respond personally to citizens in the town. I've moved to a more executive approach to running the town," he said.

"When you become less of a hands-on mayor, it's easy to lose touch," Decelles said.

Decelles' work as general manager of Plax, a Waterloo plastics manufacturing company which employs 100 has also brought additional responsibilities.

"Some weeks I was spending 25 hours on the job and the rest on town business," Decelles said.

## PERSONAL TOLL

The duties of mayor were also taking their toll on his personal life, he said.

"I have a 12-year-old son who needs me more than the citizens of Brome Lake," Decelles said. "Last year he played hockey four times a week, and I rarely got to see him play."

Decelles said unless there are some important changes in his life which he is not aware of, he will not run for re-election in November.

"I can say without hesitation I don't plan to run in the next election," he said.



But he will leave the top job with a sense of satisfaction.

"I've achieved every single goal I set out to achieve," Decelles said.

In 1986, the Town of Brome Lake, had a tax base of \$125 million. In 1990, that figure had risen to \$318 million.

## GROWTH SPURT

Decelles was elected at the beginning of the town's growth spurt. People were becoming alarmed, he said.

Condominiums were springing up around the lake. There was talk of re-routing the narrow country road which discreetly wound its way past the lakeside estates of the town's elite. The quiet, unassuming downtown core was taking on the facade of a tourist town. The streets were becoming crowded with yuppies on a weekend pilgrimage to the country. Long-

time residents of the town were becoming increasingly concerned with the rapid transition from quiet country village to tourist haven.

"I think people wanted someone to take charge of what they perceived as a chaotic state," Decelles said. "There was a sense that no one was holding the reins."

"The way I saw my mandate was to get the town organized — to know where we wanted to go," Decelles said. "At the same time, six other councillors were elected on the platform of being 'against the trend' towards development."

"It's hard to be against something and win" Decelles added.

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## St. Luke's Church Women hold regular meeting

WATERLOO — On Monday afternoon, January 18, St. Luke's Church Women met at 2 p.m. in the rectory with Jean Davidson as hostess. The president, Nellie Darling, asked Rev. Davidson to open the meeting, which he did with the Lord's prayer. Nellie welcomed those present and thanked the hostess.

There was an attendance of 14. Rev. Davidson gave a talk on the structure of Anglican Church of Canada, explaining various positions held by clergy.

The minutes of the January meeting were read, approved, and signed. There was correspondence from the Women's Unit of the Diocese of Montreal. The treasurer, Doris Wilson, gave her report showing a satisfactory bank balance.

Catherine Lawrence is to go

ahead and buy the vacuum cleaner which she considered suitable for cleaning the church. The 500 card party for Saturday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. was planned. It was suggested that another card party be held on March 23, a Military Whist.

A cook book of home-tested recipes from Anglican Church ladies was on hand and it was decided to order 25 more of the books to sell.

Nellie mentioned that the World Day of Prayer service would be held in St. Paul's United Church this year, on Friday afternoon, March 1st. Some Anglican ladies will be asked to take part in that service.

The next meeting will be held on March 18th at 2 p.m., in the church hall, with Nellie Darling and Rita McKerrell as hostesses. Refreshments and a social time followed.

## Card party

WATERLOO — On Saturday afternoon, February 23, a 500 card party was held in St. Luke's Church Hall sponsored by the Church Women's group. Seven games of cards were played at 9 tables with winners as follows — For seven games won — Catherine Lawrence, six, Wilfred Allen; five, Dorcas Tinkler, Hildred Gibbon, Marguerite Fortin, Lottie Benoit, George Bailey, Raymond Streeter, Mary Lavers; four, Katie Marsh, Anita Hanna, Oral McGovern, Ola Streeter, Paul Gagné, Wilmur Davidson, Doris Porter, Loys Heatherington, Lawrence Purdy, Adrian Whitehead, Kathleen Bailey.

Door prizes: Alfredda Neil, Hildred Gibbon and Dorothy Mizener. Refreshments were served. The next party planned is for Military Whist to be held on Saturday evening, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. The ladies wish to thank all those who attend and assist with these events.

## McCully pleads guilty to cross-border shopping

I get a twinge of conscience every time I spend my hard earned Canadian dollars in the USA.

Partly because I'm patriotic, and partly because I feel a tremendous responsibility to support local businesses. I have a particular affinity for small businesses in rural areas because the cards are stacked against them in the first place.

My weekly excursions to the U.S.A. also leave me feeling disloyal to local farmers bound by quotas. They get no subsidies for excess production as their U.S. counterparts do. They can't afford to sell their dairy products at rock bottom prices.

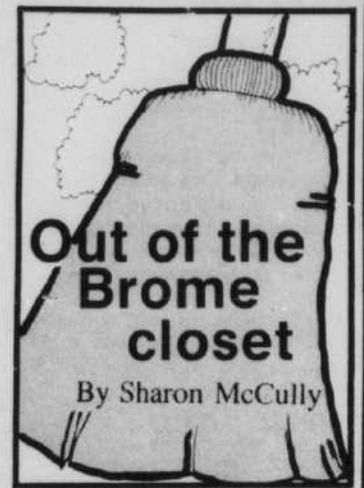
Herein lies the dilemma. How can I turn my back on a 39-cent can of tomatoes? Or a 25-pound bag of flour priced at \$5.25. That's spaghetti sauce and bread for college kids for a week.

### I CAN'T RESIST

I can't resist it. So I rationalize. I convince myself that for every pound of butter I buy in the good old USA for 98 cents, I buy three from my local grocer. I tell myself that my USA purchases amount to less than five per cent of my total food budget.

After all, we're only talking about \$10 a week. Well, mostly \$10 a week.

Sometimes — like last Friday when a new grocery store opened in Richford, Vermont — I make a return trip just to share the experience with somebody new.



This time I salvaged my conscience by trying to drum up a little business for Quebec merchants. I tell everyone in the store they should come over to Quebec for a visit. The skiing is wonderful (I exaggerate), and there are so many interesting artisan and craft shops to browse through. Many said they come to Quebec regularly.

A number of American junior leaguers take advantage of Quebec's liberal liquor laws.

But I am really able to sleep at night when I realize that nowhere on the other side of the border can you see a go-go boy on roller skates with a serpent doing I don't know what. That folks, you find only in Quebec.

## Golden Age Club News

MANSONVILLE — Thanks go to the following club members who furnished the dinner on Tuesday, February 26: Thelma Wilkins, the club, Verlie Aikens, George Hamelin, Evelyn Dubuc, Betsy Beaulieu, Rita Mossa and Silvia Côté.

The menu included macaroni and cheese, baked beans, salad, johnny cake, cookies, coffee, tea, cake, margarine (a donation) and

cash donation toward future lunches. One lunch was sent out to a shut-in.

Mary Schoolcraft and Verlie Aiken told us their two families were pleased with the cards we had sent them.

Door prizes went to Betsy Beaulieu, Mildred Atyeo and Pearl Greenham.

500 winners: (1) Dolores Marcoux, (2) Jeanne D'Arc Carrier, (1) Cécile Hamelin (2) Julienne McDuff.

Game Winners: Dot Woodard, Walter Smithers, Iris Milroy, R.A. Pouliot, Ling Tomuschat, Bruce Nichols, Pearl Greenham, J. Laliberté, Evelyn Dubuc, Verlie Aiken and Mary Schoolcraft.

### Stanbridge East

Norma Miller

Sympathy is extended to members of the Gage family, in the death of Mr. Gordon Gage of Mystic.

Mr. Rodney Blinn is spending two weeks in Alberta and British Columbia where he will visit his sister and brother.

Mrs. Grace Yates of Cowansville spent an afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Rhicard.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Benjamin, and Mrs. Geo. Truax of Franklin, Vt., were calling on their brother, Guy Martindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bellingham have returned home to the "Ridge", after spending a holiday in Florida.

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It is in this context that the Town is required to update its referendum list and hereby invites concerned parties to submit a first designation or to replace the existing designation within the prescribed time indicated below.

#### Rules governing the registration of co-owners of property and co-occupants of places of business:

- To be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by a majority of them, as the only co-owner or co-occupant entitled to be on the referendum list as a property owner or occupant of a place of business. (Note: the above does not apply to those who are otherwise qualified by virtue of being domiciled in the Town.)
- The power of attorney must be transmitted to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall before March 22nd, 1991, or else it will be considered a request for modification of the referendum list.

#### Rules governing the designation of representatives of legal entities:

- To be designated by resolution among its members, directors or employees as representative of the legal entity.
- This resolution must be transmitted to the Town Clerk before March 22nd, 1991, or else it will be considered a request for modification of the referendum list.

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# CBC found federalists in Brome-Missisquoi — Craft

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Some familiar faces will be seen on Thursday's edition of the CBC's The Journal when a special report is aired on the Liberal Party convention to take place this weekend in Montreal.

"They were looking for some federalists, and they knew where to come," commented Brome-Missisquoi riding association president Hardy Craft who will make a cameo appearance on the show.

Twenty delegates will represent Brome-Missisquoi Liberals at the weekend party convention. In addition, any Liberal member is able to pay the \$110 registration fee, attend and vote at the convention, Craft said.

Craft noted six of the Brome Missisquoi delegates will come from

the ranks of the youth wing.

## NOT SHEEP

"I think they'll be the only six of 800 youth delegates who are federalists," Craft said. "That's because they can think for themselves. They're not sheep."

Craft said Brome Missisquoi delegates will attempt to get the mes-

sage across that more study and information is required before accepting proposals outlined in the Allaire report. A resolution to that effect will be presented to the General Council Saturday afternoon.

"We don't like what we're going through and we don't like what we're being put through," said the

long-time Liberal. "We're not being honest."

"We should be asking the question, are we going to be Canadian or are we going to be a sovereign country — it's that simple."

Delegates from Claude Ryan's Argenteuil riding will ask the general council to view the Allaire re-

port as a negotiating document with the rest of Canada.

"If that's rejected, we'll know we're in trouble," Craft said.

But we won't leave the convention if things turn sour, he said.

"The easiest thing to do is leave," he said. "Then all the people left have to do is agree."

## Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 holds regular meeting

COWANSVILLE — The second meeting of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 was held on Monday evening February 18 with twenty-nine members present. The N.G. Sister Elaine Fowler welcomed everyone. Roll call showed 16 officers, 2 courtesy officers, one Altar bearer and 15 Past Noble Grands present. She especially welcomed Sister Joyce Virgin.

Sister Irene Williams reported

she had a phone call from Sister Sally and Brother Douglas Dryden. They wished to be remembered to everyone. Sister Alice Wilson, President of the Rebekah Assembly was visiting Sister Shirley Vaughan, P.P. The two of them then visited the sick. Sisters Elsa Syberg, Madeleine Perry, Darline Lefebvre and Edith Parsons, also Sister Margaret Sanborn of Yamaska Lodge No. 10 and Brother Leon Bennett of Knowlton No. 28.

One bill was handed in for new

charge books and Quebec pins. This was ordered paid by the Noble Grand.

A letter was received from the incoming new President Sister Barbara Blair requesting to visit our lodge on August 5. This was granted. A thank-you was received from Sister Marilyn Mahannah for phone calls, cards and gifts when she had her tendinitis elbow surgery.

Sister Shirley read the letter from Sovereign Grand Lodge requesting each member find a new member and have them sign an application on March 21st.

Sister Donna Luce reported her aunt Sister Grace Gregoire had her picture being presented with her 70-year jewel and write-up in the International News. Sister Shirley read the new Rebekah Creed passed at the Sovereign Grand Sessions in Nashville last September.

The first practise for members taking part in the Conclave to be held in the Anglican Church on Monday evening February 25 at

7:30 p.m. Brother Douglas McClay reported the Grand Encampment will be having a Flea Market on April 21 at the Oddfellows Lodge hall in Knowlton. Anyone wishing to rent a table can get in touch with Brother Doug at 263-0461.

As there was no other business, lodge closed in form, the flag was retired and God Save the Queen was sung. All retired to the lower hall where lunch and fellowship were enjoyed. The birthday song was sung to Sister Jean Scott who was celebrating the next day.

## Card party

COWANSVILLE — The Valentine card party sponsored by Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32 was held on February 14 with five tables in play. It being such a cold night the attendance was down but the members thank the ones who ventured out.


Prize winners: Ladies 1st, Myrtle Selby; 2nd, June Royea; 3rd, Beatrice Algers; Men's 1st, Gerald Copeland; 2nd, Malcolm Jones; 3rd, Herbi Riti.

Bingo- Helen McElroy, Malcolm Jones.

Door prizes- June Royea, Myrtle Selby, Isabella Beattie, Jessie Horner, Helen Damant.

Raffle- Donna Luce, Myrtle Selby and Douglas McClay.


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# Househusband? Mike Merovitz stays home, and likes it

By Sharon McCully

WEST BOLTON — When Lisa Merovitz returns home each evening from her job as town clerk for the Town of Brome Lake, she's greeted by the aroma of supper coming from the wood stove in the kitchen, and husband Mike.

For the past 15 years, Mike has been the "home-person" — the mainstay who tackles the household duties with the couple's four children, while Lisa goes out to work.

Mike says he fell into the non-traditional role more by coincidence than by design.

Mike and Lisa met at the McGill University coffee shop 20 years ago while both were studying there.

"Mike was in engineering and I was in Arts," Lisa said.

They married and moved to Waterville where Mike worked as a chemical engineer with the BF Goodrich company.

When Lisa became pregnant with their first child, they decided to adopt a different lifestyle.

## ESCAPE RAT RACE

"I didn't want to get caught up in the rat-race of going to work, coming home late, and not enjoying my children grow up," recalls Mike. "I know that in the past, fathers weren't as directly involved in child-rearing and they missed a lot."

Lisa owned a piece of property with a log cabin on it in West Bolton which had been in her family for generations. So they moved to West Bolton, with the idea of building onto the house to meet their needs.

Mike did farm work and contract jobs. When the baby came, Mike and Lisa were both at home.

Lisa was the first to find employment as town clerk for the municipality of West Bolton. Mike began working on the cabin.

"To tell the truth, we didn't think much about it," said Mike. "It was just the way it was."

Mike continued to work on the log cabin nestled in a wooded area on the West Bolton hilltop.

"I had never built anything before," Mike said. "We had friends who had experience with log houses so they helped."

He was still sawing and hammering when Sorrel, their second daughter was born. And he was still there a year later when Aaron joined the family.

## THREE BABIES AND A HOUSE

"You can imagine trying to build a house with three small babies to

take care of," Mike laughs.

But children are the first order of business in the Merovitz home.

"I probably couldn't have done this if we lived in the city," Mike says. "But here in the country there's so much to do with children when you're home all day."

And they did it all.

"We plant a big garden every summer," says an exuberant Zachary — soon to be eight years old.

"We have a picnic table in the woods where we go for picnics and we see all kinds of animals," he added. "And in the winter we ski and do all sorts of things."

"Last year I saw a bear when I was walking in the woods with my dad," added Aaron, 14.

"We've had to modify our lifestyle to make it less expensive to live," noted Mike. "It's not easy to exist on one salary."

## TRADITIONAL MASTER

"Actually, I see Mike as the traditional master of the domain," says Lisa. "He provides food from the garden, shelter by building the house, and he provides warmth by cutting our own firewood."

Lisa says Mike doesn't only do the pleasant jobs. He does the cooking and the laundry. He helps the children with homework at night and attends the parent-teacher interviews. He brings them shopping for new clothes and to their swimming lessons while she works.

"I've been on the school committee for as long as I can remember," says Mike.

And who does the house-cleaning?

"Nobody," laughs Mike.

"We all help," pipes in Zachary.

"The one thing he doesn't do is sew," Lisa chuckles.

Lisa does the sewing, darning and creative work with the children.

"Being a woman, Lisa has a better understanding of what staying at home entails," notes Mike. "She's more aware of household chores."

## MORE APPRECIATION

"I guess you could say I'm more appreciated than most mothers who stay at home with the children," he laughs.

Mike says now that the children are older, he is accepting more jobs outside the home.

"But I pick and choose the jobs I take, and I make sure I'm back at three or four when the kids get home from school."

Both Lisa and Mike are amused

at all four children have never questioned the fact mom goes to work and dad stays home.

"Our daughter Scosha was defending the role of men to a somewhat feminist teacher at CE-GEP not long ago," recalls Lisa. "The teacher tried to diffuse Scosha's defence by asking — but does

he cook and clean and do all the tedious jobs of a housewife?"

Scosha said "well, yes".

"That gave her credibility in the eyes of her teacher, but I think it also made her think a bit," Lisa says.

Soon-to-be eight Zachary thinks it's neat to have his father around

to do things with. But he's not sure there's anything terribly unique about it.

Asked what his classmates thought about it, Zachary looked a little puzzled.

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# Winter may be best time to explore wetlands

Half Moon Cove is not a wilderness.

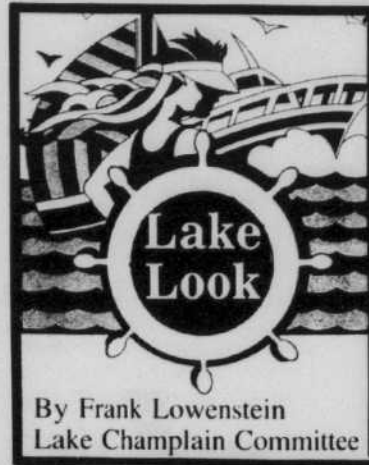
To the east and north it is rimmed with houses. All along its crescent-shaped shore, one can hear the sound of cars and trucks roaring by on Vermont Route 127. On its southern edge, the wetlands that surround the cove are separated from the Winooski River only by a twenty foot wide levee of river sediments; just across the river one of Burlington's three sewage treatment plants gurgles pleasantly, 24 hours a day.

Overshot Pond is wilderness.

For most of the winter, the pond is locked in silence, the occasional

click of branches against one another, and the burble of the brook that drains from the pond the only sound. Two and a half miles passable only on skis or snowmobile separate the pond from a dirt road in Crown Point. Wildlife abounds around the pond: tracks of mouse, squirrel, rabbit, hare, deer, coyote, grouse, and weasel criss-cross the landscape in fecund abundance.

A notable rarity around Overshot Pond is the mink—a four pound relative of the weasel. Tracks of mink can be found, but they are surprise in a landscape where most tracks are no surprise



and to squeeze into muskrat dens and tunnels. Its short down and long guard hairs protect it will against cold both above and below the water. But for these adaptations to be of greatest value, there must be extensive wet areas, and more particularly, there must be extensive marshes adjacent to larger bodies of water.

Marshes are wetlands dominated not by trees or shrubs, but by herbaceous vegetation such as rushes, pickerel weed, and cattails. Cattails in turn are critical food items for muskrat. Marshes also will frequently have abundant populations of frogs and other amphibians, and when marshes adjoin larger bodies of water, the vegetation serves as nursery grounds for a wide variety of fish. Thus a large marsh adjacent to a bigger body of water has abundant food for mink, and they often thrive and multiply in such areas.

From a mink's point of view, then, a major difference between Half Moon Cove and Overshot Pond is that overshot has very limited marshes, and therefore probably fewer muskrat and other prey than Half Moon.

But the difference in the extent of marshes is reflective of a more basic difference in the landscape, one that has significant implications not just for mink, but for a wide range of fish and wildlife.

Overshot, squeezed into steep-sided valleys and framed by cliffs, has relatively small flat areas adjacent to the water in which marshes could possibly develop; the terrain drops relatively precipitously from the surrounding hills into the depths of the pond.

Half Moon Cove, in contrast, is part of a large complex of wetlands occupying the extensive flat areas along the floodplain of the Winooski — it is tied by the river and nearby Lake Champlain to the wetlands of Derway Island, the Winooski Delta, and Macrae Farm.

Similar extensive marshes ring the lake. From the Drowned Lands on the New York-Vermont border at the south end of the lake, to the Missisquoi River Delta near the Canadian Border in Swanton, Vermont, to the Ausable River Delta in Peru, New York, the broad flood-

plains and extensive deltas of the Champlain Valley are host to some of the largest marshes in the north country.

"All the things that mink eat are found in those big cattail marshes along Lake Champlain," notes Kenneth Kogut, Senior Wildlife Biologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

In addition, Kogut points out lakeshore and floodplain wetlands are often associated with sand dunes and banks that make good denning sites for mink.

The marshes along Lake Champlain are also critical habitat for a host of other species — from migrating snow geese and greater yellowlegs in the fall, to spawning northern pike in the spring, to breeding mallards and black terns in summer. Their importance is increased in part because extensive marshes are not very common away from the lake. In Vermont, for example, marshes make up only 11 percent of the wetlands of the state. In New York, away from the lake, "We can list them on our hands," Kogut states.

Lakeshore marshes are, in short, a critical resource of the Champlain Basin, one that can't be reproduced in the steep terrain Vermont's Northeast Kingdom or the High Peaks of the Adirondacks. They are the product of an unusual combination in our region — abundant water and broad flat areas. Where to go and what to do:

Winter is in many ways the best time of year to explore wetlands, as one can often reach their center without hip waders or even muddy shoes. To track mink, look in extensive marshes near the lake or rivers. Mink typically place their paws almost next to one another when bounding, with one foot slightly ahead of the other.

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Half Moon Cove lacks the abundance of wildlife present near Overshot Pond. But it does far exceed its wilderness cousin in one respect: Half Moon is paradise for mink.

The cove is part of an ancient meander of the Winooski, and it abounds with fish, including smaller ones that form a part of the mink's diet. Around the central open water area are extensive marshes, filled with cattail and buttonbush. These are home to muskrats, another of the mink's favored foods, and a staple of their winter diet. To the south and north are extensive forested wetlands, full of silver maple and green ash, that are home to the many small rodents that also play an important part in its diet.

Within hours of a snow storm the surface of the cove and the surrounding wetlands are dotted with the tracks of mink. They may lead around an active beaver lodge, into crevasses at the base of a black willow, under a fallen log, and then vanish into a tunnel in the snow, only to pop up a dozen feet away, heading in an entirely different direction.

The mink is an animal perfectly adapted to living on the boundary between water and land. It can move swiftly over the surface of the land with long bounds, but its short, powerful legs make it a good swimmer, and allow it to burrow under the snow for hidden rodents

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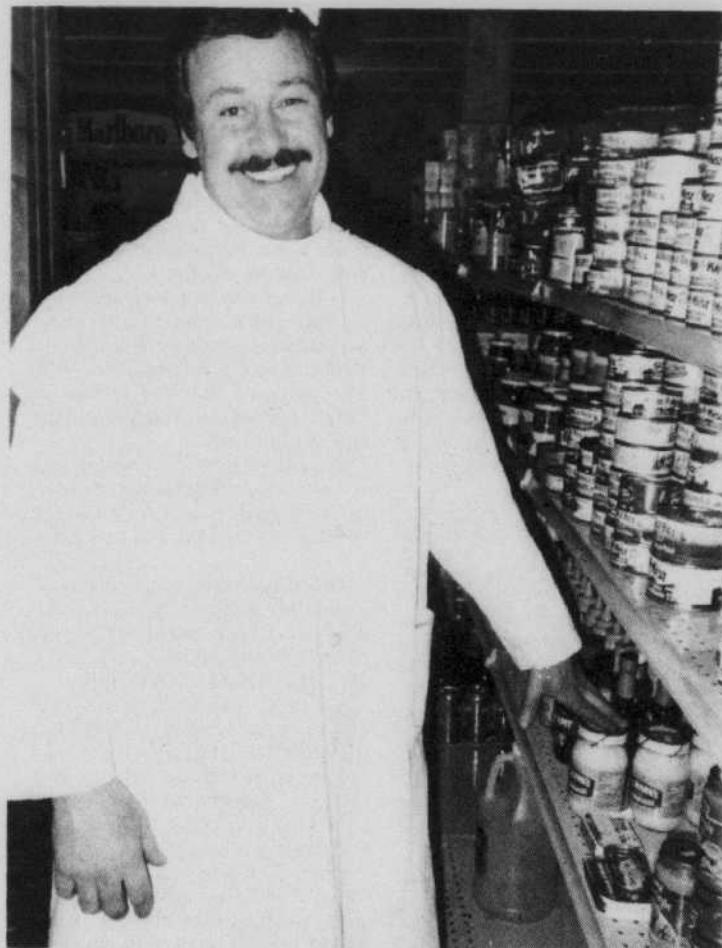
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# Quebecers flock to Richford to buy bargain groceries



Darrell Tucker... 'You can get a lot for \$10 when you're buying at these prices.'

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RICHFORD, Vt. — Darrell Tucker and Donna Logsdan were greeted by a group of eager shoppers when they opened the doors to their new discount grocery outlet in Richford, Vt. Friday. And more than half of the shoppers who picked up bargains were from neighboring Quebec, the owner said.

Smart Shoppers Discount store accepted Canadian money at par for opening day last Friday at the new grocery outlet.

Knowlton shoppers Norman Glover and his wife Doris were among the early morning shoppers who left smiling with a bag of groceries in their arms.

"We come over every week for gas and groceries," noted Glover. "We each buy about \$10."

The Glovers, like most Quebec shoppers interviewed in the aisles of the Vermont grocery, said they don't usually encounter any problem at the border.

Border guards generally allow cars carrying less than \$10 worth of groceries to pass freely.

#### BUTTER MILK AND EGGS

Quebec shoppers are most often seen around the dairy products exchanging adjectives about the bargain basement price of butter, milk, and eggs.

A gallon of milk—nearly four litres—was selling for \$1.99 at the Super Discount store. A dozen eggs sold for less than a dollar.

The packaging on many pro-

ducts at the discount store is damaged. But Darrell says each item is inspected before it goes on the shelf.

"We have a crew that goes through every crate and inspects each can, box or jar individually before it goes on the shelf."

Darryl explains it this way: "When Grand Union is paying its workers \$14 an hour to load the crates onto a truck, they don't stop the operation if a fork-lift punctures a box breaking a bottle."

"They move the box aside and sell it in that condition to us. We remove the broken bottle, wash the others, and put them on the shelf for half the price."

Giddy Quebec shoppers were filling their baskets and counting at the same time Friday to keep their order under \$10.

"You can get a lot for \$10 when you're buying at these prices," Darrell noted.

He was right. A large can of tomatoes sold for 39 cents and Duncan Hines cake mix for 59 cents. A large number of grocery items sold for under a dollar.

Some shoppers needed help to carry less than \$15 worth of groceries to their car.

"It was much better than we anticipated," commented Darrell at the end of the day. He estimates 50 per cent of his business will come from Quebec shoppers.



Norman and Doris Glover of Knowlton took advantage of bargain-priced groceries south of the border this weekend.

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# Stukely Seventh Day Adventist church oldest in Canada

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

By Phyllis Hamilton

Perched atop the hill in the village of South Stukely is the oldest Seventh Day Adventist church in Canada. Its beginnings are related in the first three pages of its registration book covering the years 1880 to 1906.

## Page 1 — Record of Meetings How the Work Commenced

"In the month of September, A.D. 1875, Elder A.C. Bourdeau, and Bro. R.S. Owen and his wife, pitched a new tent in West Bolton. P. Q. Bro. Bourdeau lectured in the tent, and held meetings in several school houses; and in the course of three months, twelve persons embraced the seventh day sabbath of the fourth commandment.

### EMBRACED SABBATH

"In the spring of the year 1876, Brethren Bourdeau and Owen gave a course of lectures in South Stukely, and seven heads of families embraced the sabbath.

"In the summer following they pitched their tent in Waterloo. They remained there one year during which time they had much sickness in their family. Nine embraced the truth, and Bro. B. baptized seven persons. In the summer of 1877, Bro. Bourdeau pitched in Fulford. Seven decided to obey,

and give were baptised." **Organization of the Church**  
"On the first day September 30, 1877, at 10 a.m., the sabbath keep-



ers in Stukely, Bolton, and vicinity, assembled together in the stone school house, near Bro. William Booth, in West Bolton. Bro. Bourdeau dwelt on the subject of organization, and church order, after which he invited those who proposed to enter into church order, to stand upon their feet. Several arose, and the names of those who were prepared to enter into church fellowship, were attached to the church covenant as follows:  
"We, the undersigned, hereby,

associate ourselves together as a church taking the name, Seventh Day Adventists, covenanting to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.

1. Henry Beerwort, by vote — is fully resolved to endure faithful unto the end.
2. Julia Beerwort — by vote — fully embraced the Truth of the third message.
3. Horace McClary — by baptism — and desires to go through to the kingdom.
4. Melissa McClary — by vote — heartily embraces the present truth.
5. Abigail McClary — by vote — desires to be fully identified with remnant church.
6. Elisabeth E. Thomas — by vote — resolves to be an overcomer.
7. Betsey Booth, by baptism — desires to ever be willing and obedient.
8. Andrew Blake — by baptism — desires to overcome with God's people.
9. Jane Blake — by baptism — wishes to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes.
10. Harrison McClary — by vote — wishes to be faithful unto the end.
11. John H. Hammond — by vote — and wishes to be a faithful labourer.
12. Betsey Hammond — by baptism — desires to keep the

whole truth, and work while the day lasts.

13. Charity Bradley — by vote — rejoices in the truth.
14. George Hill — by vote — and promises to lay aside wrong habits, and to keep a pace with the body.
15. A.C. Bourdeau — by letter.
16. C.A. Bourdeau — by letter.

"Bro. Bourdeau invited Bros. A. Blake and G. Hill to act with him as a committee to nominate the officers of the church. They reported J.H. Hammond for Elder, and Sr. B. Hammonk for Clerk where upon the persons named were appointed to their respective offices by a unanimous vote of the church.

**Voted** — That this organization be called the Stukely and Bolton Church.

By vote meeting adjourned.  
A.C. Bourdeau, chairman

In a regular Sabbath meeting held December 8, 1877, four were received in the church as follows:

1. Peter Clark — by baptism — promises to lay aside tobacco.

### BUILT IN 1878

The church building was erected in 1878 and is the same as used today.

By 1880, there were five Adventist churches in the area. They voted to form a Conference to be called the Quebec Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists with headquarters in Longueuil. The Cana-

dian headquarters of the church are in Oshawa, Ont. and the World headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Adventist denomination was started 1800-1844 in a great religious awakening.

Its two salient points of faith are its belief in Saturday as the day of worship, rather than Sunday, and in its belief in the ultimate or second coming of Christ.

In 1844, these two doctrines were accepted by a group of Adventists and Millerites followers of William Miller (Record, November 8, 1990) who believed that the Advent of Christ was certain and foretold the end of the world.

Adventists publicly worship God on the 7th day of the week as ordained in the Bible. God rested on the 7th day of Creation and sanctified it.

As with congregations of Jewish people the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday and ends at sundown on Saturday.

### TITHES AND DONATIONS

As in so many Evangelical churches the Adventist Church has no formal liturgy. Services comprise preaching, singing and prayers. The church is supported by tithing and free will offerings of the congregation.

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# Small but active congregation still spreads gospel

1880-1906 we learn that a business meeting was held in 1878 at the home of Brother Harrison McClary to discuss the erection of a house of worship.

Bro. A. Blake offered "to deed 1/2 acre of land to build a house for the Pastor and 1/4 acre of land to build a meeting house thereon."

Rev. Bourdeau agreed to furnish the materials and every one in the congregation were to help the laborers. On Feb. 8, 1878 — a Tract and Missionary Society for this part of Canada was organized with Bro. J.H. Hammond appointed Director, R. Hammond as Secretary, and Henrietta Blake as Librarian.

That same year Bible Class and Sabbath School were organized with Harrison McClary as superintendent. He agreed to appoint a teacher.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

The idea of reaching out to children and teaching them the fundamentals of religion was started by James White in 1852. The Sabbath School idea continues to this day.

On Friday, March 26, 1880, "The Waterloo Advertiser" commented "The Saturday Adventists, under the management of Mr. Bourdeau are at work on a place of worship. They have selected a very good position and if Mr. Bourdeau displays as good taste in ecclesiastical architecture as he did in the residence he built for himself here, his synagogue will reflect honour upon his skill."

On January 19, 1883, "The Waterloo Advertiser" announced — "Stukely — The Rev. A.C. Bourdeau — church had been dedicated on October 7 in the presence of S.N. Haskell (from Anniversaries of Earlier Pioneer Work in Canada — E.J. Monteith, Research Histories, Department of Church Pioneer Research, Canadian Union Conference)".

The first Elementary Seventh Day Adventist school called The South Stukely Select School was opened in 1884. It provided a Chris-

tian education for children of parents living elsewhere in the area. Another family, the Taylors, of which the mother moved to Stukely and rented a house while the father remained in Bolton and visited frequently with a supply of vegetables and frozen milk.

## BOARDING SCHOOL

Classes were held in the church and upstairs served as a dining room, and a dormitory for the out of town boys. The first teacher was Mary Cushing and some of the students who graduated from here later returned to teach at the school.

On Jan. 2, 1897, the Stukely Church decided to deed the building to the Canadian Conference.

In 1905 church members bought and paid for a church organ. Previous to this the church had a melo-

*The Waterville Advertiser* of Friday, June 19, 1908 describes the following — "Mr. Perrin Brown and Mr. Fred McElroy of West Bolton met with a bad accident here last week. They were shingling on the Advent Church when the staging gave way and both fell to the ground."

The church school closed in 1924 due to reduced enrolment.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church sponsors many sanitariums, clinics, hospitals, colleges, universities, schools and missions. Loma Linda Hospital, famous for heart transplants, in California and the Branson Hospital in North York, Toronto are two famous institutions funded by the Adventists.

Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, sponsored by the Church has a unique system of classes in the morning and students can work in the afternoon as a practical part of their training.

Most Pastors for the Church are trained at Andrews University in

Michigan.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Great emphasis is placed on foreign missions and Adventists work in 520 languages or dialects.

Missionaries went to South America in the 1890's — to Africa 1894 — to China 1888. The first church was organized in Japan in 1897 — in New Zealand in 1886 and in 1885 in Australia.

"The Pitcairn" became the first missionary ship to the South Seas and was built in 1889 by the offering of enthusiastic sabbath school members.

In 1893, the church owned a Mississippi River Boat called, "The Morning Star" which took the faith and taught literacy to the newly freed slaves of the south.

As the pioneer settler started his work with an axe and an ox team, so the pioneer Adventist started his work with a tract and a doctrinal address.

Joseph Bates developed this system as early as 1845 and the church has continued the spread of its teachings through the many publishing houses it maintains around the world. His theory was: "I cannot go every where, but a book can."

In 1977, the South Stukely Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary. It was marked by special centennial services at which Pastor C.C. Weis, a distinguished church leader from Washington, D.C., spoke to the congregation.

The simple beauty of the interior of the church is accented with long side windows framed by sapphire blue curtains and the raised platform at the front of the room is carpeted in blue.

Today the church is served by Pastor Hermans of Granby and Pastor Coutu of St. Joachim. The active congregation of around 45

members continues to maintain the pretty rustic white church and to spread the gospel in the Eastern Townships.

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*Settlers coming into a new and challenging land developed their communities around the church and most schools were started by the religious educators of the day. With this in mind the Sir John Johnston Branch of the United Empire Loyalists is researching the history of the old churches of the Eastern Townships. Anyone wishing to submit a history of their local church can send it to: Phyllis Hamilton, 555 Church St., Granby, Quebec, J2G 4S2.*

## Fantasy Follies sponsor benefit for special children

On February 4, the "Sutton Fantasy Follies" got together with some caring people of Richford, Vt., and held a Dinner-Show Benefit for Special Children at "The Crossing". This was an all male Variety Show with a cast of nine Sutton "girls" and five Richford "girls".

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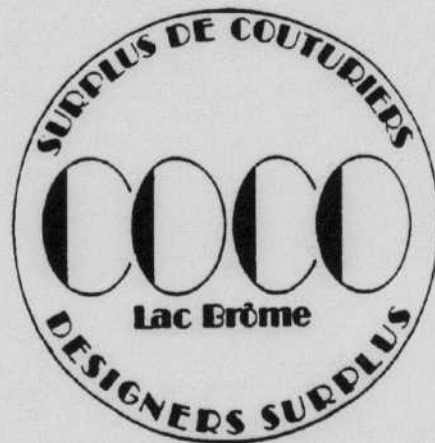
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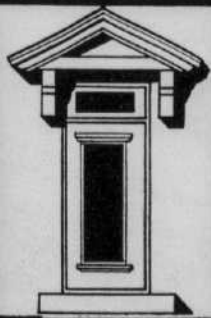
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Best wishes to Irene McGill who is recovering from injuries received in a fall at her home.

Mrs. Barbara Mandigo, Mrs. Grace Bullock and their parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miltimore motored to Hyde Park, Vt., where they were dinner and afternoon guests of Mrs. Miltimore's cousin Mrs. Pearl Webster.

Friends of Leaman Fuller, Fuller Road, are sorry to hear he is a patient in the BMP Hospital, Cowansville. Best wishes are extended to him at this time.

Mrs. Mary Hamelin of Mansonville accompanied Donna and Mable Boyce to Vermont one evening recently and enjoyed dinner at the Abbey.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rumsby of Howick, Que., visited Mrs. Ellen Rumsby at her home. The latter has just returned to her home after undergoing surgery at the BMP Hospital and a period of recovery at the Sutton Foyer. We are all glad to see you recovering so well, Ellen.

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Mrs. Wayne Kemp and daughter Stephanie are spending a week visiting their father and grandfather Mr. George Cameron of St. John, N.B.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker and family on a recent trip to Florida.

Cameron Short of Nairobi, Kenya, Africa was a recent guest of his mother Mrs. Rhea Short, while in Canada on a business trip.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mr. Roy Cook is seriously ill and in the BMP Hospital, Coaticook.

Peter Wightman, student at Dawson College spent a recent weekend at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burhl Wightman are now at the Wayne and Pat Miller home on Victoria Ave., Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Miller, Cornwall, P.E.I., were visiting Marguerite Miller for a week with their town children Aimée and Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson, former residents of Bedford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Boca, Raton, Florida, where they now live.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Walter Barnum of Franklin, Vt. who passed away quite suddenly on February 27 at her home in Florida. Mrs. Barnum was the former Ruth Wightman of Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. David Miller,

Essex Jct., Vt., were recent callers at the home of Marguerite Miller, River Street.

On Sunday, February 17, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hastings, Laurie and James were visitors of Marguerite Miller where Larry also celebrated his birthday.

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Friends of Lillian Page, Rosberry Road, are sorry to hear she is a patient in the BMP Hospital, Cowansville. Best wishes go out to her at this time.

Mrs. Muriel Miller has returned home after being a patient in the BMP Hospital for a while.

Caroline Ward and friend Sharon of Scarborough, Ont., were recent overnight guests of Carl and Alice Bidwell.

Frances Baker, Kay Woodard, Lyn and Doris Hawley visited Iris Larocque at her home in Glen Sutton.

Get-well wishes go out to Lillian Hooper who had the misfortune to fall, breaking her arm.

Mrs. H. Boyce accompanied Nancy to Sherbrooke where they visited Winnie Cunningham in the Sherbrooke Hospital.

Walter Miltimore has been ill with bronchial pneumonia. Grace Bullock has also been under doctor's care for a while.

Mike Doheny died suddenly at his home on Academy St. The sympathy of friends and neighbours is extended to his wife Dorothy and family.

Edgar Lawrence is presently a patient in the BMP Hospital suffering from pneumonia. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bid Lachapelle has returned home from St. Andrews East, after several days visiting Pam and Ken McOuatt and family.

Les Bennett was taken to the local hospital by ambulance on Tuesday, February 19. Her many friends hope to hear she is better soon.

Sympathy is extended to friends and relatives of the late Lawrence Powell of Knowlton.

Evelyn and Elden Judd of Highwater visited Mrs. Mabel Judd at the Sutton Foyer.

Sympathy is extended to Margaret Goyette and family in the death of Phil at his home on Mountain Street.

**East Farnham**

**Mrs. June Royea**

Mrs. Bernice Thomas, Mrs. Jessie Horner, Miss Hilda McEwing and Mrs. June Royea of Cowansville were afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Aiken in Austin on

February 4.

Miss Hilda McEwing and Mrs. Bernice Thomas visited the Morris Funeral Home in Cowansville where Mr. Hollis Vaughan was resting.

Miss Doris Dougall of Cowansville will be the organist in the East Farnham United Church for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Lela Shufelt entertained at the supper hour on February 21, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horner and Mrs. Jessie Horner, it being Vi Horner's birthday.

Mrs. Bernice Thomas, Miss Hilda McEwing and Mrs. June Royea, Cowansville, took Mrs. Harriet Comeau to the "Plus Restaurant" in Cowansville to celebrate her birthday on February 21. Afterwards they all went to June's apartment where they played cards until 10 p.m. June then served ice-cream and birthday cake in honor of the celebrant. Others attending were Mrs. Eileen Pettes and Miss Harriet Shufelt of Cowansville and Miss Wendy Hogle of Rouse's Point, N.Y.



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