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Brief items from around the Valley

Seven injured in car accidents

Six people were hurt in a three-car collision Friday evening at the intersection of Route 203 and Lampton St. in Howick.

Two vehicles were involved in the initial crash. One, driving west on the Irish Concession collided with a second car proceeding along Rte. 203. Police indicated that the first vehicle, driven by a 36 year-old Cazaville woman, may have failed to stop at the intersection.

Her car then ricocheted into another vehicle parked at the corner.

All six people were checked in hospital for minor injuries; four were taken by ambulance and two went on their own.

Loss of control

An 18-year-old Franklin woman was hurt in a single-car accident last Thursday evening on Rte. 202 in Hinchinbrooke.

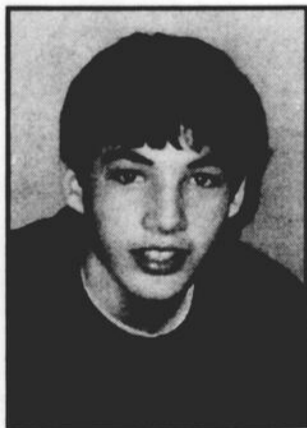
Police said she lost control of her vehicle which rolled two or three times and ended up opposite 927 Route 202. The driver, who was alone in the car, escaped with minor injuries.

(PL/trJT)

Local teen to attend track meet in Calgary

A young track star from Herdman will be among 35 Quebec athletes heading out to Calgary this week for the Canadian Legion championships.

Eric Jean, 14, a Grade 8 student at Chateauguay Valley Regional High School who trains with the West Island Track Club, earned the right to join the team with a four-medal performance at the July 21 Provincial Track & Field championships in Sherbrooke.



Eric Jean: off to Calgary.

With the minimum standard for the provincial squad set at one gold medal and one other, Jean's two gold medals plus a silver and a bronze put him into four events at

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Bank robbers use bomb blast to divert police from St-Anicet

Police are still searching for two suspects in connection with an August 2 armed robbery in St-Anicet and a bomb which exploded earlier in the parking area behind Ormstown's Barrie Memorial Hospital.

A third suspect, captured in St-Zotique on the day of the incident, remains in custody in Valleyfield and will next appear in court on August 21.

Some \$100,000 in cash, taken at gunpoint from an armored car outside the St-Anicet Caisse Populaire in the 2 p.m. heist, was recovered.

In piecing together evidence at the two sites, police believe the explosion of a

home-made bomb under a minivan parked behind the Ormstown hospital was intended to divert regional police to that location while the robbery was carried out at the other end of the Haut-St-Laurent.

Not a transformer

Around 1:20 p.m., hospital staff heard a loud bang somewhere outside the building. First assumption was that an electrical transformer had blown. "But the power stayed on, and then we realized there had been an explosion," said one doctor on duty at the adjacent Medical Centre at the time.

Sûreté du Québec officers from the nearby regional detachment came immediately

to find that a home-made device, detonated underneath a vehicle belonging to one of the hospital's nurses, had blown a hole through the van's roof and sent pieces of shrapnel into nearby vehicles.

Police from the Montreal-based SQ bomb disposal unit said it was fortunate that no one was in the vicinity at the time of the blast since the device was definitely capable of causing injury.

Forty-five minutes later, the robbery of the Sécur armored vehicle outside the St-Anicet Caisse Populaire took place, when three armed men attacked two guards emerging from the building. The guards were forced to lie on the grounds while the thieves took a bag containing \$100,000 and searched the van for more.

Escape by boat

After disabling the guards with pepper spray, the trio fled in a stolen van. Shortly afterward, they continued their escape by boat across Lake St-François to the St-Zotique area, where one suspect, 33 year-old Robert St-Onge of Longueuil, was arrested and a bag containing firearms, pepper spray and the stolen money was recovered.

The other two suspects escaped using the boat, which was later found unoccupied and drifting in the Grand-Ile area.

Meanwhile, security precautions at the Barrie were increased immediately following the incident, just in case there as any connection between the hospital and the explosion other than the intended decoy operation.

St-Onge, who has a lengthy criminal record, appeared in Valleyfield Court on Thursday Aug. 3 to face a total of 11 charges in connection with the robbery, although none was related to the explosion. Bail was refused, and a hearing date of August 21 was set.

(PL/JT)

Moto-cross action



For the first time ever, the Montreal Vintage Motorcycle Group included a moto-cross event in their three-day rally in Hinchinbrooke last weekend. Drivers ranged in age from youngsters to grey-haired veterans, but all pushed their older-model bikes to the limit over jumps, bumps, and steep inclines. This driver shows what kind of balance is needed to keep right-side-up.

(Photo: JT)

Willing hands help H'don Fair clean up, prepare for Aug. 18

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

Thanks to the all-day efforts of a dozen dedicated volunteers on Saturday, Huntingdon Fair is rapidly moving toward its August 18 starting date with the grounds clean and ship-shape.

"They repaired bleachers and moved a fence as well," said Fair president Mario Lemire on Monday. "We really appreciate the 'time and toilets'," he said, referring to donations of some vital plumbing fixtures.

In an effort to keep things tidy and preserve the family atmosphere at the three-day fair, organizers are banning beer cool-

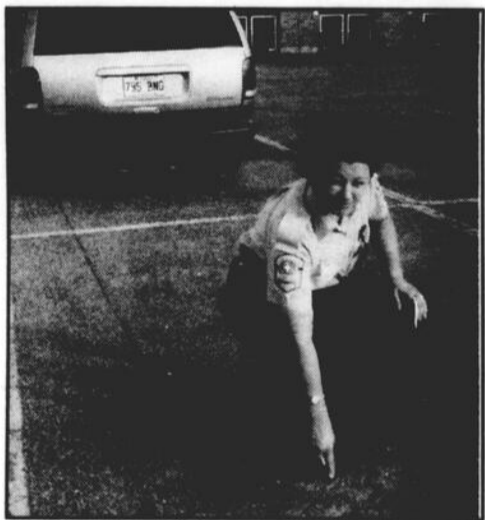
ers and open bottles on the grounds this year.

Anniversary theme

Huntingdon's 175th birthday will provide the theme for the opening parade. People wanting to enter a float or take part in another way should contact Raymond Wilson or Fair secretary Lynn Ouimet.

Tractor Pull fans will be glad to hear that this year's version will start earlier (at 3 p.m. Saturday) and the larger International Pull will feature "all modified tractors", Lemire said. There will be ATV obstacle races Friday, motorcycle games and a pull for "semis" on Saturday, and Sunday's always-

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SQ officer Manon Gagnard indicates spot on the pavement where the bomb detonated in the Barrie Hospital parking lot. The target van was moved forward shortly after the blast and can be seen in background.

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This and That in Town

BUSY TIMES — are upon us in the Valley, with the usual stack of August activities pressing for attention before back-to-school time arrives again at the end of the month.

YOUNG PEOPLE — aged seven to 21 are invited to attend a free Farm Safety Day being organized by the Huntingdon Young Farmers' Club for this Friday Aug. 11 at the Huntingdon fairgrounds "cow palace". Although members of the three local 4-H Clubs will be there, there is room for other interested people to join in.

WE DECIDED — in view of last week's problems with our layout people in faraway Brossard that it would be a good idea to repeat the Page 1 article on the 4-H Calf Rally in Ormstown, so that interested people can clip it out for their scrapbooks without the misleading headline which ran last week. You can find the rerun on Page 9 of this week's paper.

IN ORMSTOWN — the St-Malachie Parish is holding its annual giant garage sale this Friday and Saturday outside the Oasis Hall on Bridge St. Hours will be Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a canteen on site.

CHILDREN — must be supervised by an adult, says Joy Grant. The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. under the partial sponsorship of the Chateauguy Valley UPA. One speaker will be Sheila James of the Ontario Farm Safety Association, and Roy Younie will demonstrate fire extinguishers and fire prevention methods. There will be other demonstrations, door prizes etc. (See ad elsewhere.)

AN HOUR-LONG AUCTION — for antiques will be a new feature of the August 26 and 27 Chateauguy Valley Antique Association show at the Rennie's Museum site in Hinchinbrooke. For more information on how to get involved, watch for Diane Farquhar's article in next week's Gleaner.

ALLERGY SUFFERERS — might enjoy a Family Picnic set for Sunday Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beaconsfield's Centennial Park. Sponsoring group is the Allergy and Asthma Information Association. Allergic children and their parents can get together without worrying about food allergies, says local dietitian Nancy Saunders. For more information about fees, etc. call Anna Otter (514)685-0552, or the Association's regional office at (514) 694-0679.

THE NEXT — information session for local gun-owners concerned about the new license applications will be held in Ste-Martine (at the former Boy Scout pavilion on St-Joseph St.) on Sunday Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trained people will answer questions and help with the necessary forms. For more information call 1-800-731-4000.

THE RECENT — Demolition Derby in St-Chrysostome, held during our summer break, netted some \$4,300 for the Leucan Association and research into children's cancer. Tops among the 140 cars was driver Marc-André Marcil of St-Chrysostome; other local winners were Karine Vincent and Donald Poirier, Alain Ménard and Sylvain Provost, all of St-Chrysostome; Ronald Dagenais of Ormstown and Jody Hébert of Hemmingford.

CROWDS — estimated at 2,500 turned



Flotilla on the Chateauguy

The second annual canoe trip down the Chateauguy River, organized by the Local Development Centre in co-operation with community groups working with the river, went off like clockwork on Sunday Aug. 6. Balloons added to the festive atmosphere at the launch site below the Ormstown soccer field. Paddlers ended up at Ste-Martine after stops at Allan's Corners and the Turcot bridge.

(Photo: PL)

out on July 16 or the biggest such event held in this area each year. And in a good cause.

IN HUNTINGDON — the 175th anniversary celebrations in late June included a pavement-art contest for kids. Some 20 young artists gathered on Dalhousie St. and gave the street a new face, temporarily at least. Judge John Ryan and Culture & Loisirs Huntingdon awarded prizes to the following: Line drawing: Kurt Mueller, Marie-Eve Caza, Marjo Gauthier; Impressionist: Kalsi Smith, Renée Gobeil, Nikki Beaudry; Colored picture (teams): Alexandra Hart & Danny Lepage; Mathieu LaJeunesse, Alex Mailloux & Mathieu Sutherland; Pascal Boisvert & David Haineault.

THE NEXT SERIES — of free pre-natal classes will start this month, offered by the CLSC Huntingdon. French-language ses-

sions will start August 15 at Ormstown's Barrie Memorial Hospital; while English-language courses will begin at the CLSC on August 21. For more information call (450) 264-6108 or 826-3161.

IN ORMSTOWN — don't forget Friday's Flower Show at the Walshaven Centre (see last week's ad) or call Lois at 829-2580 for more information. (JM)

IN GODMANCHESTER — Markus Ritter of L'Héritage B & B tells us his business recently was awarded a "4 Suns" rating by the provincial association.

IN HOWICK — the bilingual Vacation Bible School begins next Monday Aug. 14 at Ecole St-Jean. All week, classes will run from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and are open to children entering Kindergarten this fall or older.

(JT)

Not enough \$5 day-care places in this area for babies, toddlers

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

While the day-care space problem in this area is by no means as serious as in Montreal, there are few if any vacancies here for parents wanting to take advantage of Quebec's extended \$5-per-day program.

At Huntingdon's Kaleidoscope Child Care Centre, director Debbie Wilson said last week that there are "no more than three or four places for three- and four-year-olds this fall, and no room at all for younger children or babies."

And down the road in Ormstown, at the Abracadabra Day Care Centre, which takes children only from 18 months up, there are

no places at all for newcomers.

Both centres have waiting lists, although Huntingdon's list "is not long", Wilson said.

Limited capacity

The Kaleidoscope centre has a capacity of 72 children at its two locations, and currently has an enrolment of 68. Places are allotted according to age: infants up to 18 months; nursery, 18 months to three years; three-year-olds; and four-year-olds.

Once a child is accepted into the program, at whatever age, his or her place is guaranteed until kindergarten age is reached, at which point the child enters the regular education system.

So a large group of infants moves up to become a large group of nursery-age children, and so on through the program, leaving little or no room for newcomers, Wilson explained.

For the first time this fall, Quebec is including all the pre-school age groups in the \$5-per-day subsidy program for day care.

"After starting with four-year-olds, the program moved down each year, with two-year-olds becoming eligible last year," said Wilson. "Now it covers all the youngest children as well."



Huntingdon's Kaleidoscope Day Care: little room for newcomers. (Photo: JT)

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HOLLYWOOD STUNT SHOW HELLDIVERS

H'ford Customs officer keeping day job despite role in TV film airing Aug. 21

by Robert Jadah

In the spring, a Gleaner reporter called to hear of my meteoric rise from Shoestring Theatre player in Hemmingford to a small role in a Movie of the Week for Global Television.

At the time, no air-date had yet been set and I promised to call when it was.

Since the network has now decided to inflict Task Force Caviar on the

viewing public on August 21, I am fulfilling that promise.

As mentioned in our telephone conversation, I was just another plodding Customs officer three years ago, comfortable in the knowledge that my show business career had peaked way back in March of 1962.

No more cake

On that day, Magic Tom told me that no, I could not have another piece of cake on his weekly Channel 12 birthday show. Since then, the closest I'd come to fame was playing blackjack at the same table as Ringo Starr, and once meeting a barmaid who had been an extra in a John Candy movie.

So there I was a few years ago, diligently protecting the border and speaking importantly on the telephone, when a customer at the counter complimented me on my voice and suggested I should do radio work.

I thanked her, but collected her taxes all the same. She said she was a casting director, left me her business card, and insisted I get in touch with her.

I didn't, at least not for a long while.

Fair... from page 1

popular Demolition Derby starts at 2 p.m.

In the Handicrafts division, amateur cheese-makers will have a chance to enter their produce in a new class, and another new class will see antique items on display.

Larger midway

A bigger midway (operated by the same company as last year) will be on hand for all three days, and the Young Farmers competition, organized by Nancy Cameron, is set for Friday.

Following the parade and official opening, Friday will also feature a dance with music by Swing Shift, Lemire said.

The horse show will run Saturday and Sunday, and for the younger set, there will be Saturday's Pedal Pull and Pet Show.

Cow Paddy Bingos will be run off on both Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday evening's dance will feature Mason Dixie Line.

Exhibitors wanting to rent booths can still do so by contacting the Fair office at 264-EXPO. This week, the office is open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., while hours from August 14 to 16 will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NOMINATION



Stéphanie St-Onge has joined the C.J. Kyle Ltd team as a sales and long term lease representative for new and used vehicles.

Stéphanie is a native of Huntingdon and is the daughter of Raymond St-Onge and Suzanne Derepentigny.

She has completed with success the sales course offered by the Centre de Formation Automobile du Québec, in December 1999.

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but just that slightest brush with show-biz glitter and glamor led me to answer an audition call closer to home, at Hemmingford's Shoestring Theatre, a hardy and spirited troupe that is to Broadway as a slingshot is to the Stealth bomber.

Taste of show-biz

Against stiff competition from absolutely no other candidates, I won a major part in Shoestring's 1998 production of *If A Man Answers*.

The play was generally regarded as the town's finest theatre production since the last one. (My wife thought my performance extraordinary, which would have been even more exciting if she hadn't missed all three performances.)

Still, the rehearsals, the lights, the directing and the live

audiences awakened the dormant ham in me. I finally called Andrea Kenyon, the honest customs-paying casting director, and followed her advice on putting together some demo tapes and finding an agent.

Soon I was chugging off to Montreal every week to audition for commercials, television, print media, and the odd movie role.

After some two dozen failed casting calls, I finally hit the little big time by winning a spot in a corporate video, which made me feel a bit like a Harrison Ford, or at least a Harrison Chrysler.

I was selected to play a photographer in 1914 Paris, but was soon reminded of the fleeting nature of show-business success, however small.

No make-up needed

I arrived on the set and was fairly well-pampered before being sent off to the dressing trailer to don my period clothes. Then I was escorted to the hair and make-up room, where a beautiful woman was being made even prettier for her role as my photo subject in the film.

As they began working on me, a head-

set-wearing fellow with a clipboard came in, looked at me and said, "He doesn't need any make-up."

This indication of almost perfect looks, of course, made me quite smug, until we were escorted out before the bright lights and I was directed to my spot, behind an old tripod camera.

"Now put the camera cowl over your head and let's go," said the director.

And there I stood, motionless, for two hours, as they filmed 10 takes of my backside, and — in the distance — a very beautiful woman with great make-up.

The director, though, did say that I stood there as well as anyone he'd ever worked with. Thanks to my civil service background, perhaps.

TV drama

In the fall of 1999, I was scheduled to audition for the role of an

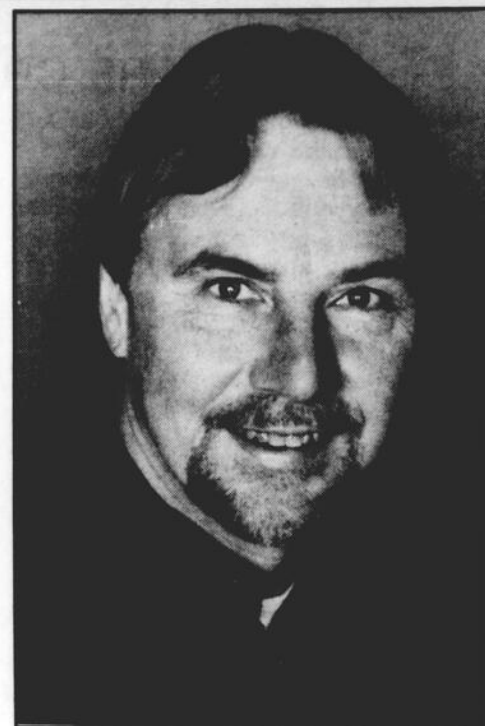
Amsterdam police inspector in the made-for-television movie *Task Force Caviar*.

A little short of Dutch acquaintances to learn from, I was lucky

enough to have a week-long run of tourists from the Netherlands at the border. So by the time of the audition, I had concocted at least a passable European sound. I also rationalized that never did the script actually say that the inspector himself was Dutch. He might, I decided, have moved to Holland from Estonia.

When director Richard Ciupka selected me to play Jon Engelsman, I was twice whisked off to Halifax, where I found things to be pretty much like our town's Shoestring Theatre, except for the pay, the limousines, the personalized dressing rooms, the crowds, the technical wizardry, and the exactitude.

I mean, it was still acting.



Robert Jadah.

In my first-ever movie scene, I sat at a bar and talked about some people. Hell, I'd been rehearsing that for years.

And in my second-ever scene, I appeared with actor Clarke Johnson, whose Meldrick character in TV's *Homicide: Life on the Street* had long been a part of my Fridays. So nothing seemed too extraordinary.

Back to real life

After returning to real life, I went back to the comparative drudgery of weekly auditions and the Shoestring Theatre. I've done some little paying bits here and there — notably multi-media website voices — but continue to perform in my long-running customs role.

As they say, don't give up your day job.

And now, my wife Katie and I are expecting a new baby any day, which means I have two major productions appearing at about the same time.

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ONE MORE CROSS TO BEAR

Something is definitely missing so far this summer in the Valley.

We get the feeling it may appear in our lives any day now, and our tongues are hanging out.

We're talking about sweet corn — in quantity, and at reasonable prices.

Sweet corn is one of the things the Valley does best. People in big cities who must take their chances with what passes for corn in the supermarkets just don't understand what sweet corn is all about.

"Get the water boiling before you go out to pick the corn," is the old adage, but even if we can't quite do that, a quick trip to the nearest farm gate or local market will provide us with corn far fresher than that dreamed of by city people.

Mind you, new varieties of corn have

upped the sugar content to a level past generations could never have anticipated — and we don't think it's genetically modified. But sometimes the sweetness brings with it a loss of real corn flavor that those of us over 30 associate with the local product.

Last year, we were eating local corn before the middle of July, if we remember correctly. Last summer, the sun shone and the living was easy.

This year, it's hard to get the laundry to dry on the clothesline. Farmers race for the fields between downpours. This year is not much fun. And it's not made any better by waiting well into August for the chance to pig out on corn.

(JT)

FROM GLEANER ARCHIVES . . .

120 years ago

August 5, 1880

THEY MADE 'EM TOUGH

A California paper records the following incident which happened to James Tallon (son of Patrick Tallon, Godmanchester) who is resident at Mill Creek, Mono Co., Cal: The life of the prospector is usually fraught with perils, but the fearful adventure of James Tallon is one of those that blanch the hair and shatter the nerves. It scarcely seems possible that a man could survive such an experience. Thursday afternoon he as out prospecting, and climbed near the summit of the huge granite wall that shuts in the deep chasm of Lake Canyon. The mountain side was covered with snow, hard crusted, he was only able to make his way by sticking his pick into the snow crust and holding to the handle while he stepped. Losing his footing on his polished surface, he stuck his pick into the snow to save him-

self) but the treacherous crust gave way, and down he went. Down a sheer descent of twelve hundred feet he slid, with frightful velocity; now feet foremost, now head first, with not a tree or shrub to stay his fearful descent. He seemed an age getting to the bottom but it was only a moment till he landed in the gorge, bruised, battered and with his right knee cap shattered to fragments. Most men would have lost consciousness, but Tallon retained his presence of mind during the whole terrible ordeal. Where he fell was near a miner's cabin, and help soon came in answer to his halloo. He was shortly afterwards brought down to his cabin, where he is receiving good attention. Otherwise than his leg, he is not seriously injured, but that member will probably have to be amputated. A messenger was immediately despatched to Bodie for a physician. Dr. Roe arrived during the same night, and now has Tallon under his charge.

60 years ago

August 7, 1940

GIRLS' BASEBALL FRACAS

Huntingdon girls were politely but firmly ousted from the girls' league for having played an ineligible player after July 15. A turbulent meeting of representatives from Brooklet, Dundee, Ormstown, Beaver and Huntingdon was held on Monday evening . . . the delegates upheld Brooklet's protest that Huntingdon has infringed the regulations of the league. They had to pay the penalty, that is, forfeit all the games won after the girl in question (catcher Eunice Anderson) appeared in the line-up. Although the Huntingdon aggregation finished the regular schedule in third place . . . the delegates decision . . . left them in sole possession of last place . . . It is expected that further developments will occur . . . as the Huntingdon teams seem intent on producing further evidence that

they were "ganged" up on by certain representatives . . .

"GUEST CHILDREN"

Miss Janet Long, field worker of the Children's Aid Society, is expected to be in Huntingdon this afternoon with a view to meeting a few of our citizens in regards to organizing for the receiving of "Guest Children" from Overseas.

ETHICS OF ETIQUETTE

Men usually make their social calls in Sunday afternoons and on convenient evenings during the week. It is also considered good form for business women to make their calls at such times . . . The married man escapes many social duties by having his wife make the calls of obligation. But calls of inquiry upon a friend who is ill, or of condolence upon a friend who has suffered a bereavement, are best made in person.

30 years ago

August 5, 1970

C.V.R. HAS 70% PASS RATE

Approximately 70% of the 200 students at CVR who wrote provincial examinations in June received their High School Leaving certificate. Top student at the Ormstown regional school was Donald Sancton, who had marks totalling 876 (out of a possible 1000). Donald led a field of 7 students who obtained a first class standing in their exam results. The others were Patrick Neville with 838, Brian English 832, Janice Fraser 820, Charlotte Magnussen 814, Theresa Bielun 811 and Ann Greenbank 802. These students' totals were based on results from two English, two French and six additional subjects.

as the result of their latest practice drill . . . Regional Fire Co-ordinator Donald Ednie termed the exercise "fairly successful" but noted that complications did arise due to the difficulty of communicating over the great distance (more than half a mile). Because messages had to be transferred on foot, the firemen experienced difficulty in quickly pinpointing trouble long the system . . .

FROM "THIS AND THAT"

A week ago Sunday — insurance salesman Réjean Blanchette, who is employed by Jean-Louis Trépanier C.I.B., dove off the St-Anicet wharf and swam upstream without stopping until he reached the dock at South Lancaster, Ont. Friends estimate the distance at about five miles. Swimming upstream and across the channel probably added an additional mile. A remarkable feat, Réjean!

FIRE RADIOS NEEDED

It is expected local Mutual Aid fire-fighters will step up their campaign for a radio system



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Letters

Another Hinchinbrooke resident protests municipal works policy

Some observations on the Hinchinbrooke Chainsaw Folly:

Imagine what might have taken place in the planning stage, if there was one, of the First Concession Ditch-Digging Project (corner Rennie Side Road). Some fill would be needed. No problem. There is a heritage stone fence a little east of the site. It won't cost the taxpayer anything? It's a bargain.

The mayor of Hinchinbrooke recently promised concerned citizens who were outraged by the spring-time removal of a number of old roadside shade trees that no more mature trees were to be cut. How then do he and council explain the removal last week of an historic artifact — a stone wall, which was more than 100 years old — and three mature trees in close proximity to it? Area residents were in shock to see this treasure in our pastoral landscape summarily removed without consultation or notification — and then placed in the new ditches as fill!

Therefore, questions must be asked: Were the stone wall and trees within the road allowance, or were they further in from the road and thus the

property owner's business? Hard to say when all the evidence is gone. If they were within the allowance then the mayor was not honest with the citizens. If they were not in the allowance why was the township removing it for a private property owner?

Either way, this action was inexcusable and provocative.

It is regrettable that a citizen has to take the town to court because it has allegedly not followed proper procedures with regard to project planning. The governors of Hinchinbrooke have lost credibility with citizens who care about conservation. The sad commentary in all of this is not that there are "camps" or divisions between groups, as a recent Gleaner editorial suggested, but rather that those who are elected and have the machinery and manpower at their disposal can, for now, do as they want with impunity. Evidently, little in their path is safe.

It is a sad state of affairs indeed.

David Duchow
Hinchinbrooke

150 gather at Ormstown to mark H. Kerr's 90 years

Summer is the time for family gatherings, and Saturday July 19 saw Harold Kerr's family and friends gather at the Ormstown Curling Club to help him mark his 90th birthday.

Celebrations began in early afternoon with the arrival of Harold's four children and their spouses, grandchildren, his sisters and many members of his extended family from Dover, England; Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, New York, British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario as well as the Ormstown area. In all, about 150 family members attended.

During the afternoon, Harold's son Norman, acting as Master of Ceremonies, gave a brief account of Harold's 90 years as a family man and active community member. Two of Harold's sisters, Janet and Florence, shared their reminiscences and presented Harold with an award for 72 years of safe driving: a CD/cassette player and some of his favorite music.

Family history

This branch of the Kerr family also took time to recall their ancestors' arrival in

the Chateaugay Valley 175 years ago. Harold's niece Heather Moon, who had helped prepare the Kerr family genealogy, told of William and Mary Kerr leaving Beith, Ayrshire, Scotland in 1825 by sailing ship for the seven-week voyage to Montreal. The couple then went up the Chateaugay and cleared land on the Scotch Concession, helping to build the churches and schools and establish today's community.

Wanda Goundry entertained with traditional bagpipe music while Jean Brocklehurst and helpers prepared a cold buffet. Later in the evening, Lindsay Cullen and the Ormstown Band played lively dance music, and more friends and neighbors came to join in the dancing and visiting. The evening was topped off with refreshments and a very large birthday cake.

Harold was most grateful to everyone who came from near and far to help him celebrate, and also to those who sent best wishes by mail.

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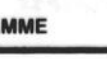
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Missionaries depart

More than 30 members of the Franklin Church of the Nazarene accompanied Roland Daoust and his family to Dorval Airport recently for emotional farewells to the missionary family, off to Southeast Asia. Children Jordan and Mark are staying in Canada, while Saffron, Hope and Noah accompany Roland and Linda. A special July 30 farewell service at the church was followed by a barbecue and speeches by Melody Brooks and John Schulman. The Daousts have spent the summer doing cross-continent fund-raising, and head out full of excitement and joy in their new calling. Pastor Bob Calvert will act as contact person for the Daousts (at 827-2610).

Break-even point for Cyclopomme will be 1,000 participants Aug. 27

Third time lucky, they say, and the Haut-St-Laurent's annual Cyclopomme Bicycle Tour on August 27 will be hoping for at least 1,200 participants to take part in the Millennium edition.

Cyclists will pedal along one of five courses ranging from 10 to 100 km, all starting and ending at Franklin, and covering some of the Valley's most beautiful countryside just as the annual apple harvest begins. A total of 10 apple orchards will serve as rest areas, where cyclists can take a break, taste the produce, and learn about apple-growing. Water, apple juice, applesauce and yogurt will be available.

Departures will be timed for 7:30 to 11 a.m., and the day will end with a corn boil, music and a magic show.

At a recent press conference in St-Antoine-Abbé, co-ordinator Daniel Houle and his co-workers Pierre Crépeau, Marie Barrette, Manon Ouellet and Isabelle Maheu of the Haut-St-Laurent MRC announced that a total of 60,000 promotional folders containing entry will be available at Caisses Populaires, major supermarkets and sports and camera equipment stores throughout the three MRCs making up the Suroît region, as well as at several locations on the "Circuit du Paysan" route.

Safety precautions

As usual, in order to ensure participants' safety, some secondary roads will be closed to traffic for part of the tour day, and some 300 volunteers will be organized into teams to help cyclists along the way. Communications will be handled by local amateur radio operators, and firemen and ambulance personnel will be on special alert to help.

Last year, some 900 cycling enthusiasts turned out for the Cyclopomme, and organizers are hoping to raise that total by at least 200 this year.

"We're planning to welcome at least 1,000 people in order to break even, but there is a strong possibility we could attract 1,200 or even more," said Houle.

The first two editions of the Cyclopomme ran up a deficit, which was absorbed by the MRC du Haut-St-Laurent.

French-language TV Canal Vie will be promoting the Cyclopomme, through its "La Santé en Vedette" series, featuring host Reine Malo. Other promotional efforts will be directed at Montreal area media.

To register for the Cyclopomme, or for more information, call (450) 264-5411, or toll-free at 1-877-264-5411.

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Local seniors can learn more about how to use medications

Anyone over 50 years old who takes any kind of medication, even vitamins, aspirin, laxatives or "natural" remedies, should be aware of problems which can arise from mixing or over-using drugs.

Local seniors' groups can arrange for a six-session series of free instructions on the proper use of medications. Meetings include videos, documentation, games, etc.

Basic principles

Topics to be covered include basic principles of taking medications; talking to your doctor and your pharmacist; healthy sleep; joint pain and how to deal with it; preventing constipation; living with stress and anxiety; how to clean out the medicine cabinet; and questions to ask.

Statistics show that 80 per cent of elderly Quebecers use some kind of medication, and often they lack vital information on possible side-effects or the dangers of mixing certain types of drugs.

Some 31,000 people province-wide are hospitalized each year for problems associated with misuse of medications. Even vitamins, herbal remedies, cough syrup and laxatives are potential trouble-makers if not used properly.

Free program

The program, called "Les Médicaments: Oui... Non... Mais (Medications: Yes... No... But)" has already been offered to many local study groups. The only criterion for joining a group is to be at least 50 years old; it is not necessary to belong to the Age d'Or or any other organization, although such groups may wish to organize sessions for their members.

Anyone in the area wishing to register for an English-language session is asked to contact CLSC nurse Fay Cartier

in St-Chrysostome (450-826-3161, or 1-800-794-6108). New courses will begin during the autumn.

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Ste-Barbe senior honored

Mrs. Annette Champagne (centre) of Ste-Barbe recently received a Health Volunteer's Award, presented by the Quebec Age d'Or Federation (FADOQ) and sponsor Smith Klein Beecham Pharma, represented by Alain Madgin (left). Quebec Health minister Louise Harel is at right. Mme. Champagne, 60, has been a active volunteer for over 30 years, and has helped with the Seniors' Medication and school vaccinations programs. Retired since 1992, she still devotes some 40 hours a week to volunteering.

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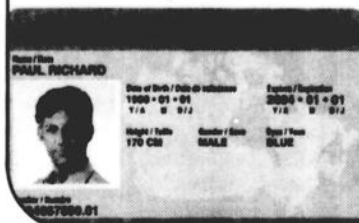
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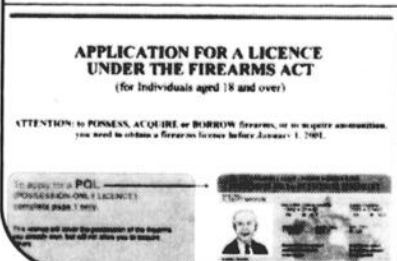
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Obituary: Hemmingford native, 90, dies in Shawville, Que.

Hemmingford native Ruby (Hayes) Rusenstrom died July 3 in Pontiac Community hospital, Shawville, Que., at the age of 90.

Daughter of Wilson and Una Hayes, Ruby was born December 24, 1909. Her career as a schoolteacher took her from one-room schoolhouses to much larger region-

al schools over a period of many years.

Predeceased by her husband Nobel and her brother Richard James Hayes, she was the mother of daughters Beverly (Graham) Murray; Margaret (Pierre) Deschambault; Brenda (Jim) Panagapko; and son David (Joan). She also leaves 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ruby loved to read, do word and jigsaw puzzles, play cards with her friends, and watch television. She also loved the special occasions when her family got together.

Funeral services were held July 6 at Hayes' Funeral Parlor in Shawville, with Rev. Mark Fearnall officiating. Grandchild-

dren Dawn Frances, Tracy Panagapko and Michael Rusenstrom participated with readings and a eulogy recalling their favorite times with their grandmother.

Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery, followed by a lunch at St. Andrew's Knox United Church in Bristol.

BIRTHS & DEATHS CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGAGEMENTS

ENGAGED

HOLMES-BOYSE - Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Holmes of Irvington announce the engagement of their daughter, Karla F. Holmes, to Shawn C. Boyse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Boyse of Bay Minette. The bride-elect is a graduate of Theodore High School. She is a licensed cosmetologist. The prospective bridegroom earned a bachelor's degree in environmental chemistry from Spring Hill College. He is employed by International Paper in Opelika, Ala. The ceremony will be held October 21.

BORN

ROY - Grant and Caroline (née Beaulieu) and big sisters Bailey and Shannon are very pleased to announce the birth of Lindsay Olive on July 31, 2000. Proud grandparents are Gordon and Therese Beaulieu of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue and Kenneth and Jean Roy of Howick. Great-grandparents are Jeanne Pilon of Pierrefonds, Addie Roy of Howick and William Beaulieu of Kirkland.

DIED

EDWARDS, George Brand - Of Covey Hill, Quebec. Peacefully at the Montreal General Hospital, Thursday, August 3, 2000. Brand Edwards, born at Covey Hill, Quebec September 29, 1932, son of the late Colin B. Edwards and Cecelia J. Brooks. Survived by his sister Margaret (Edwin Keddy), his brothers Keith (Pat McNaughton) and Mac (Carol McGibbon). Predeceased by his brother Charles (Laura Cookman). Also, he leaves thirteen nieces and nephews and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews. A memorial service was held at The Russelltown Flatts United Church, Route 203, Russelltown, Quebec, Saturday, August 5, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Women's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Quebec or SABEC (provides transportation and accompaniment for dialysis, chemotherapy and radiation treatments, etc.), c/o Daphne Aldridge, 28 Gale Street, Ormstown, Quebec, J0S 1K0, would be greatly appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

DINEEN - In memory of our family - Eileen, October 16, 1956; Dad, May 26, 1961; John, May 24, 1967; Leo, April 8, 1973; Mom, February 12, 1979; Dorothy, July 23, 1995; Clayton, June 25, 1997.

Our love for you is forever buried in a time capsule deep in our hearts.

Loved forever until we meet again
Mary, Ronnie, Veronica, Margaret and our families

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the members of the Hinchinbrooke and Huntingdon Fire Departments for their quick and efficient response at the time of my fire on June 22nd. I also wish to thank all my friends for their help and donations. Your kindness helped sustain me through a most difficult time.

In appreciation and gratitude
Eileen Feeny

Thank-you

The family of the late **DOROTHY SIMPSON** wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for their acts of kindness, moral support, floral arrangements, cards and donations in her memory during this time of sorrow. Special thanks to her close friends who visited her during her stay in Ormstown, the St-Andrew's UCW for the luncheon, to the choir and to the Rev. Bonnie Mason of Howick. Thanks to doctors, nurses and staff on the third floor for the care given to Mrs. Simpson during her stay at the Barrie Memorial Hospital and also to both residences - La Source Bleue and Florence Groulx.

Sincerely,
David & Shirley
Joanne & Steven
Peter & Suzie
Ken & Fay
and their families

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Dr. Lemieux, nurses and staff on third floor at the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the good care I received while a patient there. Thanks also to my family, friends and neighbours for all the assistance they gave me on my return home.

Thelma Henderson

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members of the organizing committee for the CVR Class of 75 Reunion. Its success was a result of your hard work and commitment. It was great to see old friends and acquaintances. A good time was had by all!

Many thanks
Wilma Knoops
Edson, Alberta

A special Thank-you to Dr. Carole Lalonde and her staff for the excellent care and the personnel on the 7th floor for the excellent care while I was a patient at the Valleyfield Hospital. Thank-you to my husband, my children and friends for their visits, flowers, gifts and cards, all was very much appreciated.

Germaine Clark-Burns

I wish to sincerely thank the nurses on the second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital and Dr. Vander for their excellent kindness and support shown to both myself and a friend during the past 6 months. The move to the third floor should also be of comfort to both of us.

Margaret Rust

The family of the late Charles (Sonny) Petch wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness that were shown to him during his illness. The cards, flowers and donations made in his memory are all deeply appreciated. God Bless you all.

Ruth Petch & family

I would like to thank all the staff, the doctors, nurses and specialists of Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care given to me while a patient there.

Mimi Thonissen

The family of the late Rhoda Leith wish to thank all those who sent expressions of sympathy following the loss of our Mother. We were touched by the many ways folks offered their condolences. Please accept this as a personal thank-you.

Patricia, Phyllis, Raymond & families

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Signed HD

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Helping push up the group score was Ormstown's victory in the barn decorating contest, and fine individual performances by Patrick MacDougall, the overall high-point aggregate winner; and Candace Borland, champion dairy showperson and owner of the overall champion calf.

Some 140 to 150 competitors rolled in to the Ormstown Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday July 27, representing clubs from Hatley, Lachute, Shawville, Haut-St-François, Richmond, Compton AJRQ, Sawyerville, Huntingdon, Howick and Ormstown.

Friday saw judging competitions, involving identifying forages and weeds as well as judging livestock, and the Farmers' Olympics provided lots of fun during the evening.

Horses, goats, sheep

Saturday was devoted to showing and conformation classes, not only for dairy and beef cattle, but also for sheep, goats and horses. Other competitions concentrated on handicrafts and horticulture.

In the livestock competitions, the final event involved winners from all the divi-

sions taking on the demanding task of showing not only their own animal, but those from the other species as well.

"This was the second year they've had that event, and it's really fun. I don't know anything about showing the other types of animals," said Candace Borland.

At Saturday evening's banquet, results were announced, with Emily Grey of Hatley named the overall showperson for livestock, followed by Borland in reserve.

The Shawville Club finished second overall behind Ormstown, and in the dairy showmanship competition, Kelly McEwen, who shows out of Howick, was named reserve champion.

Covey Hill's Zion Church welcomes new minister

Baptism

Zion United Church on Covey Hill held its annual service on August 6. The flowers which graced the front of the church were placed in memory of Ernest and Percy Sutton by their respective families.

William Stevenson introduced Rev. Barbara Bryce, newly-appointed minister of the Ormstown-Franklin Pastoral Charge.

Rev. Bryce, who grew up in the Pointe Claire area, completed her ministerial studies and accepted her first charge in New Brunswick, where she has spent the past 15 years. She expects the Ormstown-Franklin posting to offer an enriching experience; she is looking forward to meeting her congregations and getting to know the community at large.

Assisting Rev. Bryce at the service was Worship Leader Evie Kerr of Howick.

Rev. Bryce performed a Baptism of Winston Charles, son of Douglas and Genevieve (Simard) Brooks, who was welcome into the congregation and honored with a special song by his sisters, Marika and Frédérique.

Scripture readings were given from 2 Samuel, Psalm 51 and Ephesians 4. Evie Kerr then asked the congregation to take time to contemplate a reading from John 6: 24-35. The topic of her sermon was "The Language of Love". Sympathy was extended to the families of Brand Edwards of Covey Hill and Charles Petch of Hemmingford.

Songs requested by the congregation and accompanied by the Franklin Ensemble were sung, and then a lunch provided by members was enjoyed at the home of Eunice and Ronald Livingstone.

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the two-day Calgary meet: the 100 meter sprint, 250 m hurdles, javelin and pole vault. He is so good at the last-named event that he will compete at the Juvenile level rather than the normal Midget level. As well, he will be a member of Quebec's two relay teams.

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