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Eastern Townships Roots Deep for Mustys and "Mystery Spot"

by Lillian Echenberg

The Musty name has been on the same family farm since 1882. Their ancestors bought the farm on Mitchell Road from William Hunting, who had been granted it initially, as crown land. This property has been farmed continuously since its purchase, and is now owned and operated by Henry Musty, a fifth generation descendant.

In 1966, Henry and Beverly Musty left this area to seek better economic circumstances in Ontario. They stayed there with Jane Musty Chaddock who had previously owned the store where Beaulieu's now operate on Queen Street in Lennoxville.

In 1967 the campsite was operating; and their first child, Kathy, had been born. At this point Henry was prepared to investigate the rest of his acreage. The area behind the campsite presented a strange dilemma. It was almost impossible to climb because of a land force or magnetic field. This spot was the location of the "Mystery Spot", which appears to break all laws of gravity. The original single building attracted visitors from all over this country and the United States — and still does.

Since that endeavor, marked also by an A-frame souvenir store, the Home-

ing the largest collectible shop in the Province of Quebec. In 1984 they were awarded the title of "Spotlight Dealer of the Year" by the Bradford Exchange, whose collector plates they sell. They had been compared with over five hundred stores in Canada.

Kathy Musty has worked with the family in their complex since she was old enough to count. In 1985, Henry purchased the family farm from his brother. He remodelled the house and the family moved into it in 1987. The farm is a full-scale working operation, numbering among its livestock Hereford cattle and a few other animals, including a goat named Tilly. The Homestead business is gradually being taken over by Kathy and her husband (since 1989), Craig Drew. Nevertheless, Henry and Beverly are still participating.

The Mustys pride themselves on their encouragement of local artists, photog-



Edward Brown drawing of the Homestead and "Mystery Spot" as it appeared in 1971

Gwen Wilson of Huntingville, Robert Carruthers of Sherbrooke, Bruce Patton of Moe's River, and Linda Frost of Danville.

In this, their twenty-fifth year of operations, the Mustys are facing another crisis. They have come into conflict with the Commission de protection de la langue française about translating the name "Mystery Spot." They refuse to consider changing their trademark. The Mustys have spent twenty-five years of time and thousands of dollars promot-

Once again, members of the community have rallied to their side. Having formed an association called Re-Action Quebec, this group is striving for the right to use bilingual signs on many small businesses.

May the Mustys and the "Mystery Spot" continue to thrive in the Eastern Townships where they have their roots.

Alzheimer Patients Sought for Trials

People with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate in local clinical trials involving AVIVA (linopirdine), a new Alzheimer drug. The trials are being conducted to determine whether Alzheimer symptoms such as memory loss, lack of attention and disabilities in activities of daily living are improved by the drug.

Patients must be 52 years or older and diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer's. A dedicated caregiver must be available to ensure that the patient takes the medication and to accompany the patient to the physician's office for the six-month duration of the study.

Trials in the Sherbrooke area are being conducted at Hotel-Dieu Hospital. Those interested should call [819] 822-6722.



Collector Plates, including scenes from the Townships, line a wall of the giftshop

Despite the fact that both Henry and Beverly had job opportunities there, the Eastern Townships drew them back to their present business site within a very short time.

Henry Musty bought this seventy-five acre property, situated across from what was then the site of Nick Dean's Barn, in anticipation of the Montreal Exposition of 1967. The land had previously been used for cattle pasture, and required about one hundred and fifty loads of gravel to, literally, make it approachable from the road.

stead has added such features as a mini-golf, swimming pool, mobile home park, and an extension to the original "Mystery Spot."

On April 17, 1982, a huge flood destroyed the A-frame and the gift shop in the basement of the Musty's home. Friends and neighbours were quick to offer assistance. After deciding against relocating themselves in a shopping mall elsewhere, Beverly and Henry decided to build in their present location. They also started selling collectibles, eventually manag-



Henry Musty shows some of the vast collection of paintings

raphers, and landmarks. Among the artistic creators of Eastern Townships Collector Plates, fourteen so far, have been: Gordon Ladd of Brome Lake, Jacques Fugère of Thetford Mines, Dr. Robert Pauletté of Sherbrooke, Barbara Verity of North Hatley,

ing their business and the name "Mystery Spot" throughout Canada and the United States. They have built a unique business that had no equivalent before them. To change the name "Mystery Spot" to a French version is to wipe out that investment.

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Editorial

Something is Wrong about Hydro-Quebec

Do the elected representatives of Quebec rule for the good of all Quebecers or for the good of Hydro-Quebec?

Lise Bacon wonders aloud if the Cree are Quebecers because they object to Hydro's plans to flood the land on which they live. She blames them for New York's renunciation of its contract to buy electricity from Hydro-Quebec.

Governor Cuomo stated quite clearly that a reassessment of the state's needs was the reason for the cancellation. Actually it is more plausible to believe that the recession and the uncertainty over the province's choice in the separation issue had more of a bearing on the cancellation. Perhaps Governor Cuomo and his advisers feel that they will be in a much stronger bargaining position later. This would most definitely be the case if Quebec should separate.

The question is does Hydro-Quebec serve the people of Quebec or does the government of Quebec consider the wishes of Hydro-Quebec before the needs of the people.

Does giving favourable rates to industries at the expense of Quebec taxpayers everywhere help all Quebecers? Now that they are found out, and these industries are facing American duties to offset the subsidy, will Hydro raise the rates for these industries or will the utility users of Quebec continue to pay higher rates than necessary? What will happen to these industries and the jobs they 'create' if the duties cut off their markets? Did Hydro-Quebec or the government, because one must assume that the government knew of the subsidies, given Bacon's bitter attack on those who divulged the secret, consider this possibility? Does this help all Quebecers in the long run or are we stuck with another white elephant of an

industry that cannot stand on its own?

Energy Minister Lise Bacon had previously told us that the Great Whale Project would be built to supply electricity to New York State, now she is telling us that it will be built anyway to supply the projected needs of Quebec. Who determines the projected needs of Quebec? Hydro-Quebec? If this was the original reason for the project, why hide it? What are the projected needs as compared to the capacity? In what areas, of business, and geographically, are the projected needs? Are they being kept a secret? Have you heard of any of them?

It is doubtful that any privately owned business would undertake a project where the proposed income does not pay the cost of carrying the debt necessary to finance it. Why should Hydro-Quebec be allowed to do so?

Why Hydro-Quebec at all? Why not Energie-Quebec? Why does our government, as the sole shareholder of Hydro-Quebec, not change its name and consider the use of all means possible to reduce our need for hydro energy? Why not consider alternatives or boosters such as solar energy? Why doesn't Hydro-Quebec lead the way and set an example in energy saving?

Hydro-Quebec will tell you that they are doing that. The anemic campaign that they ran to encourage people, at the expense of all users, to buy energy-saving shower heads benefited no one but the manufacturers. Two apartment buildings in Lennoxville have been equipped with 5¢ washer-type restrictors for over ten years now. At that time a local store gave them away. Interest was very high and many more buildings are probably similarly equipped. They do the same job. Hydro-Quebec could have mailed out enough for everyone, for the

price of the shower subsidy.

Did those ridiculous cardboard Christmas trees that they mailed out at Christmas save energy? Did anyone use them in place of the real thing and save all the electricity normally used to light a tree? Rather they used energy in their manufacture. Wouldn't it have been better to have given every user a Christmas discount of the price of their tree and the postage to mail it?

Is it really necessary that every sub-station of Hydro-Quebec be totally lit at all times even though no one is working there? How much energy does this use? What purpose can it possibly serve?

Our government has recently granted Hydro-Quebec a 3.5% increase. Given the economic times, this seems hard to justify. Why weren't they told, like other government departments, to cut their costs? Why aren't they subject to the same budget restraints as our schools, municipalities, and hospitals? Perhaps it was because Hydro-Quebec pays dividends to the government. Is this only a hidden tax increase?

Has Hydro-Quebec, protected by a monopoly, and unregulated by our government, become a tail that wags the dog?

Patricia Ball



Dear Editor,

Thanks for your kind comments about my last letter to your editor.

I was fascinated by that article on Megantic - Past and Present. Mainly I suppose because I was the Teaching Principal of the Lake Megantic

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High School in 1928.

I could, if you wished, fill in a number of details about that period.

With Best Wishes for the continued success of your paper.

Carl Mayhew
Ayer's Cliff

Ed. Note: Please do write us a letter about your experiences at Megantic High School. It will be as interesting to our readers as the original story.
PB

Dear Editor,

I found the retired school teacher Mrs. Ethel Sturtevant's comments about moral values very refreshing. I can only add to her knowledgeable comments my own "Amen."

I am originally from Ottawa, Ontario, but I did enjoy

reading "Memory Lane" in the April issue, written by C. Mayhew, Ayer's Cliff, Que.

Enclosed is our two year subscription.

Thank you for a most interesting paper.

Gladys Hubbard
Brome, Que.

Dear Editor,

A short note to let you know that the council is indeed still receiving 7 copies of the Townships Sun. Recently, the council has been cutting back on subscriptions and I wasn't certain whether the Sun was one of them. I was unaware that the papers were a gift (still haven't identified that mystery man at Townshippers Day) but now that I am, on behalf of the council, I certainly thank you for your contribution to a more literate society.

Donna Ross
Yamaska Laubach Society

Dear Editor,

Keep up the good work, especially those articles which recall the history of the towns, villages and rural areas. It is always interesting to read

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Where is West Shefford?

by S. Badger

In an interview with W. L. Matthews, whose book *The Story of West Shefford (Bromont), Quebec 1792-1966, An Anecdotal History*, was of great value to me in writing this article on West Shefford, I got a few things set straight.

First of all, West Shefford, which is situated about one mile north of Brome Mountain on the plain between Brome and Shefford Mountain, was once called Shefford Plain. She told me that West Shefford was a "long slender village" with one main road and a few side roads.

C. M. Day's book, *The History of the Eastern Townships*, says, "It lies on a main branch of the Yamaska River, a few miles below the point where the stream issues from Brome Lake."

West Shefford's first mayor was Dr. J. A. E. Brun. He served from 1889 to 1894. Other mayors to serve were Willard Robinson, Joseph Blais, W. L. Lang, Dr. Larose, J. P. McMahan, and Ernest Sirard. Luc Marchessault was mayor from 1937 to 1963. K. Irwin was mayor from 1963 to 1965. The last mayor of West Shefford was J. M. Potvin who served from 1965 to 1966.

It was J. M. Potvin who advised the council of West Shefford to join the new municipality of Bromont which had been started by the development company of M. Desourdy. Sheffington joined it about five years later.

This change allowed Main Street (West Shefford) to be changed to Shefford Street so the town could be remembered, as seen in the minutes of the Council of West Shefford.

Of course, in many peoples' minds, very fond

memories of West Shefford will live on forever. There are many old homes, which have been renovated in the old West Shefford part of Bromont.

But for now, let us look a little further back ...

From the *Manuscript of the Eastern Townships of Quebec*, by W. E. Foster, we learn that Captain John Savage's grandfather Edward Savage came from Huguenot stock to settle in Northern Ireland, and his other grandfather, Captain Hamilton, served under King William at the Battle of Boyne. This "ancestry accounts for Captain Savage's extreme loyalty to the British in the American Revolution".

W. E. Foster wrote that Captain John Savage, in 1775, was chosen by the Americans to command a company but he refused to sign a paper called the Association. He was charged with being a Tory and "drinking to King George's health", jailed, and released with a five hundred pound bail. In 1776, he was captured again by the rebels and helped to escape by Lieutenant Shark. Captain Savage then headed off to Canada with his men, but had to turn back to command a company under Colonel Tenning. Sent out with dispatches, Savage was caught again. He had already eluded them twice, so he was put in irons and transferred to Hartford, Connecticut. He freed one hand and escaped, but was caught again. This time the noose was around his neck, but "he made a remark that so pleased his captors that they put him in jail instead". He paid for his stay, and when the revolution was over he headed north with his family by way of Lake Cham-

plain.

Captain Savage settled at Caldwell's Manor, not far from Clarenceville near Lake Champlain.

"In 1792 that part of Caldwell's Manor on which Captain Savage's farm was situated was claimed by the Americans ... for refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the American States. On this account he petitioned Alured Clark, Lieutenant Governor of Canada, to grant him the Township of Shefford. This he obtained the same year, as appears by a minute in council, dated August 4, 1792. By it, sixty-four thousand, six hundred acres of land were granted to him and his associates.

In the early winter of 1792, Captain Savage arrived at Shefford Plain with his family. "It is important to note that this winter trip was not the first journey that Captain Savage had made into the area."

C. Thomas, in his *History of Shefford County*, states: "He (Captain Savage) directed his course by means of a compass and was followed by men who cleared away the underwood for the passage of ox sleds which brought his household goods and provisions, and these, in turn were followed by the family."

"In 1792, he took the oath of allegiance to the British Crown and even though he had not yet obtained the township he continued with the survey of it. He continued, also, to present his record of service to the Crown as well as accounts of the losses he had suffered during the American Revolution ...

In 1800, Samuel Gale presented his report and

Savage's petition, in that great city, London. Because of his sincerity and the justice of his cause, John Savage's petition was granted and the Letters Patent for Shefford Township were formally granted on Feb. 10, 1801. John Savage and his thirty-eight associates, among them, his son John and three of his sons-in-law, were able to divide up the 35,000 acres given to them."

In 1793, the Savages were joined by five new settlers: "John Allen, John Katzbock (Knatchback or Catchpaw), John Savage, Jr., Ezekiel Lewis and Elias Bell."

In 1794, eight more settlers came: Abraham Kinneson, Thaddeus Tuttle, Isaac Lawrence, Sr., Isaac Lawrence, Jr., Elijah Lawrence, John Mock, John Mock, Jr., and Joseph Mock. John Mock did not stay at Shefford Plain, but moved to a location about two miles east of Waterloo, where he set up the first grist mill in the County of Shefford in 1795.

Captain Savage had trouble getting the number of settlers required to secure his grant. Some changed their minds, believing that their allegiance to the Crown was not strong enough to support them as they struggled to clear a place in the wilderness.

Others did not feel particularly loyal to the King; they wanted free land. Elijah Lawrence, even though he had served in Washington's bodyguard, obtained a grant, and settled near his brother Samuel.

In a note from W. E. Foster's *Manuscript*, he says, "Some people erroneously state that no bona fide loyalists settled in the Eastern Townships. First, let us know

definitely what constitutes a United Empire Loyalist. By the Order in Council of November 9, 1789, we have a very clear and authoritative definition of a Loyalist. It is not a courtesy title, nor granted by common report. The distinguishing conditions are: first, enrolment as a Colonial soldier in any army during the Revolutionary War, or second, a descendant of such a soldier.

Isaac Lawrence visited West Shefford and chose a lot a year before the family moved up from Vermont. The family brought with them "a yoke of oxen, two cows, a horse, farming tools, and enough money to pay for the trip and live on for a year," states W. L. Lawrence's book. The Lawrences came up by Missisquoi Bay. They camped between Conroy's Mills and West Shefford ("later called Slab City and nowadays named Freightsburg"). When they got to West Shefford, the family was housed by the Towner family. For more than a hundred years, the mountain just south of the C.P.R. tracks was called Towner Mountain.

By the summer of 1794, the Lawrences had built a permanent log house. Unfortunately, the snow fell so deep that winter that many settlers' cattle died. At the Lawrences', only the pony survived.

Henry Lawrence could be called the "workhorse" of the family. In November of 1794, he walked to Missisquoi Bay and returned carrying on his back a sack of salt weighing forty-two and a half pounds. The next spring, Henry went down to Fairfield, Vermont to get seed grain. He also bought "four new axes, some neces-

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The Yamaska River divides the newer part of Bromont from the West Shefford part. These are views of the newer part.

Events ... Events ... Events ...

Porcelain on Display

The Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke is displaying porcelain from China and Japan until May 31st. They are from the Edo period in Japan (1616-1868) and from the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) periods in China. This is a travelling exhibition of the Musée des beaux-arts de Montreal. The museum is located at 174 Palais, Sherbrooke. Information: (819) 821-2115.

The Penny Sale

On May 1, the Lennoxville Wing of the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary will again conduct the Penny Sale at St. George's Church on Queen Street in Lennoxville, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be a bake table, in addition to the high expectations of winning one of those lovely prizes by placing the right ticket in the can.

This is the main fundraiser for the forty-year old organization, whose main objective is to create awareness of the needs of the hospital. The Auxiliary provides volunteers at the hospital, as well as meeting certain financial needs.

Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary should come along to the Penny Sale and meet the members, as well as joining in the fun.

Martin Exhibition at Brome

There will be an exhibition of paintings by Mary Martin at the Brome County Historical Society Museum in Knowlton from June 27th to July 5th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. This will be the twelfth consecutive year that Martin's paintings have been shown at the museum. About forty-five watercolours and twenty-five oils will be displayed.



Friedman Photographs on Display at Uplands Museum

Art Friedman first developed an interest in photography as a teen-ager. Since 1985 he has been the recipient of awards for both his colour prints and his 35 mm. slides. His prints have been shown in Montreal and the Eastern Townships, and his slides have appeared in International Photo Salons.

In 1983, he contributed to the photographs which illustrate *A Village Cook Book*, edited by Kathrine MacKenzie. In 1987 his black-and-white architectural prints provided the centerpiece for the *Heart of a Village*, an exhibition held at Murray Memorial Hall in Georgeville, which documented five historic buildings in this heritage village.

Notes ... Notes ... Notes ...

ETSB's ETTI —


1992 Recruiting Campaign

On April 15, the Eastern Townships Technical Institute launched a campaign to attract students to programs in the Manufacturing Technologies (Machine Shop or Welding), Photolithography, Secretarial Studies, and Sales and Marketing. An intensive media campaign includes television ads, radio and newspaper

spots, with an emphasis on encouraging francophones to enter the programs. The large component of Co-operative Education, which guarantees work experience, plus the added incentive, for francophones, to learn English as well as develop marketable skills, make the programs of ETTI unique.

The Ministry of Education representatives at the

press conference used the occasion to commend the ETSB as a model for similar programs throughout Quebec. On behalf of the Ministry, Marthe Henripin, presented a monograph, entitled "Business and Education Partnership — A Model for Co-operation between School Boards and their Local Partners", which is based on the ETSB model.



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Canada Post Corporation recognized the literacy efforts of Laubach Literacy of Canada (LLC) and its local affiliate, the Yamaska Literacy Council (YLC) at a presentation on March 26, 1992, at LLC's Development Office in Bedford, Quebec.

Canada Post representative, M. Pierre Sauriol, Director of Finance, Montreal Branch, presented Mr. Roy Batstone, LLC President, with a cheque for \$10,000 to sponsor LLC's national newsletter, "Literacy Connections". This newsletter provides an information link between 9,500 trained Laubach volunteer tutors from coast to coast. M. Sauriol also presented Can-

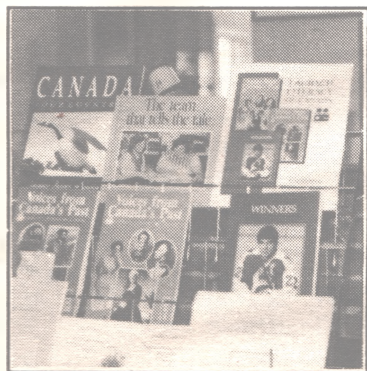


The lithograph presented to the Yamaska Literacy Council depicts a stylized bird made up of words

ada Post's literacy lithograph to the Yamaska Literacy Council.

Laubach Literacy of Canada is a national non-profit organization whose trained volunteers help youth and adults acquire reading, writing, numeracy and other life skills.

For more information about literacy tutoring in the area, contact Donna Ross, Yamaska Literacy Council, 514-263-3775. For information about Laubach's national programs, contact Juel Weideman, Executive Director, LLC, 514-248-3898.



Some of the books available from the Laubach Society which are especially written for beginning readers

Notes ... Notes ... Notes ...

CAA-Quebec serves Legal Notice to Solicitor General of Quebec

The CAA-Quebec has served legal notice to the Solicitor General of Quebec regarding the illegal appropriation by the Government of Quebec of part of the accumulated surplus of the Societe de l'assurance du Quebec (SAAQ).

This action was taken in the interest of Quebec drivers who are hurt by the forced contributions to the Fonds consolidate, which will total more than 1.7 million dollars by 1995. Robert Darbelnet, President of CAA-Quebec, is pleased that the Solicitor General of Quebec is interested in this matter. By providing the legal notice, Mr. Darbelnet hopes to save time and money in deciding this case.

According to the legal advice of CAA-Quebec, the method by which the Government of Quebec forced the SAAQ to defray part of the costs related to road improvement, and ambulance and health service was illegal. The legal technicality used to justify this transfer of funds is the equivalent of an indirect

tax, and thereby unconstitutional.

Adult Education Cuts

The Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards is concerned about the Quebec Government's intention to restrict funding for Adult Education. At a time when thousands of Quebecers are being laid off work and being forced to upgrade their education and seek job retraining, the Quebec Government has placed a ceiling on adult education budgets, which will limit programs and services.

Funds for the Ministry of Education's adult education budget are determined by the Treasury Board, and not necessarily by the Minister of Education. Thanks to the Minister's efforts to convince the Cabinet that elementary and secondary school education must remain a priority, funding for services for elementary and secondary education for 1992-93 has managed to escape the guillotine, according to QAPSB.

Who says Canada is the best country in the world?

The United Nations.



The Human Development Report (1992) is published by the United Nations Development Programme. The Human Development Index (HDI) used in this report is based on an evaluation of the life expectancy, education levels and purchasing power in 160 countries.

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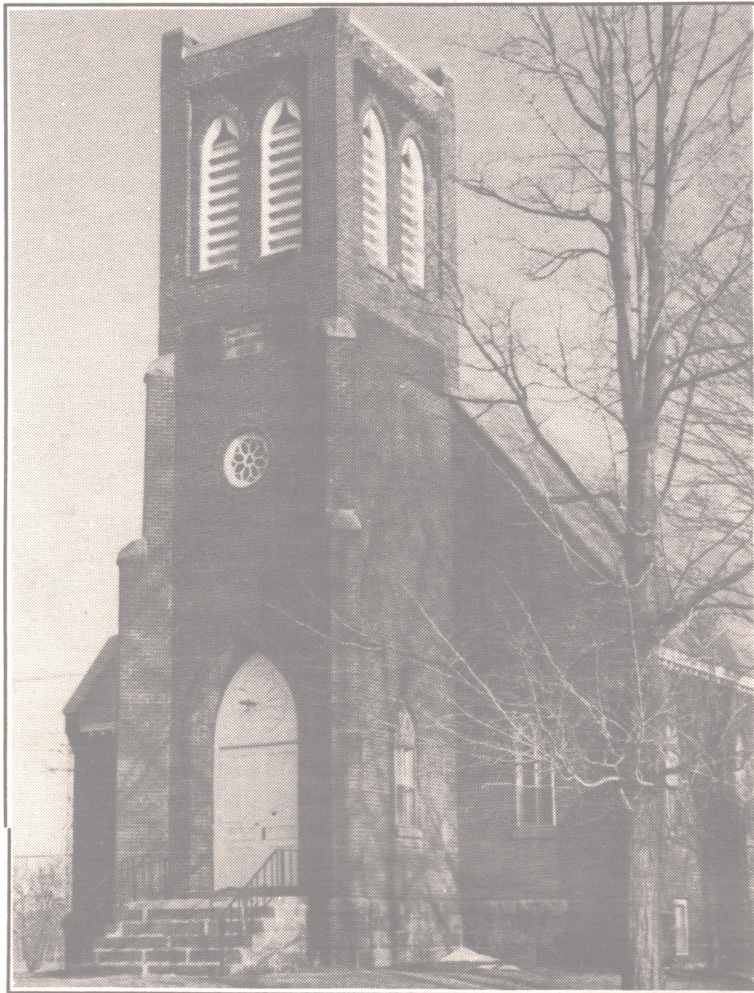
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sary provisions, a quantity of garden seeds and sixty-five dollars in silver", again carrying back forty pounds.

At Conroy's Mills, Henry made an axe handle and hung it. When he reached the Yamaska River it was overflowing, and he had to build a raft. He waited until morning around a hemlock fire, "using the flint, steel and spunk which he always carried in his pocket." The river had receded by morning, but a thin layer of ice covered the river, except over the swift middle current. Henry went in with his raft which was swept downstream. As he went around a bend, he decided to jump into the water that was up to his chin. "Praying to the God that he believed in, struggling in the freezing current, and holding the sack above his head," he made it to shore. His clothes quickly became frozen stiff and he had to keep moving and also find his axe which he had earlier thrown ashore. He slipped down the bank and his knee hit something solid —

his axe. He had no way of stopping the flow. He said, "with my utmost strength, the blood continuing to ooze from the wound and freeze to my clothes, which gave me an unnatural and, I must think, a most revolting appearance. In this miserable plight, I reached West Shefford about 10 o'clock." He went first to his brother Samuel's house, and then to his mother's. Ten days later, however, Henry set



The Anglican Church in the West Shefford section of Bromont

out for another arduous journey, from which he brought back twenty bushels of wheat, some seed corn and a yoke of oxen purchased with some of the silver he had gotten on his previous journey. Henry helped plant the seeds and then, when his pony had recovered, he and his pony travelled to the States for "bread stuff". On his way back, he bought a cow. After that, the family had all the necessities

for good health, including fish from the river, wild game and wild plants and a very productive garden. Thanks to W. L. Matthews' father, Mack Lawrence, and her cousin James' diaries, her book holds all the intricacies of pioneer life in and around West Shefford.

Samuel Lawrence, who came to West Shefford in 1800, built a dam on the Yamaska River "about a mile west of 'the plain' ... and

erected a saw mill, and later added a grist mill. Before that, all grain to be made into flour had to be ground in a 'plumbing mill' (a clumsy affair made by hollowing out a tree stump and pounding the grain in a hole with a stone tied to a sapling) or carried on a man's back through the forest going by the road that now passes through Farnham, Dunham, St. Armand and on to Philipsburg, a distance of 43 miles." Only the strongest and bravest made the trips, facing bugs, animals, snow and flooding. Therefore, the gristmill was first on Samuel's list. He "needed iron castings. It was because of this need that the first wheels came to West Shefford and indeed to the whole Townships." Henry, of course, was chosen to go to Westford, Vermont, to get the castings. "He drove cattle to pay for them, and took a yoke of oxen to draw them home." On the way back, he built a dray. "Eight hundred pounds of iron were bound with heavy chains to the split end of the timber" and dragged through rough forest up to Sheldon, Vermont, where Henry bought a large pair of heavy cart wheels.

When Henry clanged and clammered past Samuel Gale's house at the foot of Gale Mountain, Samuel came running out and called everyone else out, yelling, "Wheels, wheels, here is a load on wheels! More of a sight than to see a coach-and-eight in England." Samuel Lawrence's mills later became Horner's mills, then Rousseau's mills. During Rousseau's time around the 1920s and 30s, a dynamo was installed and electricity was supplied to several barns and houses in the vicinity. Both the mills and the dam are now gone.

In 1804, Captain John Savage was appointed "as the first Justice of the Peace for the Trial of Causes in the Townships of Potton, Bolton, Granby, Shefford and

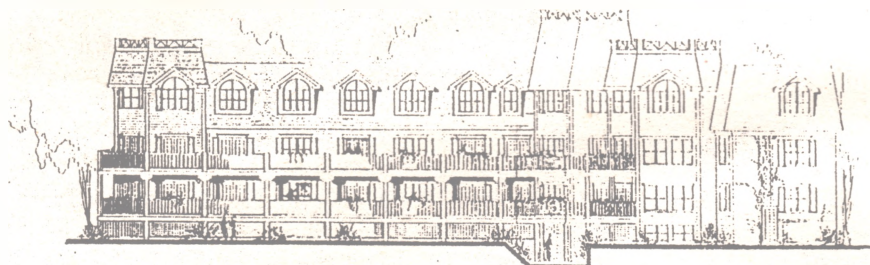
Stukely; he commanded the second Battalion in the Frontier Light Infantry which was attached to the Canadian Voltigeurs in 1813." He also built the first church, St. John's Anglican Church, in 1821 with some of his associates. It was a wooden structure. A second one was built in place of it in 1882. The original iron cross was put on the new church, but is now placed in the graveyard.

The parish of St. Francois-Xavier was built in 1858, but had to be enlarged, so a second church was built onto the existing one in 1866. As Mack Lawrence wrote in his diary on November 12, 1889, "Corner stone for new R. C. church was laid by Bishop today." The church still stands, writes W. L. Matthews. The Methodist congregation flocked to the Old School, or Temperance Hall. In 1916, a small church was built, but it closed in the 1940s due to a dwindling congregation. This building is a home now and was once a candy factory, remembers Matthews.

Until the late 1800s, all education in the West Shefford area was under the direction of the Shefford County School Commission, and there were no French schools. French and English children were taught under the same roof, and many folks remember what lasting friendships they did have. The first French school opened in 1899 with Mademoiselle Albina Messier as teacher. It was located on Compton Street which was then called Slaughterhouse Road.

In 1906, the parish priest, Abbe Theodore Barre proposed a school of religion. The Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Hyacinthe sent teachers down by stagecoach. In 1907, Inspector Ruel counted seventy-one students. The structure became too small, so a convent was built west of the

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The old Methodist Church in the West Shefford

The Ride for Canada and the Eastern Townships Bi-Centennial Ride.

by Gladys Mackey Beattie

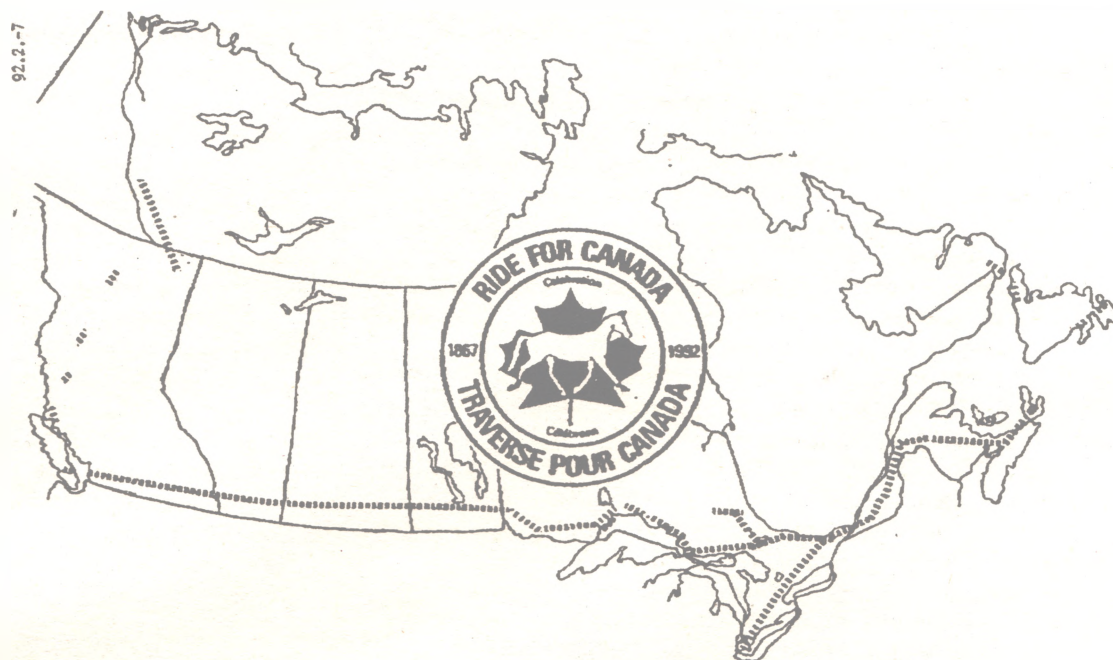
1992 is a special year for horsemen. A cross Canada ride has been in the planning for many years, and this, the 125th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, is the year that equestrians have chosen to ride from coast to coast in a gigantic relay.

Converging on Ottawa on July 1st, the ride will be completed in exactly 125 days; one day for each year of confederation. Started simultaneously on Feb. 28th in Beaver Creek, Yukon, and in Labrador, Newfoundland, horses, sled dogs and snowmobiles began the relay in cold, blustery winter weather. Named, Route 125, the ride will continue south into Newfoundland and into southern British Columbia where riders touched the waters of both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans before heading inland towards the nation's capital city for a presentation of letters and flags to Prime Minister Mulroney and Queen Elizabeth on Parliament Hill.

Communities along the route are organizing parties at the end of each days ride, and

milestone to celebrate. 1992 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Townships and horsemen in this area will be celebrating with a pioneer wagon train. Horsedrawn covered wagons, with outriders and accompanied by friendly 'Indians' will be driving into Lennoxville on June 6th to take part in Lennoxville's annual Friendship Day Parade and activities. (Pre-registration required to join the wagon train). All participants in this wagon train will be dressed in suitable old-fashioned clothing and yes, we do need some more Indians! as they were the most numerous residents in those days. Algonquins, Abenewuis, Sokokis and Mohicians were some of the local tribes. Do some research and see what kind of clothing they might have worn! (we know they didn't have horses, but we will make an exception to this).

The wagon train and the relay riders will be carrying mailbags and letters which will later be delivered to Ottawa. Ride participants,



Calendar of Equestrian Events

Sawyerville-Cookshire Area:
Mrs. Gordon French 889-2621

Ayers Cliff-Stanstead Area:
Raymond Belanger 876-2537
Magog: Helen Belliard 843-7893

Knowlton: Gayle Evans 263-9638

Bedford: Sylvia Meyers 368-1691

Hemmingford: Cynthia Bishop 247-3501

Valleyfield: Linda Townsend 764-3589

These people can provide you with more details and the date the relay will be in your area. (All activities will take place between May 16 and June 21 at which time the relay will go on to Ontario.)

May 16

Ride for Canada Relay — Stanstead to Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds and Ayer's Cliff to Magog. Info. [819] 346-5301.

May 17

Ride for Canada Relay — Magog to Knowlton. Info. [819] 843-7893.

May 18

Ride for Canada Relay — Knowlton. Info. [514] 263-9638.

May 23

Eastern Townships Draft Horse Association Annual Spring drive. Info. [819] 889-2621.

May 25

Quebec Morgan Horse Club. Open Horse Show, Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds. Info. [819] 843-5381.

May 24

Quebec Arabian Horse Association youth clinic, initiation to showing. Val du Soleil farm at Val du Lac. Info. [819] 562-6229.

May 31

Quebec Arabian Horse Show — for Arabs and Half-Arabs and Open classes. At Centre Equestre L'Evasion Fleuri mont. Info. [819] 562-7592.

June 6

Friendship Day Lennoxville — Giant Parade at 11:00.m. Lots to see and do all day. Wagon Train to commemorate the Bi-Centennial of the Eastern Townships.

June 7

Massawippi Valley Horsemanship Association Open Horse Show. Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds. Info. [819] 837-2643.

June 13 — 14

Ride for Canada. Ormstown Fair. Info. [514] 247-3501.

June 27 — 28

Coup du Monde Horse Show — Bromont. Come and see a presentation of Arabian Horses during the show.

July 4

Quebec Arabian Horse Show — open — Arab and half Arab classes. Ayer's Cliff. Info. [819] 562-7592.

July 5

Quebec Arabian "Class A" Show — Purebred and Partbred Arabians. Ayer's Cliff. Info. [819] 562-7592.

Aug 1 — 2

American Saddlebred Horse Association Show. Open to all. Ayer's Cliff. Info. [819] 843-5381.

Calendar of Goat Breeders' Events

May 23

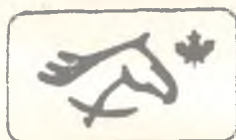
Buck and Open Doe sanctioned Goat Show at Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds. Spectators welcome. Info. [819] 837-2214.

May 27

Eastern Townships Goat Breeders Association Classification meet. Ayer's Cliff Fair Grounds. Info. [819] 837-2214.



Happy 125th Birthday
Canada



a bonfire is being lit symbolizing one candle on Canada's Birthday cake. One of the objectives of the ride is to create an awareness for the need for greenways crossing each province, and people of all ages and walks of life are invited to join in and do a five mile section of the ride, on horseback, on foot, by boat, or even on bicycle. It is hoped that from this activity, a permanent greenway stretching from sea to sea will one day be created which can be shared by all non-motorised activities.

Each day's Route 125 has to be carefully scheduled to meet with the next relay team. Each provinces' riders will meet at provincial borders in official welcoming ceremonies, and the relay will continue with riders from the next province ride for Canada.

Here in the Eastern Townships, we have another

school children and everyone else is invited to write a "letter to Canada" to go into the mailbags. (contact your nearest local co-ordinator regarding pick up for the mailbags. See listing below).

The ride will pass through many communities here in the Townships and many special activities have been planned. Riders (and drivers) will appreciate your support and encouragement and additional participants are welcome.

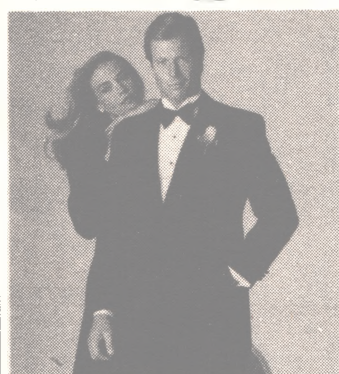
The ride for Canada is sanctioned by the Canadian Equestrian Federation and is being organized solely by volunteers. If you would like to help out or take part in the activities, contact the person named below who lives closest to you.

Co-ordinators.

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Fish an' Things

As youngsters growing up in the Eastern Townships, in a family of fishermen, we ate many perch from the cold waters of Lake Massawippi. As grown-ups who do not fish we have seen very few. We did not realize how much we missed them until we found Wayne's Fisherman's Platter, on Route 105 in Newport, Vermont.

This restaurant has deep-fried perch from Lake Memphremagog on its menu, though they do say that once in a great while they may not be available.

These fish are as delicious as we remembered them. We arrived in a spring blizzard late one afternoon. The restaurant was not busy that early so we asked if the perch could be pan-fried. Yes, they could.

Accompanied by baked potato and green peas with small onions, a salad, rolls, and good, good coffee, it was a very good meal. So good in fact that we went back another time and ordered the same meal. This time they were busy, but they cheerfully pan-fried our perch just the same.

Don't like perch? Try some of the other seafood. We can say it will be perfectly cooked and accompanied by fresh vegetables in different combinations.

Prices are very reasonable and specials are downright cheap. On Tuesdays,

Challenge '92 SEED Option to get \$3 million increase

The Honourable Pierre H. Cadieux, Minister of State for Youth, Fitness and Amateur Sport, today announced that funding for the Challenge '92 SEED option (Summer Employment/Experience Development) will be strengthened by \$3 million. Funding for the remaining four Challenge program options will be kept at last year's levels.

Dixville Home office to move to Lennoxville

Two institutions for the mentally-handicapped — Centre Notre Dame de l'Enfant and the Dixville Home — will conduct their administrative operations under one roof in Lennoxville by next fall. The Dixville Home Foundation has already purchased the property at 1565 Belvedere Street. Residences for clients of the Home are not being moved.

Fried or Broiled Scallops for \$7.75; Wednesdays, Fried or Broiled Haddock; Thursdays, Fried Whole Clams or Fried Lake Perch; all at the same low special price. All prices are, of course, US dollars. A regular menu of complete dinners is also available.

By the way, they mix good drinks, too, and don't mind making minor changes.

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Proposed Child Benefit

The Federal Government's recent budget proposed a new Child Benefit that will increase the amount of benefits paid to low and middle-income families. The majority of single parents and one-earner families will receive more under the new plan.

The proposed plan is simpler than the present plan of Family Allowance, Child Credit, and Refundable Child Tax Credit system. It will replace these three basic allowances with one monthly cheque based on family income rather than individual income.

The Government plans to introduce enabling the proposed benefit to come into effect in January 1993.

CLSCs Celebrate

The first CLSC opened its doors to the public in 1972. The CLSCs are 20 years old and there are 159 throughout Quebec.

On the occasion of International Health Day, April 7th, 15,000 employees celebrated their 20th anniversary and their theme "Votre mieux-être, notre fierté" underlines their profound commitment to serving their fellow citizens.

The Legal Phone Line

The Minister of Justice, Gil Remillard, has announced the official launching of The Legal Phone, a free service of pre-taped legal information, available in English and French.

The information provided will cover legal principles which apply in many situations of every-day life. The caller may listen to one or many of the hundreds of messages, such as Common Law Relationships, Tenant Rights and Duties, Maternity Leave, etcetera. Free from anywhere in Quebec: 1-800-663-6366.

Loon Survey

The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey is looking for observers of loons on lakes across Canada. Any information, including which lakes do not attract loons, is of assistance to the survey. The CLLS hopes to gather information from densely populated southern Quebec, as Quebec has the greatest percentage of highly acid sensitive territory in the country. This study is a project of the Long Point Bird Observatory. Those interested should contact: Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, Long Point Bird Observatory, Box 160, Port Rowan, Ont., NOE 1M0. Call: 519-586-3531.

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How to Treat Steep Garden Slopes

Spring — right now — is the time to be planning your landscape; whether you have an older home where the planting just needs some rejuvenation, or a new home where you must start from scratch. According to the Canadian Garden Council, by making your plans now, you'll beat the rush at garden centres.

One of the difficulties faced by many homeowners — whether it be in an older or a brand new home — is that of a steep slope somewhere on the



lot. Often there is a slope at the end of the property sloping up or down to a road or emergency waterway, or, the slope may be along the side of the property. On older homes such slopes have often been terraced with timbers — either old railway ties, or pressure-treated lumber — and after a decade or more the timbers begin to rot and/or move.

On new home sites such slopes are often just graded and sodded by the developer. The resulting slope is too steep to be cut properly with a lawn mower or is too easily scalped, thus weeds tend to take over and the area has an unkempt look in the growing season.

The timbers of older slopes can be replaced with new material and the slopes of newer homes can be terraced with timbers. This can be a heavy chore for some people and require more help than is available, or the price of labour for such an installation might be prohibitive.

An alternative to this, both at older homes where the original timbers need replacing, and on the slopes of new homes, is to use precast interlocking retaining wall systems. These were first introduced about a decade ago, and allow a natural stone look, in several colours, with the convenience of standard concrete units, which lock together in several patterns, to form a strong wall that will last for decades without deterioration or shifting.

In addition to prefabricated blocks which provide straight walls of 60 cm (2') to 7.5 metres (25') in height, these systems are now available for curved walls, and with special planting boxes that allow a cluster of plants of various types — even evergreens — to be planted on terraced slopes. Most of the prefabricated stones come as two pre-cast stones in one unit which is then easily split apart on site by one hit with a heavy hammer and chisel. The resulting break gives a natural-

stone and their use in retaining walls is that they require no poured concrete foundations. All that is needed is a level 8 cm (3") pad of compacted gravel in a shallow trench for walls up to 1.5 metres (5') high. No other foundation is needed. The freshly cut blocks are laid dry, that is without mortar, one on the other. Depending on the height of the wall, blocks of a greater depth are used at the base. In order to finish off the wall, a coping stone that interlocks with the stones below, runs along the top of either straight or curved walls.

These interlocking pre-cast wall systems are not only well suited to gardens with awkward slopes, but also for creating planting beds.

While interlocking wall systems are ideally suited to do-it-yourself homeowners, most landscape contractors will contract to build what is needed. Because of the simplicity of the system, the labour is not too substantial, so the added cost is not too great. Be sure to investigate all of the various systems available.

stone-outcropping look to the easily handled precast concrete unit.

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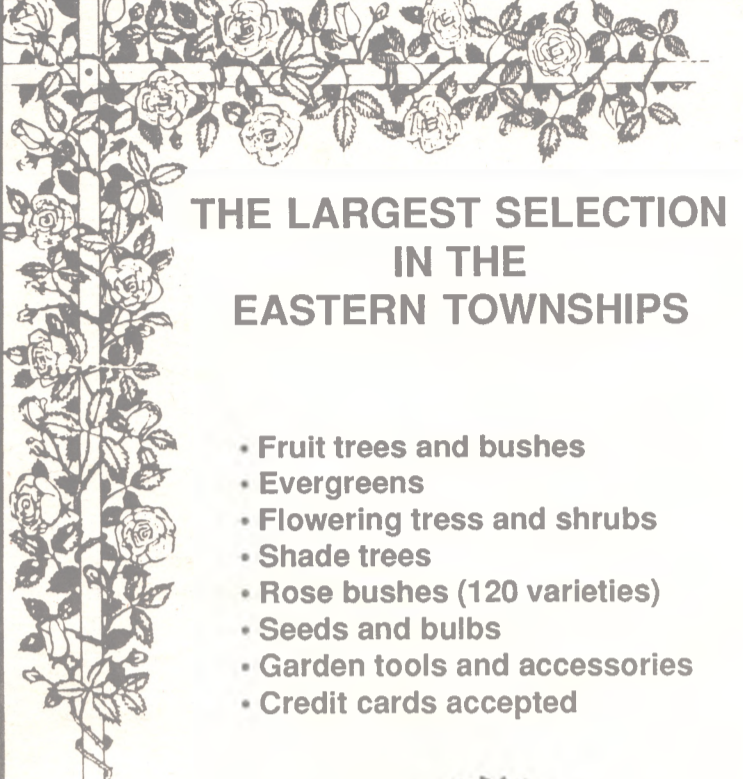
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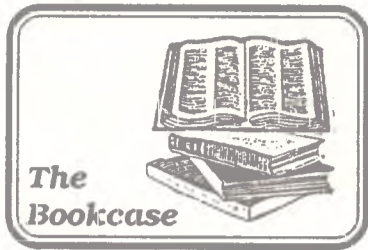
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by Kathleen Hanna

So often a book dealing with a personal endeavour can be clinical, the author trying to get the message across as the primary purpose for the book. The result is a book with a limited audience. This is not the case with Madelene Allen's book *Reunion, the Search for My Birth Family*.

Madelene Allen has managed splendidly the very difficult task of writing an entertaining book which deals with the very serious subject of the bureaucratic and personal nightmares faced by anyone trying to find their birth families.

The book very quickly absorbs you, even if you cannot personally identify with the trauma of growing up adopted. How it must feel to look at yourself in the mirror and wonder who is staring back. The struggles of one person to identify that person in the mirror; the roadblocks to information we all take for granted; the phone call that will finally put an end to the mystery and open another chapter are sensitively written and convey the emotions

openly to the reader.

There is something to be learned from this book for those who need guidance in starting their search and a personal letter from the author at the end. It is also a story of caring and family love that anyone can appreciate.

I imagine it must be very difficult to write such a personal account of one's life but also very cathartic. We not only can learn from this book but, more important for wider audience appeal, can also enjoy a good read.

Your copy can be obtained from Uplands Museum, Lennoxville or from W. H. Smith Bookstore in Carrefour, the Book Nook, in Sutton, or Bishop's Bookstore in Lennoxville



by Kathleen Hanna

Once in a while a film will come along that manages to follow the standard format for a Hollywood suspense film but surpasses all expectations with both extraordinary performances and directing.

That film, for me, is "Dead Again" recently released on video. As a rule it is not my practice to review recent releases, but then every rule has its exceptions and this is an exceptional film.

"Dead Again" is the brainchild of Kenneth Branagh who directed and stars along with Emma Thompson, Derek Jacobi, Andie Garcia and Robin Williams (in an uncredited performance). A murder was committed in Los Angeles in the late 40's. A prominent conductor, Roman Strauss, is executed for murdering his wife Margaret, a concert pianist, with a pair of scissors plunged into her throat.

The movie opens with the scene in Roman Strauss' cell as he is being prepared for execution. He is having his hair cut. The reporter following the case is allowed a few minutes with the murderer and asks him for the truth, did he kill his wife? After whispering the answer Roman is led down the corridor. The scissors are discovered to be missing. Roman has them up his sleeve and as he approaches a female reporter he raises them in an attempt to stab her, suddenly a woman is screaming, we are now in the present.

The woman screaming is an amnesiac victim who cannot speak, except when she awakens screaming from a reoccurring nightmare. She has found her way to a convent. The pastor refuses to let her stay another night. He calls a former student, private eye Mike Church, to escort her to the psychiatric ward of the hospital. Mike has also been asked to see what he can find out about the woman's identity. He takes her to a friend who works at the local newspaper and has her picture run in the next edition.

Under the circumstances, Mike feels it better if she stays at his place. Soon the telephone is ringing with all manner of crank calls. Unexpectedly a man shows up and proceeds to put the woman into an hypnotic trance. The results are en-

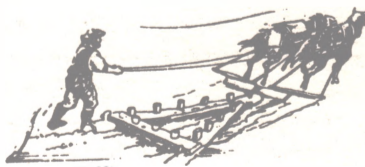
by Audrey Martin McCaw

The Loyalists of the Eastern Townships of Quebec published 1984 by Sir John Johnson Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association, reprinted 1992 by Mika Publishing Co., Belleville, Ontario. 210 pp. and Index

Good news for those who have been hoping for a repeat of this book which was sold out quickly after its publication in 1984. To help celebrate the 200th birthday of the founding of the Eastern Townships, originally settled by Loyalists and others loyal to the British cause after the American Revolution, this invaluable research tool will be available again in mid-May. An Index has been added to the new edition.

The book, carefully edited and documented, tells the story of the original settlement at Missisquoi Bay and the struggle of the disbanded soldiers during the long years of petitioning for land rights, as well as how they spread out to open up other parts of the Townships. Included are Muster Rolls of Loyalist regiments, confiscation lists for Vermont and New York, lists of petitioners and disbanded troops, photos and guidance on researching our ancestors. There are short biographies of many Loyalist founding fathers who, with their descendants, have left an indelible mark on our Townships, such as Colonel Henry Ruiter, founder of Potton Township, Captain John Savage, founder of Shefford Township and Gilbert Hyatt of Sherbrooke.

The price of the book is \$25.00 plus 7% GST, and it may be obtained from the Brome County Historical Society, Box 690, Knowlton, QC JOE 1V0; or from the Missisquoi Historical Society, Box 186, Stanbridge East, QC JOJ 2H0; or direct from the printer, Mika Publishing Co., Box 536, Belleville, ON K8N 5B2. Postage is included in the price.



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couraging and another session is scheduled at the antique shop owned by the man, Frank.

During the session the woman is told to distance herself from what she sees. She proceeds to describe events that took place in the 1940's and relate directly to the Roman and Margaret Strauss affair. Mike is skeptical, but when Frank produces a magazine with the story he does not know what to believe. But the woman, whom Mike calls Grace, now has a voice, although still no memory.

I must proceed no further with my description for fear of giving away too much of the plot. There is much intrigue and enough twists and turns to keep the most ardent mystery fan on the edge of their chair. What I can describe for you is the look of the film.

The sequences with Roman and Margaret Strauss, also played by Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson, are filmed in black and white. The contrast with the colour film for the present works very well. Branagh's use of shadow and angles in the 40's section are dramatic and visually striking. His sense of humour in the present lightens the mood and prepares you for the next shocking revelation.

There is not a thing wrong with this film, no wasted moments. I would suggest, however, that a second or even third viewing of this film to answer any and all questions. This fact, in my opinion, is the true test for a great movie, you can sit through subsequent viewings and still find something new and fresh. Very highly recommended.

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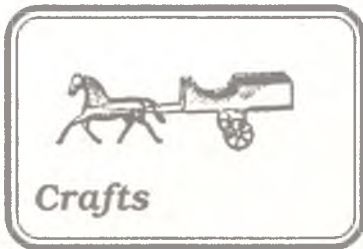
'Wood and Stuff'

To the Editor:

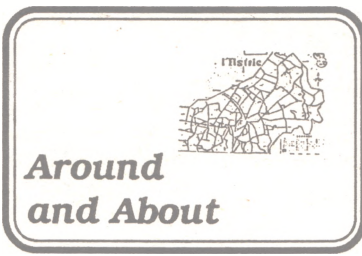
I am answering your article relating to Alan Webb's letter about artisans.

So we have survived another winter. It is that time of the year again. Time for the craft shows to start. Time to be with those special folks. Time to travel a little, perhaps going your way.

We call our craft "Wood and Stuff." I enjoy woodworking and my wife could paint all day long. So we combined our interests and we work as a team. I make different things out of pine, such as: foot stool, lap desk, tissue box, and many more. My wife hand



Stoker Spring Arts Festival
Bishop's College School celebrated spring again this year with the Stoker Spring Arts Festival, a joyous presentation of the arts from painting and sculpture to dance and music, by both professional and amateur artists. The festival was held on April 25 and 26 this year.



tional Tour to create greater awareness of the presence and aims of *The Townships Sun*.

Betty Greer, Chairman and Publisher, spoke at a meeting of the Lennoxville Wing of the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, which met at the home of Lisa Johnson in Lennoxville. The members present were reminded of the beginnings of the paper, and the present aims and interests. Copies of early issues of the *Sun*, as well as the most recent, were circulated. Since the paper is non-profit, the contributions of readers and subscribers, as well as the Board members, are much appreciated.

The Promotional Tour continues. Look for us in your community!

Canadian Club hears talk on Medicare

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley met on March 2 at the Chateau Bromont.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Oh Canada". Copies of the letter titled "Proud to be a Canadian" were distributed. This letter recognizes the positive aspects of living with two cultures in Quebec, and reaffirming the need for a strong, unified

country.

Dr. John Burgess, guest speaker, was introduced by Dr. Stewart Reid. Dr. Burgess has been a Professor of Medicine at McGill University since 1975. He is presently Chief of Cardiology at the Montreal General Hospital and the President of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

According to Dr. Burgess, who spoke on the topic, "Quebec Medicare, Can We Afford It?", the people of Quebec must find a way to afford the best health care possible for all residents.

In 1960, the Government of Quebec passed the Hospital Insurance Act, and in 1965 the Medical Care Act was passed by the Federal Government. This was meant to ensure health care which was equitable, portable and universal.

Today, Quebec is recognized as having the best health care system in the world.

With new breakthroughs in medical technology, and a longer life span, the cost of medical care is rising. At the same time, Federal funds are dwindling. Dr. Burgess stressed the importance of finding new ways of funding Medicare without compromising the service to all Quebecers.

Dr. Burgess was thanked for his informative talk by Josee Magnee.



The Brodies' display table at Knowlton, 1987

past.

We show and sell our "Wood and Stuff" at craft shows and country fairs all over. So if we go your way, come browsing through. We hope you will enjoy it. We will be looking for you.

Harry and Suzanne Brodie.

The Brodies can be reached at 199 Main, East Farnham, Quebec JOE 1N0 [514] 263-4727.

This year, with the title "Art Quebec: hier a demain", the focus was Quebec culture. The centrepiece of the festival was a loan exhibition co-ordinated by Sarah Ivory of Montreal's McCord Museum. Paintings by traditional and contemporary Quebec artists including J. P. Riopelle, Kathleen Morris, John Lyman and R. W. Pilot, sculpture by Patrick Amiot, photography by Anne-Marie Zeppetelli, folk art by Raymond Boudreault, decorative art by Eva Ferenczy Reichmann, Lucy Doheny and Laura Kauffman, and native art by Mohawk sculptors Steve McComber and Salli Benedict were among the pieces included in the loan exhibition.

Of special interest to Townshippers were works by the Sherbrooke Aquarelle Society and other local artists including Ofrah Benazon, Ann Bilodeau, Christine Carriere, Linda Hacche, Don McKinley, Jocelyn Shaw and Almut Thouin.

In addition, entries to the National Independent School Art Contest and the Local Elementary School Art Contest were on display. Music and dance presentations were performed by B. C.S. students and Townships musicians throughout the Festival.

Second Stop on the Sun's Promotional Tour

On April 15, we made our second stop on the Promo-

Craft shows:

- May 17 — Stanstead Steam Meet;
- June 20 — Owl's Head;
- Jul 25- 26 — North Hatley;
- Sep 19 — Richmond;
- Oct 17 — Sawyerville.

paints everything. We try to make most things useful, but some are decorative, for that special look in the home.

The "Stuff" stands for milk cans, kerosene cans, sap buckets, etc. First we make it rustproof. Then my wife paints country scenes and animals on the tin.

There is a good variety of new items this year. As you can imagine we worked all winter. When we are not doing craft, we are looking for new ideas. Sometimes the secret of creating something lies in the



Harry and Suzanne Brodie's display at the Richmond Craft Show, 1991

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Another story "letter"

Dear Editor,

I previously wrote a short note about my Dad having worked on the Bank called Molson's, now Bank of Montreal. You published it, but failed to say it was in Cowansville.

Now this is something different. I thought it might be of interest.

My fiance and I wished to get married, but it was depression time, much like now, only worse.

He was laid off from work at Dominion Oilcloth in Montreal and had a few savings, so

bought a run-down farm and stayed alone for six months. This was in Adamsville. Then we got married in 1935 and eked out a meager living, or existed, for five years.

While there, we had a little son born in the Sweetsburg Hospital.

The War broke out, and jobs were being had, so we locked up and came back to Montreal and stayed with my folks for a while. He got his old job back, and after a while we

rented a flat 'til we could get our place, which he built himself with the help and

advice from my father. He did all the work but electricity, plumbing, and tarring and gravelling the roof. He had no holidays, worked Saturdays and evenings on the house. He only worked one Sunday, and that was to finish the roof for the roofers on the Monday. He was three years at it. During this time, we again stayed with my folks. We moved in with lots to do inside, but outside was finished.

Later, we sold the farm. When our son was a teenager, he bought a piece of the land back, and an old house and

had it moved; and we camped there for many years.

Later, he sold that and bought a property in Stanbridge East, with more land and a bigger and better house, suitable for all for holidays any time of year.

Mrs. Grace Haydock
Montreal



Letters

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such names as Lowry, French, Hurd, etc. from around Sawyerville where I spent several summers in the 1930s visiting my grandparents, Samuel and Anne Jane Marshall, and my uncle Rex Marshall and Aunt Belle. I remember those days most fondly and your paper always brings them back to mind.

Charles Petch
Hemmingford

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Alexander Galt Switzerland Trip, I would like to thank you for donating a year's subscription to The Townships Sun for our raffle.

It is only through the support of organizations such as The Sun that our raffle was a successful fundraiser. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated.

Nancy Beattie

Dear Editor,

As a concerned citizen of Canada, I have addressed this letter to your newspaper in the hope that I can send a message to all your readers. I would like, particularly, to address the senior citizens among your readers.

I am a senior, retired from the teaching profession, and living in the small Ontario City of Brantford. My wife and I have four grandchildren, two in British Columbia, and two here in Brantford.

We feel that Canada is the most secure and socially responsible country on this planet. We sincerely hope that our children, and their children, will be able to live their lives in the security of a United Canada.

We feel that Quebec, and the people of Quebec, form an integral part of Canada. In our opinion, it would be most unfortunate if, for any reason, this great country should be divided. We think we all would lose in the long run.

George Pew
Brantford, Ontario

Dear Editor,

You bring back a lot of memories. After 22 years away we still call home Sherbrooke & Lennoxville.

May you publish for many years to come.

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Good Eating — Good for You

Recipes chosen by Marion Greenlay

Fruit desserts, high energy noodles and full of fibre scones are the recipes for this month. Serve these hearty scones warm and they'll melt in your mouth. They're great for breakfasts on the run, afternoon tea or to complete soup or salad meals. Because the recipe combines rolled oats and wheat bran, these scones contribute both soluble and insoluble fibre to your diet. The fruit flan is an ideal choice for cutting back on the amount of sugar in dessert, while the Deluxe Strawberry Pavlova is just sinfully delicious. The fettucine Alfredo, with meat and vegetable is almost a complete meal. Serve it with one of the desserts and the scones.



Deluxe Strawberry Pavlova

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|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| 4 | | eggs, separated |
| 1 tsp | 5 mL | vanilla |
| 1/4 tsp | 1 mL | cream of tartar |
| 1/4 tsp | 1 mL | salt |
| 1 1/3 cup | 325 mL | sugar |
| 1/3 cup | 75 mL | lemon juice |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | whipping cream |
| 4 cups | 1 L | sliced strawberries |

Line cookie sheet with foil. Draw a 9-inch (23 cm) circle. In large bowl, beat egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar and salt at high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in 1 cup (250 mL) sugar, 2 Tbsp (25 mL) at a time, beating well after each addition; continue beating until stiff, glossy peaks form.

Spoon onto prepared cookie sheet, shaping it within the circle and mounding higher around the edge. Bake in a 250° F (120° C) oven for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours until crisp on the outside and firm to the touch. Turn off heat and allow to cool in oven with oven door propped open.

Meanwhile, in heavy saucepan, whisk together egg yolks, remaining 1/3 cup (75 mL) sugar and lemon juice. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 5 to 6 minutes until thickened and smooth. Cover surface directly with plastic wrap; cool.

Whip cream until stiff; fold in cooled lemon mixture. Just before serving, spread whipped cream mixture over meringue. Serve with strawberries. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: Meringue shell can be made ahead and stored in cook, airtight container for several days.

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency

Fettucine Alfredo with Ham and Peas

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| 3 ozs | 250 g | fettucine noodles |
| 1 Tbsp | 15 mL | vegetable oil |
| 1 can | 385 mL | Carnation 2% Evaporated Partly Skimmed Milk |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | grated Parmesan cheese |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | slivered cooked ham |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | frozen peas, thawed |
| 1 tsp | 5 mL | dried basil leaves, crushed |
| 1 tsp | 5 mL | garlic powder |
| | | Salt and pepper |
| | | Additional Parmesan cheese |

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; immediately return pasta to saucepan, add oil and toss lightly, add evaporated milk, Parmesan cheese, ham, peas, basil and garlic powder. Cook and stir over medium heat until sauce comes to a boil and thickens. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese. Makes 3 to 4 servings.



FETTUCINE ALFREDO WITH HAM AND PEAS

Carnation

Bran 'n Oat Scones

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|---------|--------|---------------------------|
| 1 cup | 250 mL | Nabisco 100% Bran Cereal |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | quick-cooking rolled oats |
| 1/2 cup | 125 mL | raisins |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | plain yogurt |
| 1 cup | 250 mL | all purpose flour |
| 1/4 cup | 50 mL | granulated sugar |
| 1 Tbsp | 15 mL | Magic Baking Powder |
| 1 tsp | 5 mL | baking soda |
| 1/2 tsp | 2.5 mL | salt |
| 1/2 tsp | 2.5 mL | ground cinnamon |
| 1/4 tsp | 1 mL | ground nutmeg |
| 1/3 cup | 75 mL | butter or margarine |

Topping:

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|---------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1/4 cup | 50 mL | Nabisco 100% Bran Cereal |
| 2 Tbsp | 30 mL | milk |

Combine cereal, oats, raisins and yogurt; let stand to soften. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add cereal mixture and stir just until moistened. Turn out onto floured board and knead ten times or until smooth. Place on greased baking sheet and flatten to 9-inch circle. Score surface into 12 wedges. Combine topping ingredients, spoon evenly over surface. Bake at 425° F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden. Serve warm or cooled, cut into wedges.

Makes 12 scones. Per scone: about 177 calories, 4.4 g protein, 6.1 g fat, 29.3 g carbohydrate, 3.7 g dietary fibre. Good source of thiamine.

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Fruit Flan

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1 cup | 250 mL |
| whole wheat flour | |
| 1/4 cup | 50 mL |
| cornstarch | |
| 1/4 cup | 50 mL |
| bulk sweetener | |
| 1/3 cup | 75 mL |
| margarine | |
| 2 | 2 |
| egg whites | |
| 1 cup | 250 mL |
| cream cheese | |
| 1 tsp | 5 mL |
| almond extract | |
| 2 cups | 500 mL |
| sliced fresh fruits | |

In a medium mixing bowl, combine flour, cornstarch and sweetener. Cut in margarine with two knives or pastry blender. Stir in egg whites and work to form dough into ball. Spread dough out onto a 25 cm (10 in.) glass serving plate. Bake dough at High for 4 to 5 minutes in your microwave. Combine cream cheese and almond extract in a small bowl. Spread mixture onto crust. Top with sliced fruits. Refrigerate until serving. Makes 12 servings.

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Events Calendar

May 1992

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Summer

Museum Exhibit "Growing Up In Time" — schooldays of the Victorian era at the Colby-Curtis Museum, 9 Dufferin Rd, Stanstead. Open Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Groups please make reservations. Info: [819] 876-7322

'til May 3

The Montreal Opera presents a festival of Mozart. Così fan tutte at Theatre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts, 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3rd, matinee at 3:00 p.m. Tickets \$19 to \$60.

'til June 28

Exhibit - Je Touche à la Science" at the Leon-Marcotte Exhibition Centre, 222 Frontenac, Sherbrooke. The stars, caves, mushrooms, birds, insects, and amphibians and reptiles are all on display. Info: [819] 563-2050

May 1

Penny Sale for Lennoxville Wing of the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, at St. George's Church, Queen Street, Lennoxville, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m

May 1 — 24

The Horace Galerie presents the art of Marie Cuerrier-Hebert, Room 2, and the photographs of Jean Bedard, Room 1. Vernissage Friday, May 1, at 8:00 p.m.

May 1 — 24

Art Exhibit — Jean Bedard at Galerie Horace, 74 Albert, Sherbrooke. Info: [819] 821-2326

May 1 — 2 — 3

Knowlton Players present "Play it Again, Sam" by Woody Allen. Theatre Lac Brome, Knowlton. May 1 — 2 at 8:30 p.m., May 3 at 2:00 p.m. Reservations [514] 263-1061.

May 2

The Montreal Opera presents Nancy Argenta and Hendrik Bouman performing Mozart, 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$25.

May 2 — 31

Exhibit of Porcelain, Chinese and Japanese, at the Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke. Covers the periods of Edo in Japan and Ming and Qing in China. 174 rue Palais. Open Tuesday to Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

May 2 — 31

Sutton in photographs: yesterday and today. 7 Academy Street, Sutton. Open Thursday, Friday and Sunday — 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday — 10:00 to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

May 3

Poetry Reading at North Hatley Library, 165 Main, North Hatley, at 2:00 p.m. Poetry of Ralph Gustafson read by the poet

May 3

Pancake Brunch, 2 Belvidere Street, Lennoxville. 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Sponsor Union Encampment No. 3 Ladies Auxiliary. Price: \$6, 12 years and under \$3.

May 3

The General Annual Meeting of the Polio Quebec Association will be held at the Montreal Rehabilitation Institute, 6300 Darlington Ave. Montreal. at 1:30 p.m. Info: [514] 364-2106.

May 3

Family Benefit Dance & Jamboree at Salle Burrough's Falls from 1:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. Performing are the Silver Eagles, Mountain Dew and Midnight Desert Bands. Donations will go to "Re-Action Quebec" a group formed to promote a bilingual Quebec

May 4

Richard Beach, Ph.D., "Canadian-U.S. Relations", Yamaska Valley Canadian Club, Le Chateau Bromont, 90 Stanstead, Bromont. Luncheon/Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Reservations: [514] 538-3196 or [514] 538-6952.

May 7

Stop for Pie: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Lennoxville. Pie, Ice cream, Tea or Coffee \$2.00. Also a Food Sale. Sponsored by Myrtle Rebeka Lodge #28

May 8 — 9 — 10

Knowlton Players present "Play it Again, Sam" by Woody Allen. Theatre Lac Brome, Knowlton. May 8 — 9 at 8:30, May 3 2:00 p.m. Reservations: [514] 263-1061.

May 12

The Quebec Family History Society meeting at La Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St. Joseph, Lachine. 7:30p.m. Speaker Margaret Caza will speak on her book "Walk Alone Together".

May 15 — 17

Schumann/Brahms festival at the Old Church, West Brome. Performed by the Townships Chamber Orchestra. May 15 — 16 8:00 p.m., May 17, 3:00 p.m.

May 16 — 17

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Melbourne, Que. invites you to their 150th anniversary celebrations.

May 16

"Spring Fling" dinner/dance at Knowlton Academy, 6:00 p.m. Call for tickets [819] 566-5717 or [514] 263-4422.

May 17

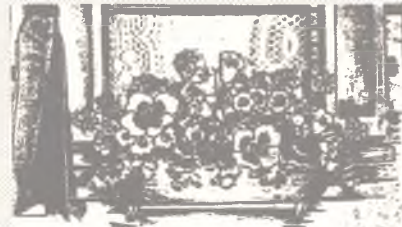
"Fete des Retrouvailles" at the Parish of N.-D. du Rosaire. 50th anniversary. All parishoners and former parishoners are invited. Mass at 10:00 a.m., brunch afterwards. Price \$12. per person. Info: M. Joachim Mercier at [819] 569-6110, Marcel St-Cyr at [819] 569-3920

May 24

La Grande Randonné Cycliste de l'Estrie - starting at Jacques-Cartier Park at 9:00 a.m. Two rides, 15km, and 45 km, Information can be obtained at the Park on May 21, 22, and 23 from noon to 4:00 p.m

May 29 — Jun 21

Art Exhibit — Daniel Dutil and Andre Fournelle at Galerie Horace, 74 Albert, Sherbrooke. Info: [819] 821-2326.



Cut out this calendar and hang it up so you won't miss any of these exciting events.

If you would like your organization's upcoming event included in our calendar, drop us a note before the 15th of the previous month.

Where is West Shefford?

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Bromont ski hill greets visitors coming from Eastern Townships Autoroute

Catholic Church. By 1961, three hundred students attended, and that year they moved to a fine new building on Compton Street. In 1972, the Sisters of St. Joseph gave up the direction, and Pierre Aubre became director of the Davignon School Commission. The school is now called the Pierre Aubre School.

W. L. Matthews wrote that as girls got smarter and became school teachers, small one-room school houses were set up. "There was a Neil schoolhouse, thought to be on the Towline Road [now Lotbiniere Street] and a Griggs schoolhouse on Griggs' Corner where Jolley Road joins the highway going to Waterloo." Both those buildings are gone, but a very old school house still stands on Gaspé Street, formerly Station Road.

Sheffington, though, had an Academy where Mack Lawrence went to school. Mack also went to school at Rang de la Barbué from 1880 to 1881 to learn French. This on the advice of his uncle, Z. S. Lawrence, who felt it necessary to work with the French.

It was an asset to be able to deal with the community in French, as he worked at his uncle's cheese factory. Uncle Z. won a bronze medal at the Chicago World's Fair in 1892.

The Old School built in 1863 stood on the corner of Shefford and Compton Streets. In 1889, the newly formed West Shefford Council met in the building; by 1915, they met at the St. Joseph's Convent. On the ground floor of the Old School was a hall called "the Union Hall, Town Hall or Temperance Hall". W. L. Matthews attended the school from 1920 to 1927, and was a teacher there from 1934 to 1938 and 1947 to 1952. In 1952, the school was closed, and the students went to Waterloo.

In 1963, the Municipality of West Shefford owned the building, and a decision had to be made as to whether it would be used as a recreation hall or be moved. In 1967, L. Kearns, a local historian, pleaded with Bromont to leave it there. On the building's one hundred and fourth birthday, it was no more. The pine plaque with

"1863" carved into it was stored at the Bromont City Hall.

The first manufactured product out of the area was potash. It was made by boiling ashes from trees to evaporate the lye and reduce the ash to what the settlers called "black salts".

"Settlers also made a little money by selling bark to the tanneries which were built at an early date."

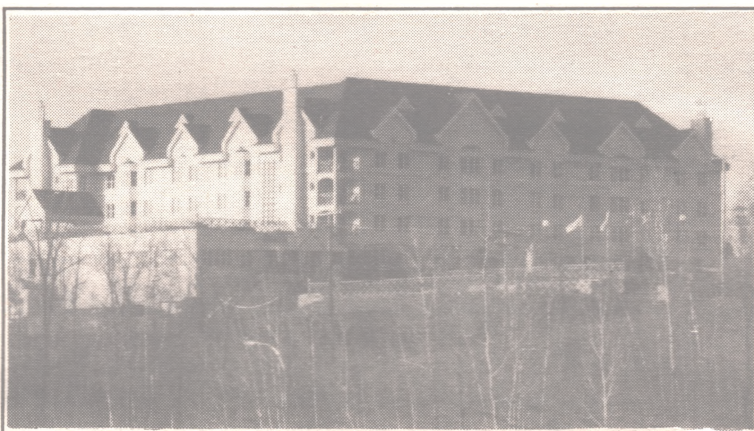
From the *Gazeteer of 1875-76*, we have the following statistics: "village of and station of the Stanstead, Shefford-Chambly railway, population 175". Some of the names and businesses listed are: James Chalmers, storekeeper, William Clark, station

agent, J. H. Earl, Hotel, William Hecton, M.D., Rev. R. D. Mills, Church of England, George Tait, storekeeper and agent of Montreal Telegraph Co.

It is on the line of the C.P.R. Mail daily from West Shefford Station. Population 300." Some of the names are: Boright and Butler, Jas Brun, Joseph Battalon, Capt. R. E. Bell, Miss Butler, Arthur Couture, Oliver Dion, Hayes and Marchessault, D. C. Horner, J. C. Malboeuf, and Frere Vachon, along with many more!

From the minutes of the Council, we learn that a man made 12 cents an hour, 25 cents with one horse and 37 cents with two horses for roadwork.

The coming of the telephone caused quite a stir: "Around 1800, the Miltimore family had a telephone, their central was in Iron Hill."



Bromont Golf Club overlooks the course

Twelve years later in the *Gazeteer* is recorded the following: "A stirring little village in the south part of the Township of Shefford. It has two churches, one hotel, school, two sawmills, one flouring mill, two stores, tinship, carriage shop, two blacksmith shops, and one marble shop.

The first bank, a branch of the Eastern Townships Bank, came to West Shefford in 1903. Grant Forrest, G. C. Boright, P. S. Wood, and F. E. Kerridge were the managers. The Eastern Townships Bank closed in 1912, and the Bank of Commerce opened. Managers were Mr. Kerridge, Mr. Gittens and Armand Lagloire, who held the post until the bank closed in 1936. In 1938, the Banque Canadienne Nationale opened and operated until it too closed in 1979.

In 1989 Bromont, with a population of 5000, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. From a village and a real estate development it has grown to a bustling city. It boasts a solid industrial base, including such names as IBM and Hyundai, making a wide variety of products.

Bromont, though, is probably best known for its ski resort and its recreation and tourist facilities. The ski hill was opened in 1964; again a vision of the Desourdy family. The ski hill is directly in front of anyone entering the city from the Eastern Townships Autoroute. The lights which provide night skiing are plainly seen from that route as one passes. Crosscountry skiing is another sport that attracts many to Bromont. The Bromont Equestrian Centre, used for the 1976 Olympics, is known by horsemen throughout the world. The Bromont golf course is one of the best. Suitable accommodations for tourists abound as do facilities where one can rent any of the equipment needed.

Bromont hosts major events for both skiers and horsepeople. In 1992 it will be the host to some 10,000 campers from thirty-five countries as the International Camping and Caravaning Rally is held there from July 30th to August 9th.

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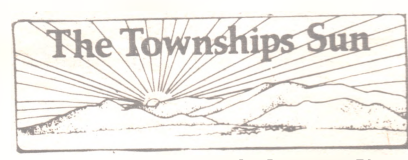
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