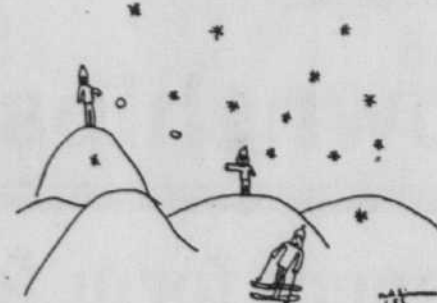


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Reporter distorted facts about Contra links, says MP



"Happy New Year!"

OTTAWA (CP) — Toronto-area Conservative MP Don Blenkarn has sent a letter addressed to all members of Parliament and senators asking that they not speak to a reporter who Blenkarn said had distorted the significance of a dinner he attended with other Tory MPs.

Blenkarn accused Canadian Press reporter Robert Fife of "writing more for the fairy tale market

than for the news market" when he reported that Blenkarn and other Tory MPs had met with the leader of the World Anti-Communist League.

The World Anti-Communist League has links to the anti-government Contra rebels in Nicaragua and the league's leader, retired Gen. John Singlaub, has boasted of raising \$25 million for the Contras.

Blenkarn has admitted meeting

with Singlaub and during at least one conversation with Fife, said he did not support some of the terror tactics used by so-called "freedom fighters" battling Communism around the world but acknowledged he is sympathetic to the Contra cause. "You bet. Sure I am," he said.

Blenkarn alleges in the letter that Fife's story on Dec. 17, co-written by CP reporter Jim Brown,

claimed that the Tory MPs named "are in the business of raising money to promote foreign military causes."

In fact, the story said that Blenkarn, Toronto MP Andrew Witer, Patrick Boyer of Toronto and Alex Kindy of Calgary, "are linked" to an organization that raised money for the Contras.

The story did not allege that Blenkarn or any of the others had

actually raised any money for the Contras or for any other military organization. CP stands by its report.

Blenkarn's letter does not deny links to the World Anti-Communist League or to the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, an associated organization which organized a recent conference in Toronto attended by the Tory MPs, which also featured a dinner they attended.

Some suspects may be set free

Strike threatens 17 murder trials

MONTREAL (CP) — Stalled contract negotiations between the Quebec Justice Department and its 202 Crown prosecutors are threatening 17 murder cases for which trial dates are to be set next Monday.

"If there is no settlement in early January we are going to have big problems here," Montreal Crown supervisor Claude Parent said Tuesday.

Parent, who assigns murder trials to prosecutors, said if none are available to handle the cases, there is a risk some accused will be released from jail on grounds they were denied a speedy trial.

Crown lawyers have refused murder cases since last June to underline their demand for a 30-per-cent wage increases that will give them near parity with their Ontario counterparts.

An Ontario prosecutor with 10 years' experience earns \$57,600 compared with \$41,284 for his Quebec counterpart with similar service.

The prosecutors struck a two-month deal in October permitting Quebec to hire two private practitioners to handle urgent murder cases.

But that deal has expired and won't be renewed unless the government produces serious offers soon, warned Jacques Casgrain, head of the prosecutors' association. He said it was possible talks could resume on Friday for the first time since October.

Among the hearings that could be jeopardized are two trials for five members of the Hell's Angels accused of killing five other gang members.

An English-speaking prosecutor is needed for one of those trials, but the only two anglophone Crown lawyers capable of handling a murder case were among four prosecutors who have resigned over low pay.

The prosecutors are among a dwindling number of public-sector employees still negotiating

contracts. Shortly before Christmas, the government reached tentative agreements with 170,000 unionized workers, mostly in the health-care field, as well as its 38,000 nurses.

Mills will continue to produce less

MONTREAL (CP) — Softwood lumber mills in eastern Canada, forced to absorb a 15-per-cent duty imposed on exports to the United States, likely will extend production cuts into 1987, says the Canadian Lumbermen's Association.

The Ottawa-based association, which represents about 80 softwood lumber producers in eastern Canada, said mill shutdowns and production cuts began almost immediately after the U.S. Commerce Department imposed the duty in mid-October.

The association said mill operators have been unable to pass on the duty to U.S. wholesalers, making continued operation unprofitable.

Talks aimed at ending the bitter lumber dispute between the two countries continued Tuesday as a midnight deadline approached.

The Commerce Department had to make a final ruling by then on whether to uphold, alter or reverse its decision to impose the duty on Canadian softwood lumber shipments exported to the United States, estimated at \$4 billion Cdn last year.

The association said most of the mills affected are in northern Ontario, but it did not specify how many have been closed or the how many workers have been laid off.

An official with the Quebec Lumber Manufacturers' Association said he was unaware of any widespread cuts in mill production in the province.

So far, Donohue Inc. is the only major Quebec producer to announce shutdowns. It blamed the U.S. duty for the closing of all four of its sawmills for two weeks, beginning Dec. 20.

Sixty-five per cent of the province's softwood lumber production is exported to the United States.



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Kids square off for informal winter duel

A solid Little Lake Magog, skates, sticks, kids and lots of winter spirit. That's what went into this fun afternoon scene Tuesday. Of course, as per most informal pond hockey duels, it was hard to tell who was winning the match. No matter, it was great fun.

Airfare should have cost \$1,300; Turk paid \$2,000

By Robert Russo

MONTREAL (CP) — One of hundreds of Turks who have recently flooded into Canada said Tuesday he paid \$2,000 — his entire life's savings — for a one-way trip to Canada.

Speaking through an interpreter, Kazim Ersoy, an unemployed 29-year-old laborer from the northern Turkish province of Denizli, said he gave a travel agent in Turkey about \$1,000 for a one-way ticket to Montreal and another \$1,000 "for taxes and a passport."

A Montreal travel agent estimated the maximum cost for a one-way airline trip from Turkey to Montreal at about \$1,300, including taxes.

"I sold all I had to get the money to come to Canada," said Ersoy, who stood in line with about 30 other Turks waiting outside a Quebec immigration office in the

bleak, warehouse district of Old Montreal.

"It's beautiful here," he said. "In Turkey, I had no job, no life. A friend told me I could have a better life here."

Ersoy's story seems to confirm the suspicions of some immigration officials who believe an immigration racket in Turkey, involving middlemen and travel agents, is responsible for steering refugees towards Canada in exchange for cash payments.

TOLD IT'S EASY

Richard Saint-Louis, program specialist with the Immigration Department's refugee task force in Quebec, said the Turks are often told that they can simply come to Canada and establish themselves once they arrive.

A senior immigration officer has been sent to Turkey to determine whether such a racket exists.

Turks currently do not need a visa to enter Canada but with the growing number of Turks arriving and asking for refugee status, federal Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard said he planned to introduce tougher immigration laws in the new year.

"What I'd like to say to all refugees who are coming to Canada is that this country is always open to the true refugee" Bouchard said in a telephone interview Tuesday from his Roberval, Que., constituency office.

"But at the same time we have to warn all the people who would like to reach our country that we will have to deal more severely with those who are not refugees."

More than 700 Turks arrived in Montreal over a three-day period last week. Paul Simard, director of the foreign selection service with the Quebec Immigration Depart-

ment, said almost 2,000 Turks have arrived in Montreal since June and he expects the trend to continue.

Simard said he expects another 1,600 to 1,800 Turkish arrivals before the end of December, which he calls the department's "busiest" month ever.

Seated in a crowded waiting room decorated with Quebec tourist posters on the walls, Hasan Osman Ojir said he and his wife were also told by their travel agent that a better life awaited them in Canada.

"There is no money in Turkey," he said in broken English. "The economy there is very low. Here it is higher. I want to work. I must work."

But Ojir denied paying the travel agent anything above the cost of a one-way ticket for him and his wife.

Gas prices could start to rise by February

By Tony Van Alphen

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian motorists could be paying an extra two to three cents a litre for gasoline before the end of April as a result of moves by the major petroleum exporters to bolster world prices, industry analysts predict.

In fact, drivers in some parts of the country could start feeling the pinch as early as February, they said Tuesday.

"It's not a price shock, but a gradual increase," said Robert Robinson of the Toronto-based investment house Loewen, Ondaatje, McCutcheon and Co. Ltd.

On the other hand, analysts noted the price increases will be a

welcome boost to Canada's troubled oil industry, although it won't mean an immediate rush to crank up production or exploration.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran told customers in the last few days that new higher contract prices will be in force starting Feb. 1 which could raise crude oil costs by about 20 per cent from the level of recent months. The three members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries account for nearly half of the cartel's oil.

The Soviet Union, a non-OPEC member, has also proposed higher prices and reports indicate Indonesia, an OPEC nation, and non-OPEC Brunei plan modest rises.

The moves follow an OPEC agreement Dec. 20 to cut production to eliminate large surpluses and bolster sagging prices.

OPEC prices are to be aligned using a benchmark of \$18 US a barrel — about \$3 US or 20 per cent above the price in recent months.

However, spot oil prices have already risen in the last month from about \$15 US a barrel to about \$17.60 US this week.

TIMING VARIES

In western Canada, motorists could begin to feel the effects of the Dec. 20 agreement within 30 days whereas it may take 90 days in Ontario, said Robinson. That's because it takes less time for petro-

leum products to reach consumers in some parts of the country than in others.

"We figure it will be two cents more plus another cent for competitive factors," Robinson added.

But market forces may make the pinch — which could work out to as much as \$1.80 more for a 60-litre car tank — less painful, said Denis Mote, an oil analyst with Toronto-based Maison Maison Placements.

Integrated oil companies, which have been earning good profits from their refining and retailing operations, may be afraid of passing on the increases because of the possibility of losing market share, he said.

Canadians want export tax, not penalty duty

WASHINGTON (CP) — Weary Canada-U.S. officials negotiated feverishly against a midnight deadline Tuesday to head off a U.S. trade ruling that could be a major blow to Canada's multibillion dollar lumber exports to the United States.

A verdict on a negotiated settlement hinged on the reaction of the U.S. lumber industry to a last-ditch proposal by government negotiators from each country reached during more than 24 hours of almost non-stop bargaining.

The proposal focused on the latest version of a Canadian offer to impose an export tax of 15 per cent on softwood lumber ship-

ments to the United States in exchange for the U.S. lumber industry withdrawing its petition to have a U.S. penalty duty imposed on the imports.

U.S. government negotiators put the proposal to the industry, represented by the U.S. Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports, late Tuesday while the Canadian team huddled in a separate building for word on whether they had a deal.

Hours before what many officials hoped would be the final exchange, U.S. and Canadian lumber industry representatives said it was tough and go as to whether a settlement could be reached.

The Townships

Townshippers form foundation to raise money outside government

'We needed a separate entity for research' — Goodsell

By Melanie Gruer

SHERBROOKE — Funds collected by a foundation formed by the Townshippers' Association will go right back into the organization, says president Della Goodsell.

According to a press release from the English-speaking people's lobby group, the aim of the Townshippers' Research and Cultural Foundation is the "collection of funds to promote education and research pertaining to the populations of the Townships and their cultures, the preservation of the area's unique heritage and the dissemination of information rele-

vant to these fields."

But in an interview Tuesday, Goodsell said money raised by the foundation will go to projects the Townshippers' Association has contracted to undertake on its own behalf. At this time, she said, the money will not be going to private individuals.

However, Goodsell added that she is not in charge of the foundation and it will be up to the foundation's administrative body to decide whom would be given funds.

'INFORMATION'

Goodsell explained the foundation will "commission research on information" of historic, econo-

mic, social and demographic nature "in order to disseminate information on various regions of the Townships."

The money, she said, would also be used to fund "festivals that celebrate the Townships" such as the group's popular annual Township-pers' Day.

But the money will go to other studies too, including "historical development of the area and social studies in schools over and above what is provided for by the school board(s)," the Townshippers' president said.

Goodsell explained the idea for the foundation came about when

the Townshippers' "were being called upon more and more often to take on activities not of a linguistic nature. We needed a separate entity for research."

NO MONEY

The foundation had to be set up because there is no money for such projects otherwise, she said. "The provincial government does not provide the association with subsidies and the federal grants are strictly for minority language undertakings."

Goodsell explained that there is a need for a larger body, separate from the Townshippers' Association, to undertake the collection of funds. She said the foundation

hopes the majority of the money will come from private individuals but added that it will canvass donations from the corporate sector also.

Ruth Taylor, president of the embryo foundation, refused to comment about the foundation until it is publicly launched January 12 at Bishop's University. She explained the organizing group has only had one meeting so far and she isn't prepared to discuss the foundation's plans.

Marguerite Bladon, named in a communiqué announcing the creation of the foundation, also said she could provide no information about the plan.



Della Goodsell... Money for research and festivals.

Not enough traffic to bother with — railway spokesman

CN, CP railways eye Eastern Townships line cuts to save money

By Melanie Gruer

SHERBROOKE — A Canadian Pacific railway line which stretches from Newport, Vermont to Sherbrooke is among 12,000 miles of track the company proposes to dismantle.

The line, which runs along the eastern shore of Lake Massawippi and through towns such as Ayer's Cliff and Tomifobia, represents 40 miles of the track the company hopes to tear up providing it gets approval from the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC).

Mike Spenard, a public relations spokesman for CP, called the Newport-Sherbrooke line a "non-

economical branch line" that the company just can't afford to keep going.

Earlier this year in October, both CP and Canadian National announced they wanted to dismantle several thousand miles of track across the country.

While CP is considering getting rid of 12,000 miles of unprofitable track across Canada, its Crown-owned competitor Canadian National is looking at dismantling 1,600 miles in Quebec alone within the next 10 years.

WILL TAKE YEARS

But Spenard said the actual closing down of the Newport-

Sherbrooke line could take a number of years. "There are government regulations we have to adhere to and we have to post notices in newspapers for anyone who has a comment to make and we have to have public hearings."

Although the company's services between Newport and Sherbrooke will be cut, Spenard said service along the same line west through the United States will be kept.

"We're going to keep the services in Newport which continue on via Richford (Vermont)," he said.

The Newport-Sherbrooke line, like the other 11,960 miles of track, is unprofitable and it handles a mi-

nimal amount of traffic, the company claims.

But the Newport-Sherbrooke line isn't the only Eastern Townships circuit CP proposes to cut. Three others include the line which originates in Richmond and runs through Danville, Victoriaville, Princeville and Plessville. It ends up in Charny, near Quebec City.

The second line, called the Granby subdivision, begins in Waterloo and continues through Granby, Marieville, Richelieu, and to St. Lambert, on the South Shore at Montreal.

The third line affected runs to Portland, Maine. The line begins in

Island Pond, Vt. and continues to Coaticook and Sherbrooke. The company wants to dismantle the line between Island Pond and Coaticook.

CN wants to cut the track between Waterloo and Richelieu which means the track would then run only from Chambly to St. Lambert.

BALANCE SHEETS

But under the present Canadian Railway Act, adopted in 1967, the rail companies must present their balance sheets to the CTC if they want to abandon any unprofitable lines.

The commission then reviews the case after holding public hea-

tings. It has the power to allow the company to close the lines or can issue an order to maintain them.

But if it orders a line kept operating, the government also has to pay the railway a subsidy to do it.

In an interview with *The Record* earlier this fall, Guy Chartrand, head of Transport 2000, a transportation lobby group, said the companies shouldn't be allowed to make the cuts without public debates. "It seems unimaginable," he said, that the government would accept such a proposal since the cuts would have an "enormous social and economic impact on the Eastern Townships" and industries here would suffer greatly.

Sherbrooke margarine back on Ontario's list of outlaw products

Storekeeper: 'All the bootleggers are licking their lips. They just can't wait'

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — It looks, tastes and spreads like butter — and an Eastern Townships product could become next year's hottest bootleg item in Ontario.

Effective Thursday, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food will ban from the market Quebec-made butter-colored margarine, a product Ontario consumers have been snapping up for more than two years.

Although the sale of margarine resembling butter "has always been illegal," new regulations will crack down on retailers, says Doug Grout, the ministry's head of investigations.

Since the Second World War, the ministry has waged a half-hearted battle against butter substitutes under the Oleomargarine Act, drafted to protect the dairy industry.

Now, those who keep on selling the outlawed spread face fines of up to \$10,000, warns Grout, who insists the law is designed to protect consumers, not butter producers.

But local storeowner Brian Davy, who sells four-kilogram tubs of the illegal margarine for \$8.49 each, doubts more stringent enforcement of the law will stem the flow of the popular product into the province.

SHARPEN APPETITE

"They'll just go back to the old way, semi-trailers coming in and selling bootleg, door to door," says Davy. "There are a lot of consumers who want it."

Sales in Ontario total about six million kilograms each year — less than a quarter of all the margarine sold in the province annually, says Gaston Blanchet, a margarine producer in Sherbrooke.

Blanchet's company is the major

producer of the butter-colored margarine and has been target of most of the complaints the Ontario government has apparently received from dairy manufacturers.

Davy believes banning all but margarine tinges a distinctive orange or yellow will only whet consumers' appetite for the paler product.

"All the bootleggers are licking their lips. They just can't wait," he says. "It's the old story, you make

something illegal, the more people want it."

When the Quebec margarine first became popular in Ontario, provincial inspectors raided and charged several businesses for selling it under the counter.

One Northern Ontario businessman got a six-month jail sentence for his illegal sales — an isolated case under the old regulations, which Grout says made convictions difficult.

With pay freeze, average MP will earn \$75,400

By Kathryn Young

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his 39 cabinet ministers haven't yet decided whether to increase the special salary allowances they get for their extra duties or to continue the freeze they imposed in 1985.

Even if they opt for the freeze, their monthly pay cheques will still rise in 1987 because the basic pay package all MPs and senators receive continues to increase.

Mulroney will earn \$132,755 next year compared to \$131,055 in 1986 and cabinet ministers will collect \$112,930, up from \$111,330 this year, if their special allowances remain the same.

The average backbench MP will receive \$75,400 in 1987 compared to \$73,800 this year — after the \$1,000 pay cut announced by Finance Minister Michael Wilson in his last budget.

Wilson said the 282 MPs and 104 senators would have \$1,000 carved from each of their 1986 salaries as

part of the government's plan to reduce the federal deficit.

But since the legislation wasn't passed until Dec. 19 — the day MPs and senators went home for Christmas — the cut will come out of their 1987 pay.

MPs will likely see the first three of their monthly pay cheques reduced by \$333.33 each to pay off the \$1,000. The cut officially counts on their 1986 salaries but effectively reduces salary increases from now on.

GET ALLOWANCES

All MPs, including Mulroney and cabinet ministers, earn basic salaries of \$56,300 plus tax-free expense allowances based on their riding locations.

MPs from the Northwest Territories will have expense allowances of \$25,200 next year. The figure for those in 23 remote ridings, including Mulroney's sprawling Quebec riding of Manicouagan, will be \$23,500.

MPs in all the other ridings will receive \$19,100 for their expense al-

lowances, although the costs of running their offices, travel to and from their ridings and other perks of the job are paid out of general Commons expenses.

That means ordinary MPs from regular ridings who do not hold party positions will earn basic pay packages of \$75,400 next year, up from \$73,800 in 1986.

MPs holding party positions earn special salary allowances on top of the basic pay package.

Mulroney will earn \$52,955 next year for his extra duties as prime minister, and cabinet ministers an extra \$37,530 if they decide to extend the two-year-old freeze for another year.

In 1985, Mulroney decided to reduce his allowance by 15 per cent and cabinet ministers' allowances by 10 per cent. Cabinet voted to keep the freeze in 1986 but hasn't yet made the decision on 1987 salaries.

If they decide to pay themselves what they are legally entitled to,

Mulroney could collect \$145,200 next year and cabinet ministers could receive \$119,100.

SAVES MONEY

By freezing their salaries for two years, the government has saved taxpayers \$20,390 on Mulroney's pay and \$377,600 on cabinet ministers.

The annual Jan. 1 increase — which is roughly calculated as one percentage point below inflation — is outlined in complicated legislation and has not yet been formally set by the government since it is awaiting final inflation figures for 1986.

However, a Commons employee involved in calculating the pay raises said the increase will almost certainly be 2.25 per cent. Figures given are based on that rate.

Senators will earn \$65,500 next year, up from \$64,100 (including the \$1,000 pay cut) in 1986. They earn the same basic salary as MPs but their expense allowance is smaller — \$9,200 for every senator.

Can school stop student from carrying dagger?

EDMONTON (CP) — Despite a provincial inquiry established to clarify the matter, it's still unclear whether an Edmonton-area school board can forbid a Sikh from wearing a symbolic dagger to high school.

The inquiry, conducted by Edmonton lawyer J.P. Warner, released a report Monday saying there was no evidence that the St. Albert Protestant school board had discriminated against Suneet Singh Tuli by asking him not to wear his symbolic dagger to school.

Tuli, now an engineering student at the University of Alberta, where he wears his dagger, said the decision does not necessarily mean he lost his case.

"I'm not sure that I'm disappointed in the decision," he said Monday. "I still have to read it

through carefully, but I wonder if I did lose."

Tuli had wanted to wear the dagger, called a kirpan, after his baptism into the Sikh religion in April 1985. His kirpan was about 22 centimetres long, with a blunted point and carried in a sheath.

The school board didn't want Tuli to wear the dagger to school but couldn't stop him because of a temporary restraining order issued by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Allan Wachowich.

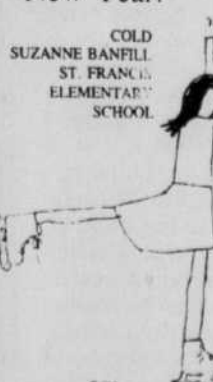
Warner said in his 33-page report the order issued by Wachowich made the whole situation hypothetical so there was no evidence of discrimination.

Warner also found that wearing a kirpan is compulsory for Khalsa (baptized) Sikhs but not for non-Khalsa (non-baptized) Sikhs.

Weather Consumers beware during winter months

Weather

Sunny today with a few cloudy periods. High near —3. Outlook for New Year's Day: Fair. Outlook for Guatemala City: Chili today, hot male. Happy New Year!



By Chris Morris

FREDERICTON (CP) — A word of caution to consumers: beware the ideoes of March and, more particularly, the gloom of February.

Consumer and Corporate Affairs spokesman Jeanie Revell says that's when Canadians are most vulnerable to commercial scams and the glib line of the huckster.

It's during those frigid, snowbound months that Canadian consumers, weakened by the cold and long periods indoors, are most likely to buy the glamor package that's all style and no substance.

Revell, Atlantic regional manager of consumer services, said in an interview Tuesday from Charlottetown she received hundreds of inquiries about questionable offers at the beginning and near the end of 1986, opportunities that just seemed too good to be true.

She said the year began with a flood of calls from people curious about a diamond-ring offer they received in the mail. All the lucky householder had to do was send \$2.95 in shipping and handling charges to the catalogue sales company and he or she would receive "a sensa-

tional prize" of a diamond ring.

People who fell for the deal complained the prize was worse than popcorn boxes. Consumer and Corporate Affairs issued warnings advising consumers the rings were worthless and a far cry from the sensational prize promised.

Revell closed out the year with hundreds of inquiries about an offer that couldn't help but melt the hearts of chilled Maritimers — Chicago-based vacation broker was offering a trip for two to Hawaii for only \$31 return.

FARE INCLUDED

People here in Fredericton, as well as in other Canadian centres, called the broker and happily gave out credit-card numbers to purchase the airline coupons. When they received the coupons, the \$31 airfare was included in hotel fees ranging from \$900 to \$1,800 US a week.

"Because of our climate and our economic problems here in Atlantic Canada, we're very vulnerable to this type of thing," said Revell. "Most people around here just can't afford to go to Hawaii — I don't know if I'll ever get there in my lifetime — and when somebody comes along with something like \$31 tickets to the south, we sit up and listen."

Revell said companies that thrive on

mail order schemes know Atlantic Canadians are more susceptible to their overtures at certain times of the year, and they time their mail-outs accordingly.

She said during the long, dark days of winter people have more time to read and consider the offers, "and more time to dream."

"You'll notice that in the summer, when people are busy doing things, we get very little junk mail. But in the fall they start coming in, large envelopes addressed 'to the householder', and that kind of thing. Well in November, you're not at the beach, you're not gardening, you're not doing all sorts of outdoor things and you sit down, open the envelope and start to consider the offers being made."

Revell said it's encouraging that more people are checking out mail-order offers with Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Better Business Bureaus. She said the cautious approach is probably because people in this financially strapped region don't have extra money to throw around.

On the other hand, she said that also makes Atlantic Canadians particularly susceptible to offers that promise a lot for very little money.

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Police plead for sober drivers on last day of '86

Peace people pray, nurses share 'goodies' on lonely New Year shift

By Philip Authier

SHERBROOKE — People gathered this morning to meditate and pray for world peace, prisoners were shown some humanity, and an area MP says he's ready to learn to ski.

New Year's Eve in the Eastern Townships.

But different people brace themselves for 1987 (the Year of the Hare) in different ways, a quick survey by *The Record* shows.

Early this morning, for example, a band of hearty souls draw together at Plymouth Trinity Church in Sherbrooke to pray for peace. Joining with hundreds of others around the world, the group exchange positive thoughts on the possibility of achieving world peace in 1987.

"The goal here is more to think about what peace could be, to imagine it," Jean Vigneux, president of the Eastern Townships Peace Council, said in an interview Tuesday. "We want to underline this."

For others, the international vigil for peace was to be a solitary affair. Yet the desire is just as potent.

Dr. Louis Veilleux is one of those people who meditate on the question. Veilleux operates Environment Canada's acid rain monitoring station in an isolated area near Sutton, a lonely job that keeps him tied to the forest 365 days a year.

"It will be an ordinary day for me," Veilleux told *The Record*. Ordinary for Veilleux means that immediately after his meditation pe-

riod, he will proceed with the daily examination of the various gadgets used to produce a daily report of the amount of acidity in the precipitation falling to earth, acidity which menaces the Townships' forest 365 days a year.

CUT OFF

There are other lonelier, more patience-taxing jobs in this world, but not many. Veilleux, however, waxes poetic on the fact he and his family are, like lighthouse keepers, cut off from the world on New Year's Eve.

While the masses gather in New York's Times Square to watch the apple plunge, Veilleux will take a special walk through the forest he has devoted so much to saving.

"In 1987 I'll continue looking after it," he muses. "For the last day of 1986, I'll be in the forest. But after that, I'll be waiting for the New Year like everybody else."

LOOK UP, WAY UP

There are other lonely places to check on in this whirlwind Townships tour. How about the Mount Megantic observatory?

Sitting in the observatory with only the stars for company tonight will be one person, a student from the University of Montreal who is replacing the regular custodian for the holiday season.

"It will be a great silence," Denis St-Martin told *The Record* from his post on the windswept peak.

All is not lost though. Television reception at the observatory is apparently second only to the advantages the locale offers for observing the heavens. St-Martin will spend the time watching yet

another installment of the battle for Quebec — the Montreal Canadiens-Quebec Nordiques game.

ON DUTY

There are other people are called on to work at the same time as many people make merry. Yet they seem to be able to find their own ways to whoop it up a little.

Madeline Irving, evening shift supervisor at the Sherbrooke Hospital tonight, said in an interview the nurses like to bring in various Christmas "goodies" to share during their break around midnight. They will also indulge in a New Year's day meal tomorrow.

"It's difficult to work during holiday time because we want to be with our families too," she said. "I worry especially about driving home after midnight."

Quebec Police Force spokesman René Côté said no special activities or extra patrols are planned for the annual party night.

(Côté said New Year's Eve is not much of a problem for police as the days leading up to Christmas, when parties are less structured and celebrants timetables less planned. If the weather is nice, the force expects a quiet night. If it gets stormy, it will be busy. "All we can do is ask people to not mix alcohol and gas," he said.)

BEHIND BARS

While hospitals generally try to send people home for the holidays, there are some places where that happens less often.

The Cowansville Penitentiary and Sherbrooke's Winter Street Jail are two of those places.

While a spokesman for the Co-

wansville institution said most of their holiday partying took place before Christmas and it will be lights out as usual at 11 p.m. in the prison tonight, officials at the Winter Street Jail have some plans to make life a little more bearable.

Sgt. Marc Dumont, a jail supervisor, said prisoners can find New Year's Eve pretty tough, especially if they think of their families. But the personnel does its best to help them pass the time. A special meal is dished out and games are organized.

"That's the only thing we can do," Dumont said. "We can't send them home (although there are exceptions)."

INTERNATIONAL NEW YEAR

Another lonely outpost tonight is the border, where customs officers and immigration men have to keep up their 365 day-a-year, round the clock vigil on the line that politically separates Canada from the south.

Jacques Bonin, a spokesman for the federal department, said nothing formal is organized to celebrate, although it is pretty clear informally a little back clapping and a few handshakes are exchanged when midnight tolls.

One spot that takes place is at the Highwater border crossing, where the head of the American service came over the border Tuesday to wish Réjean Champagne, head of the Canadian operation, a Happy New Year.

Champagne has been with the service for 12 years and has worked more than a few shifts on New Year's Eve.

"I have worked and it's a little melancholy," Champagne said. "But normally the guys are together and talk a little more."

Should you cross the border on New Year's Eve, don't be surprised to be hear a Happy New Year greeting too.

POLITICAL PARTY?

One person who has not been lonely over the last few months is Shefford MP Jean Lapierre.

"Usually we always get together with friends to start the year off on the right foot," Lapierre said.

He, his wife Gaby and their children Marie Anne and Jean Michel will attend a New Year's Eve party in Magog tonight.

Politicians are fond of looking backward and forward at the same time and Lapierre is no exception. (Being able to do both proved particularly useful when he lead the Friends of John Turner to a stunning victory over the dump-Turner contras at the Liberal convention in Ottawa.)

Now the drive is being applied to more practical things. He has caught up on "three briefcases" of mail leftovers from '86 and plans to have a clean desk when he resumes work in 1987.

Lapierre said if he had one regret from 1986 it was not being able to spend more time with his relatives.

"Sometimes you get so busy for time you forget but you need to have a firm footing," he said.

Perhaps that will help him with his other New Year's resolution. Lapierre, who just turned 30, said he has signed up for some skiing



Jean Lapierre... Will concentrate on family, skiing in '87.

lessons. He was born in one of the flattest parts of *La Belle Province* — the sand dunes of the Magdalen Islands.

"I'm ashamed," he said. "I live in the Eastern Townships and I don't know how to ski."

U.S.-Canada lumber war: Damage already done on both sides of the line

'It's a case of demand exceeding production right now' — Vermont dealer

By Melanie Gruer

SHERBROOKE — As Canadian government officials worked late into the night Tuesday to try and stop the 15 per cent export tax on lumber shipped to the United States, Vermont lumber dealer Bob Greenwood was already suffering.

Greenwood is the president of PMI Lumber Transfer, a company whose head office is located in Newport, Vt. and which has a lumber transfer yard in Beebe.

But just because his business is in the transportation of lumber, that does not mean Greenwood is not affected by the tariff and the

production cuts several Eastern Canadian mills have been forced to make.

Greenwood said 99 per cent of the lumber that passes through the Beebe yard comes from Western Canada — western spruce from British Columbia. About 3000 railway cars of the wood is exported by rail to New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania because western spruce is in short supply in the U.S.

RETAIL YARDS

But the Eastern Canadian production cuts will also have an effect on his three retail yards in the U.S. because of the increase in the price of lumber, forced by the U.S.

Commerce Department.

"It's a case of demand exceeding production right now," Greenwood said. "The 15 per cent duty has already raised the prices."

Mill shutdowns and production cuts in Eastern Canadian softwood lumber mills began almost immediately after the U.S. imposed the duty in mid-October. The Canadian Lumbermen's Association said Tuesday that the production cuts will likely be extended into 1987 since mill operation is unprofitable and the mill operators have been unable to pass on the duty to U.S. lumber wholesalers.

"The lumber has a higher price going across the border and we're

losing business to Western U.S. lumber mills," Greenwood said.

TARIFF WORKING

That means the new tariff is working. It was the Western U.S. lumber mills which wanted the tariff imposed on Canadian lumber in the first place. Mills in Montana and Oregon were having trouble keeping their businesses alive because Canadian imports into the U.S. were inexpensive.

The American mills claimed if Canadian lumber was priced higher, they they would be able to charge more too. The duty has saved the Oregon and Montana businesses but it hasn't done much for

operations such as Greenwood's.

"There are usually a lot of layoffs at this time of the year in the lumber business," said Greenwood, who claims he has had to layoff four of his own employees.

"But this year we don't know why we laid them off. Was it because of the price situation? The duty? The mill strikes? The winter? We can't get a good measurement. We won't know how it's affecting us until April," he said.

MILLS WILL DIE

The mills, he said, will die down because of the production cuts and employees will be (and have been) laid off.

Greenwood says he is not sure

what his annual sales amount to, but PMI spends \$2.25 million in Quebec on business needs such as truck drivers, fork lifts, labor, parts and fuel. Seven employees work at the Beebe yard.

Greenwood is strongly opposed to the lumber duty and hopes Canadian and U.S. officials can reach a settlement and remove the 15 per cent duty on lumber imports to the U.S. He has already written to various U.S. senators and the Commerce Department. He supported the Coalition to Stop Unfair Wood Tariffs since the group's beginnings in 1983. The Washington-based coalition is made up of people in the lumber industry.

Sutton man gets holiday bail break

COWANSVILLE (JM) — In spite of the best efforts of an enthusiastic Crown prosecutor, Danny Smith, 20, of Sutton, benefitted from Christmas goodwill on the part of Sessions Court Judge Claude Leveillé on Dec. 23.

Smith pleaded guilty to one count of failure to comply with a condition of a probation order and to obstructing justice in Sutton on Oct. 25, when the Crown called for a bail hearing.

Crown attorney Henry Keyserlingk reminded the court that Smith had been granted bail on Oct. 24, as the court wanted to study his behavior before sentencing on a charge of breaking and entering and theft from Canada Art in Sutton on Jan. 26, 1986.

"You displayed the utmost of clemency when you allowed him his conditional freedom and Smith showed no signs of responsibility," Keyserlingk told the judge. "He was released on strict conditions including the understanding he stay out of bars and refrain from consuming any alcohol. He violated those conditions within 24 hours of obtaining his freedom."

CONDITIONS 'EXTREME'

"Those bail conditions were extreme but they were with the consent of all parties and now he's asking for additional privileges. I feel the bail on the burglary charge

should be revoked," Keyserlingk said.

Smith had been sentenced to two years less one day for a series of burglaries in the Sutton area and was on a one-day pass from the Waterloo Rehabilitation Centre when he pulled the Canada Art caper.

Donald Bissonnette replaced defence lawyer Tom Walsh. He told the court that Smith had a job offer through a person he had met at the Foster Pavilion in St-Phillipe de Laprairie when he underwent a six week drug and alcohol detoxification program.

ONE MORE CHANCE

Bissonnette said Smith deserved one more chance as he had panicked when the police told him of other charges, notably one that he had failed to attend a follow-up seminar at St-Phillipe. "He knew he had attended and ran from the police. On the other hand when he

realized the violation of the other conditions he turned himself in at the Sweetsburg Jail," Bissonnette commented.

Smith, fighting back his emotions, told the court he had gone to see friends he hadn't seen during his 18 months in jail and started drinking. He agreed with Bissonnette's assessment that Sutton was not a good place for him. "I can't get a job there, in fact I can't get a job in the Eastern Townships," Smith explained. "Now I have a chance at a job and I can live with a girl near the restaurant in Longueuil and go to the meetings when required."

"I have a son the same age as you so this will be a Christmas gift," Leveillé ruled. Smith's conditions were amended to allow him to live in either Sutton or Longueuil and Leveillé put off sentencing on all cases to Jan. 16.

Brother charged in beating at Compton family party

SHERBROOKE — A Compton Township man was charged Tuesday with the savage beating of a brother who came home for a Christmas visit last week and ended up with his head caved in.

Police accused Robert Carrier, of Route 206, Compton Station, of aggravated assault on his brother, John, following an argument at a family reunion.

John Carrier, a resident of Scarborough, Ont. but formerly also of Compton Station, north of Coaticook, remains in critical condition in a Sherbrooke hospital following the beating.

Quebec Police Force spokesman René Côté said police believe the pair began drinking at 7 p.m. at a family party which deteriorated into an argument between them.

"At about 1 a.m. the suspect grabbed his brother and threw him outside," Côté said. "Then he beat him up."

Robert's hands were unmarked,

Côté said, leading police to conclude that he had used "a two-by-four, or something like that" to settle the disagreement.

His brother John, 38, had suffered three skull fractures, a broken jaw and "I don't know how many fractured ribs," Côté said.

John Carrier was later found unconscious at the seat of his pickup truck by municipal police in Coaticook. They called in the QPF.

Police took the victim's two young children, who had been visiting with him, to child protection authorities. At home, his wife was contacted by Toronto police and she has come to Coaticook to retrieve them.

Police withheld John Carrier's name until his brother Robert was brought to Sessions Court in Sherbrooke Tuesday and charged with aggravated assault. A policeman said he was "un de nos clients" (one of our customers, or well-known to police).

Townships talk

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Daniel Chamberland, of Quebec City was handed a jail term after he pleaded guilty recently to one count of assault causing bodily harm at the Cowansville Penitentiary last summer.

The Crown then withdrew a second assault charge.

"My client is very frail according to the report prepared by Dr. Jacques Talbot of the Pinel Institute for the Criminally Insane," defence lawyer Daniel Giaré said. "As a paranoid schizophrenic he requires special attention."

Giaré and Crown attorney Henry Keyserlingk urged the court to hand Chamberland a concurrent term, and recommended the court request that he be transferred to the Federal Institution in Donnan where he could receive the required treatment and be closer to his family for support therapy.

Judge Claude Leveillé handed Chamberland three months, concurrent, from Dec. 23, and endorsed the suggestions made by the lawyers.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Pierre Fillion, 24, of Venise, was allowed his provisional freedom following a bail hearing recently, although discussion centred on the armed storekeepers who arrested him.

Fillion is charged with breaking and entering and theft, possession of burglary tools, and breach of a probation order in Notre Dame de Stanbridge on Nov. 13.

Gaetan Gendreau, 35, the co-owner of a grocery store, said he was awakened by the burglar alarm, turned on the intercom and heard a voice in the store when he told his wife to call the QPF and alert his brother.

"I went down and the glass in the door had been broken and I saw somebody stuffing cigarettes in a bag," Gendreau said. "I told him to come out, he did, and my brother arrived. He went into the store to see if there was anybody else when Fillion started running away. I told him to stop and fired two warning

shots from my .45 pistol. My brother came out and we went looking for him. Later I heard a shot and saw Fillion on the steps of the presbiter."

Laurent Gendreau, 44, the other co-owner, testified with the protection of the court. He said this was the third time they had been robbed but the first time they had caught a suspect.

Both men said their sole intent was to hold Fillion until the QPF arrived. Laurent Gendreau said he followed Fillion and had lost him when a neighbor said he was hiding near the church. "I went back, located him, told him to get out and to wait for the police."

"At all times I tried to keep 20 to 25' between us but he came at me making Kung Fu gestures and twice he nearly knocked me over. I had fired four warning shots from my .22 pistol, then fired once hitting him in the thigh," Laurent Gendreau explained. "When he was back at the store he told us he had been shot before and wasn't afraid of guns."

Under questioning by defence lawyer Michel Barabant the Gendreau brothers said they had permits for their restricted weapons, that both did a fair amount of target practice, and repeated their only desire was to hold Fillion until the police arrived. They said the QPF arrived about 10 to 15 minutes after the call and the entire scene lasted about three to four minutes.

Fillion's mother said she would keep her son at home and if he violated any conditions imposed by the court she wouldn't hesitate to alert the authorities. Barabant pointed out his client had told the court he couldn't remain standing for more than one hour at a time and suggested the court could free Fillion on conditions. Judge Claude Leveillé set \$2,000 cash bail, a curfew and other conditions. Barabant elected jury trial and the preliminary hearing was continued, for the form, to Jan. 9.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — The court file on Gilles Touchette was closed when defence lawyer Daniel Giaré produced a copy of his death certificate. Touchette, of l'Assomption, became the object of a bench warrant when he failed to appear for trial on counts of conspiracy, armed robbery, illegal confinement, and greivous assault in Bedford during the summer of 1985.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Alain Boucher, of Cowansville, pleaded guilty to two counts of joy-riding, one of theft of a bicycle, and one of breach of a probation order.

The Crown then withdrew charges of car theft. Boucher was freed pending representations on sentencing which will be heard on Jan. 16.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Allan Schoolcraft has pleaded guilty to a charge of willful property damage in Sutton.

A charge of breaking and entering was withdrawn.

Defence lawyer Donald Bissonnette explained it was a matter of the heart and his client was under the effects of alcohol at the time of the incident in question. Bissonnette suggested Schoolcraft might benefit from an absolute discharge.

Crown attorney Henry Keyserlingk agreed this was one of the very rare cases when damages incurred during a crime had been paid for before the police investigation. He did not contest the demand of the defence.

Judge Leveillé granted Schoolcraft the absolute discharge.

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Louis Turcotte, of Asbestos has pleaded guilty to two counts of indecent assault.

Turcotte was freed on the conditions he follow treatment from Dr. Pierre Gagné, reside in Asbestos, have no contact with his victim, and report to the Asbestos QPF every Tuesday. Sentencing was delayed until April 7.

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Times to take stock

They say this is the time of year that even the coldest of the coldest people in the world actually warm up a little.

The question is, do they have any choice? Everywhere you go the world is seething with good sentiment. Turn on your television and that silly long distance telephone advertisement, you know, the one which features a lonely lighthouse keeper dashing in to answer a call from mum, flashes across the screen.

They aren't as bad as the Christmas long distance ads, however. In those, slippers, ties and bottles of perfume chirp merrily away about how much they miss or need you.

The list goes on. It's enough to turn even the Grinch into Bambi.

But you have to wonder. If people have to go to such lengths to stir emotions and good will, what genuine vestiges of these sentiments remain in the world?

New Year's Eve is the time to think about it. In this space on Christmas Eve, we showed that Christmas in the Townships was alive and well, despite accusations otherwise.

People pitched and gave everything from toys to food to money to the needy. Many others did a friend a favor and drove him home because he had been drinking and wasn't safe to let loose.

This week, local radio station CHLT helped a family that was burnt out at the peak of the holidays get back on its feet. From all over the Townships, people came forward with everything the destitute needed.

So behind the facade of Christmas cheer, people really do have the right spirit running through their veins (and that has nothing to do with eggnog).

These, in fact, are the genuine stirrings of a world at peace with itself. Christmas and New Years just happen to be convenient benchmarks which not only force people to count their blessings but energize them for the awesome task of plodding through another year filled with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

TV and radio advertisements thus do not come along with any measure of serendipity, even though we are pelted by them as if we were all heartless Grinches.

The world is filled with good things and tonight and tomorrow are the official times to take stock.

PHILIP AUTHIER

Grant and Cagney were two greats who died in '86

By Charlotte Porter

The Associated Press

Cary Grant's imperturbable charm. James Cagney's chin-first pugnacity and Benny Goodman's sweet, swinging clarinet were poignant memories as they died in 1986, but memories assured of being recalled again and again.

Astronauts Gregory Jarvis, Ron McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Francis Scobee, Michael Smith and Christa McAuliffe — all killed aboard an exploding U.S. space shuttle — left their mark in a reorganized and more safety-conscious American space program that took shape after the disaster.

Sweden's prime minister, 59-year-old Olof Palme, was gunned down on a snowy sidewalk, horrifying a nation that prided itself on peacefulness. After the death of the Duchess of Windsor, 89, Britons learned new and sometimes unpleasant details about the romance for which King Edward VIII abandoned his throne.

France lost two of its brightest stars one day apart. Jean Genet, the former thief, deserter and prostitute whose plays and poetry made him the darling of the intelligentsia, was 75. Simone de Beauvoir, the author of *The Second Sex* and a philosophical leader of the women's movement, was 78.

Cocaine killed rising U.S. basketball star Len Bias and football pro Don Rogers, sparking a national campaign against drugs.

Cagney, 86, the star of 64 films from *The Public Enemy* to *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *Ragtime*, had been ailing for years.

Grant was just four years younger, but had seemed almost untouched by time until he suffered a massive stroke. He had starred in 72 films, including *The Philadelphia Story*, *Bringing Up Baby* and *North by Northwest*.

Among others who died in 1986:

STAGE, SCREEN

Desi Arnaz, 69, a Cuban bandleader, married Lucille Ball and starred with her in *I Love Lucy*.

Ray Milland, 78, won an Academy Award as the tormented alcoholic of *The Lost Weekend*.

Broderick Crawford, 74, won an Oscar playing the political boss in *All the King's Men* and fame in television's *Highway Patrol*. Sterling Hayden, whose roles included the obsessed Gen. Jack D. Ripper in *Dr. Strangelove*, was 70.

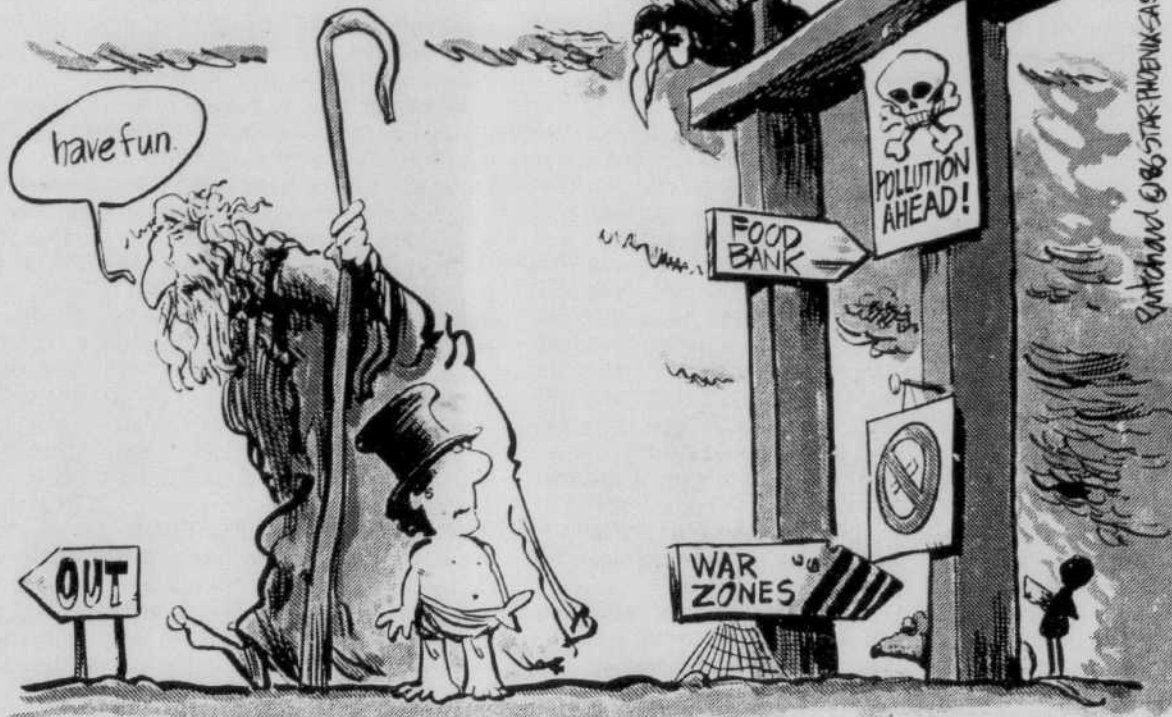
Otto Preminger, 80, directed *Anatomy of a Murder* and *The Man with the Golden Arm*. Vincente Minnelli, 83, directed *Gigi* and *An American in Paris* and was the father of Liza Minnelli.

Lilli Palmer, 71, appeared in more than 50 movies or stage productions, including *The Counterfeit Traitor* and *The Boys from Brazil*.

Gordon MacRae, 64, starred as Curley in *Oklahoma!* Donna Reed, 64, won an Oscar playing a prostitute in *From Here to Eternity* and later played the all-American housewife on *The Donna Reed Show*.

Seafarer Crothers, a jazzman who went on to fame in *The Shiner* and *Chico and the Man*, was 76. Forrest Tucker, 67, was Sgt. O'Rourke of television's *F Troop*.

Herschel Bernardi, 62, Murray Hamilton, 63, and Keenan Wynn, 70, were veteran character actors. Moustachioed comedian Jerry Colonna was 82; comedian Myron Cohen was 83.



Reviewing '86

Epitaph for what was a scary year came in two little words

By Robert Barr
The Associated Press

"Uh-oh."

Those were the last words recorded from the crew of the U.S. space shuttle Challenger. It was 73 seconds into the flight, and pilot Michael Smith had noticed something.

An instant later the rocket blew apart, leaving a jagged "Y" of vapor trails against the deep blue Florida sky.

"Uh-oh."

Perhaps that was the thought, if not the phrase, at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant just before a hydrogen explosion shattered the No. 4 reactor.

Our peril from our own inventions was hauntingly evident in 1986. The dangers had been too often forgotten — shuttle flights had become so routine that U.S. congressmen went along — and the greatest danger proved to be the human factor.

THOUSANDS DIED

Machines weren't the whole story. Thousands died from an earthquake in El Salvador and a poison gas cloud in Cameroon; South Africa was in turmoil as blacks protested, often with fatal results, the government's racial separation policies; hundreds of people around the world were slain by terrorists; and the White House became tangled in a strange plan to ship arms to Iran and money to Nicaraguan rebels.

Two autocrats lost power: Ferdinand Marcos was unseated by the yellow-clad backers of Corason Aquino in the Philippines, and Jean-Claude Duvalier fled from Haiti. Their countries were left to deal with the legacy of misrule.

The defect that killed the seven astronauts aboard Challenger was a seal in the booster rocket that had been troublesome for a long time, especially in cold weather. Challenger was launched after a rare icy night.

That was the last mistake, but the chain of error started in 1973 from the simple impulse to save money, an investigative committee concluded.

TEST FAILED

At Chernobyl, someone had tried an unauthorized experiment: how long would the generator turbine spin after the steam from the reactor was shut off? The answer was 10 seconds. Then all hell broke loose.

"The lesson of Challenger, of Chernobyl and of Three Mile Island is a hard one," NASA administrator James Fletcher reflected. "We are living in an age where the single biggest factor affecting productivity may be our ability to properly manage technical risks."

The management of technical risks was at the core of superpower relations. A summit in Iceland foundered on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's enthusiasm, and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's antipathy, for the technological dream of Star Wars, the

Strategic Defence Initiative.

Gorbachev had offered to remove missiles from Europe and reduce long-range missiles by 50 per cent if Reagan would give on Star Wars. Reagan declined. Whether he muffed a historic opportunity for arms control, or evaded a Soviet trap, was debated intensely afterwards.

RELATIONS BUMPY

Nuclear deterrence held for another year, without accident or incident, but U.S.-Soviet relations were bumpy. Reagan ordered dozens of Soviets out of the United States in a crackdown on espionage, but the arrest of one suspected spy provoked the arrest of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow.

Reagan's biggest disaster had nothing to do with technology, but apparently involved the machinations of underlings.

The U.S. administration which had vowed never to deal with terrorists, the administration that had condemned Iran as a ringleader of an international "Murder Inc.," was caught shipping arms to Tehran as a gesture of good faith to gain freedom for Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

Even more stunning, the profits from the arms sales were going into a Swiss bank account to help finance the Nicaraguan Contras.

"I'm not firing anybody," Reagan said Nov. 24. "I didn't make a mistake."

Reviewing '86

Ontario's year: A fantastic trial, a teenage model, an MD's strike

By Marlene Habib

TORONTO (CP) — A womanizing, millionaire wife-killer and a long-legged teen model shared the headlines with thousands of disgruntled doctors in Ontario in 1986.

In one of the longest and most sensational murder trials in provincial history, witness after witness described Helmut Buxbaum, 46, an outwardly respectable church-goer from Komoka, as a closet cocaine addict whose extramarital pursuits led him to scores of prostitutes and other women.

In an ornate St. Catharines courtroom, testimony from drug pushers and hookers painted the balding father of six as a scheming husband capable of orchestrating the roadside slaying of his 48-year-old wife, Hanna.

Some witnesses said Hanna's \$1-million life insurance policy spurred Buxbaum to hire his wife's killers. The soap-opera-like trial took a grimly funny turn when witnesses quoted Buxbaum as complaining his wife had "fat buttocks" and was sexually unappealing.

REASON TO KILL?

To which Edward Greenspan, the slightly rotund defence counsel, replied: "Is it really likely that a man is going to kill his wife because she's fat? If being overweight is a reason to be killed, then a lot of us are in very serious trouble and a lot of us should start dieting immediately."

Buxbaum received a life sentence; his trial ended Feb. 13 after 68 days.

In the spring, the provincial government moved to outlaw extra billing by doctors, bringing it in line with federal legislation. But before Ontario's bill passed June 23, the province

found itself in the middle of a 25-day doctors' strike that touched almost every resident of the country's most populous province.

No deaths could be directly blamed on the series of rotating strikes and general walkouts launched June 12 by the Ontario Medical Association and punctuated by noisy rallies of white-coated practitioners at the legislature.

STRIKE LONGEST

"The anger and frustrations of the strike broke up friendships, marriages and partnerships," says OMA president Dr. Richard Raitlin. It was the longest doctors' strike in Canadian history.

Light-years away from the bitter dispute was Toronto schoolgirl and model Monika Schnarre.

In January, Schnarre, then 14, became a runaway success when she was chosen Supermodel of the World. By the time she was 15, the six-foot Scarborough high school student became the first Canadian and youngest Cover Girl of all time.

Her biggest thrill was "having my first person recognize me in New York. It happens all the time in Toronto. But this was in Bloomingdale's (department store)."

ATTRACTS PEOPLE

Meanwhile, Ontario was growing. Canada's wealthiest province had more than 9.1 million residents, more than one-third of Canada's 25.5 million people. And figures released in 1986 showed Ontario had a larger population increase in the 1985 census than all the other provinces and territories combined.

That growth paced a roaring economy in Ontario's nuts-and-bolts indus-

tries, which make up half of Canada's gross domestic product in manufactured goods.

The outlook for the auto industry — centrepiece of the manufacturing sector — shone in 1986 and will continue to shine in the years ahead with announcement of plans to build multi-million-dollar plants in Ingersoll, Oshawa, Brampton and Markham.

About 64,000 job-seekers from across Canada streamed through the parking lot at an amusement park one summer week to apply for 3,000 jobs at a new auto plant in Brampton. Some camped overnight in the rain.

The boom contrasted starkly with depressed economies in other provinces, but Ontario wasn't immune to the global slump in many resource industries.

NORTH HURT

In Northern Ontario, the closure of sawmills and lumber mills and layoffs of steelworkers and miners dealt hard blows to many local economies, with more suffering ahead if Canada's dispute with the United States over the timber trade continues.

Liberal Premier David Peterson introduced plans to revive the northern economy, including moving some government offices from Toronto to the depressed region.

But the problems facing the Liberals extended beyond dollars and cents.

Rene Fontaine, member for Cochrane North, resigned June 26 as northern development minister amid conflict-of-interest allegations involving his interests in a mining firm — only to be returned to his seat in a bye-election Aug. 14.

Reviewing '86

What made us laugh in '86

By Trish Worrion
The Canadian Press

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side.

And why did the Canadian cross the road? To get to the middle. (A comment, overheard in 1986, by a Toronto entrepreneur fresh from tangleing with some unyielding civil servant.)

And why did Brian Mulroney cross the road?

He didn't. He just said he did. Some Torontonians think the city's new domed stadium, with a fancy, removable roof, should be called the Brian Mulroney Dome: the architect says it makes a statement, but it's retractable.

In 1986, Canadians may have laughed at mop-and-glow janitors in Chernobyl, but they still liked to poke at each other: In Edmonton they told Calgary jokes, in Toronto they told Edmonton jokes, in St. John's, Nfld., they told Toronto jokes.

Sample: What, the Edmontonian asked, is the difference between Calgary and a bowl of yogurt?

There's more culture in the yogurt. And a Toronto journalist wondered: What's the difference between a pigeon and a Calgary oil man?

The pigeon can still make a deposit on a new Mercedes.

The memory of being told they could freeze in the dark during the oil crisis a few years back still seems to linger with some easterners. Maybe that's why they take perverse delight in the economic downturn in the West.

Try this word association test, courtesy of a Toronto waiter, as an example:

What doesn't fit on this list — herpes, AIDS, gonorrhea, a house in Edmonton?

No, it's not the house in Edmonton. It's gonorrhea — because you can get rid of it.

Torontonians are smug, no doubt about it, says St. John's humorist Al Clouston, but that may be unsporn-manlike because "they started all those Newfie jokes 20 years ago, didn't they?"

DON'T LAUGH

Clouston, who recalls an obituary for an old Newfoundland woman that concluded "two sons living and one in Toronto," adds Newfoundlanders can laugh at themselves, unlike Torontonians.

He gives this example: A pompous Toronto businessman, sitting in a posh restaurant, demands of his Newfoundland waitress: "Do you have frogs' legs?"

"No sir," she replied. "It's the high heels makes me walk this way."

But a city that is home to the Maple Leafs can't be entirely without a sense of humor, as shown by this quiz posed by Toronto Star columnist Frank Orr:

What do Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Boy George, Raisa Gorbachev, Rene Levesque and Sigmund Freud have in common?

They've been majority owners of as many Stanley Cup winning teams in the last 20 seasons as Harold Ballard.

Or this, from Chicago Blackhawks announcer Pat Foley, after a particularly slow game in which several Toronto fans were reported to have fallen asleep in their seats: "If you've only got a day to live, come see the Leafs. It'll seem like forever."

SOME UNLIKELY

Jokes were made about some of the most unlikely events in 1986.

It seemed the print was barely dry on the newspaper headlines about the Chernobyl nuclear disaster last April when kids in school yards were asking each other: What has feathers and glows in the dark?

Chicken Kiev

Even as experts assessed the damage from nuclear fallout, accountants in offices were asking: Have you heard about the Swedes in the year 2000?

They'll have blond eyes and blue hair.

After the United States bombed Libya, some unknown source wanted to know: What's the five-day forecast for Tripoli?

Three days

TAMILS TICKLE

Jokes about Tamils were big in Newfoundland, following the news that 155 Tamil refugees had been found in a lifeboat off the coast. The circumstances were at first unclear.

One line went: What's the favorite cigarette of Newfoundland fishermen?

Tamils. They come in packs of 155 and even if you take them to sea for five days, they won't get wet.

Why do people make jokes about such things?

"Laughing at starving Ethiopians or astronauts dying in an explosion is like whistling in the dark," says Jane Knox, a psychology professor at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

"People overcome their fear of the dark by using a carefree activity — whistling."

Behind the news

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Pakistan's troubles stem from the government of President Zia

A disagreement over routes the Shiites would take led to violence and 12 deaths

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By Norma Siddiqui

There is trouble in Pakistan and it's no paradise.

Suddenly Pakistan has attracted more than its fair share of world attention as a result of terrorism, political descent and sectarian violence. Is there some change in Pakistan which can account for these serious difficulties? President Zia ul Haq has been in power for nine years. Why the trouble now?

TERRORISM

With regard to terrorism, it is anybody's guess whether there has been a shift of terrorist activities by militant Arabs to this troubled country, or whether the venue of the recent hijacking of the Pan Am plane and fatal shooting of two diplomats last month was just bad luck. Perhaps the key to this terrorism is troubled Pakistan.

Because the country has been beset with political and sectarian violence, international terrorists feel that perhaps this weakness makes Pakistan a good territory for other forms of violence.

Although it is broadly hinted that not-too-friendly neighbours such as India, Afghanistan and Russia have been covertly active in creating the present malaise, there is no doubt the trouble stems from the government of President Zia. However, not because of reduced democracy under his regime.

As one Pakistani said, "Under the 'democracy' of Bhutto we had more dictatorship than under the

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'dictatorship' of Zia, which is more democratic." Many others have expressed similar views. The trouble is mainly due to the path this government is taking.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

During the national election held in 1985, members to the national assembly were elected. The legislative body was not to operate on a party basis as we know it. The prime minister was nominated by the president.

Prime Minister Junejo is a member of an old-established party, the Pakistan Muslim League (PML). After his selection as prime minister, many members of the National Assembly (MNAs) joined his party — probably to become a member of the ruling party. The other MNAs belong to the parliamentary Opposition Group.

The original intention was that a democratic election would give prominence to individuals who enjoy the respect of the people but have no particular party affiliation. These individuals would be responsible for enacting laws in the interest of their constituencies. The national assembly would remain apolitical.

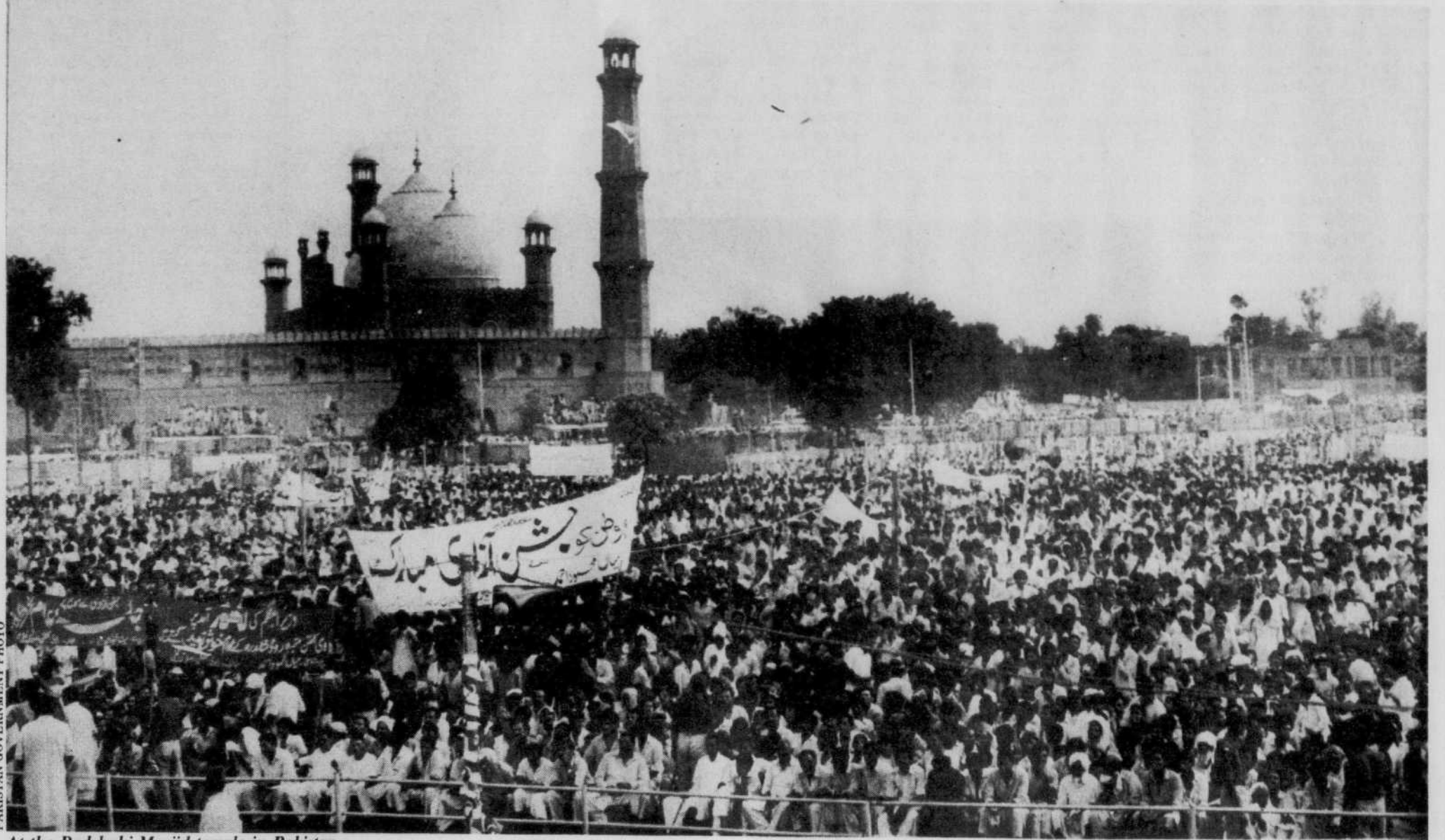
The body was to elect its own leader who would be the prime minister and would continue to hold office as long as he had the confidence of the majority of the MNAs. Many refused to take part as they believed this type of election was against the provisions of the previous constitution. The constitution envisaged party-based elections.

On the other hand, after the election, many members of the present parliamentary Opposition Group felt that President Zia destroyed the scheme when he insisted that the prime minister first be nominated by him before he could be 'elected' by the house.

Perhaps the fact that Zia's nominee was a member of the PML and the majority of MNAs jumped on the bandwagon by joining the PML has destroyed the apolitical nature of the assembly. In the end, the tendency of large groups of people to form factions would probably have politicized the national assembly.

Zia's action in selecting Junejo as prime minister only helped to speed up the process.

As a side effect, the actual leader of the PML, Pir Pagara, was deposed or demoted when Junejo be-



At the Badshahi Masjid temple in Pakistan.

came prime minister.

Although Pir Pagara is still the titular leader of the PML and also a senator, he now takes second place

has centered on the demand for new, party-based elections. As a result of this, the leader of the party which gains majority in the house, would automatically become the prime minister and would not be dependent on the support of President Zia.

The demand has not been successful and Zia has reiterated that the next election will take place in 1990 as scheduled. He has been silent on what process will be taken to select a new prime minister.

A new party, the National People's Party (NPP), has recently been formed from members of both the ruling and opposition parties. It is rumored that this party was formed with the full support of the president. Thus if the going gets too tough for Prime Minister Junejo, the president will appoint a new prime minister from this new party. In other words, the prime minister remains in power at the will of President Zia and not through the power of the people.

These manoeuvrings do suggest that Zia is not entirely impervious to their will. The leader of the NPP is Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi who was twice offered the office of prime minister by Zia in the past.

This briefly summarizes the present opposition to the existing government. The opposition parties (of which the major party until now has been Benazir Bhutto's Pakis-

tan People's Party (PPP)) are unified under the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD). This opposition has not received the overwhelming support of the people because many do not feel that a new government would be much better than the present.

There are, however, strong pockets of opposition to the government in the city of Lahore and the province of Sind. Benazir Bhutto is very popular in Lahore. In Sind, the present government is having problems maintaining law and order as bands of outlaws, called dacoits, terrorize people by robbery and threats.

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

President Zia and the government of Prime Minister Junejo have retained the support of the people. The illiterate majority are strongly influenced by their mullahs, or religious leaders, through increased Islamization of the state. At present the house has amendments and a new bill (the Shariat Bill) before it which aim at increasing the Islamization of the social, economic, educational, and cultural aspects of Pakistani life.

There is some resistance to the adoption of these bills, chiefly from the more educated. And although they are not numerous enough to form a majority, they are best equipped to make themselves heard.

This issue is creating strong divisions within the country. Thus the government effort to push these bills through the houses of parliament is only enhancing religious fanaticism and intolerance.

SECTARIAN VIOLENCE

The most recent sectarian violence took place in the Islamic month of Muharram on a religious occasion that commemorated the martyrdom of Imam Husain, the

in Pakistan.

And this is how it happened. Disagreements, fanned by religious fanaticism, took place over the routes which the Shiite votaries were to take to mark this occasion. This led to violence and 12 deaths.

There have always been clashes between these two groups but perhaps the Islamization process, which has been designed more by the Sunni majority, has enhanced

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grandson of the prophet Muhammad. Muhammad is revered as one of the most important spiritual and religious leaders by most of the Muslims, but particularly by the Shiites. There are two sects of Muslims in Pakistan: the Shiites (same as the majority of Iranian Muslims) who represent about 35 per cent of the population and are growing, and the Sunni Muslims (same as, for example, Saudi Arabians) who constitute the majority

the religious tensions in the country.

Incidentally, the president, the prime minister and an overwhelming majority of provincial governors, ministers and members of federal and provincial assemblies all belong to the Sunni sect.

As the result of continued division in the country we are likely to hear more of news-making events in Pakistan in the future.



Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo (top) addresses a mammoth public meeting at the Qasim Bagh Stadium in Multan in mid-January, 1986.

Living

Shooting scantily clad women is his job

By Gary Kingston

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — John Plummer is living the dream of every teenage boy who sneaked into his parents' bedroom to peek at his father's Playboy magazine.

A soft-spoken Englishman with a choirboy face, Plummer is a commercial photographer who specializes in "boudoir portraits" — sassy, sensual and occasionally risqué pin-ups of ordinary women, from the boss's secretary to the mother of three.

Without a trace of boastfulness, Plummer says "something in me seems to bring out the exhibitionist in women," but photographing ladies in their next-to-nothings — and less — is strictly business.

SELDOM EROTIC

"Whatever the popular feeling might be," he says, "whatever other guys might think reading this, for the overwhelming majority of the time it's not erotic."

Which isn't to say he doesn't enjoy his work. He clearly does.

"Lots of women say that I make them feel very comfortable and they feel very safe here," says Plummer as he busily clips negatives for his files. "My wife tells me I should take that as an insult, because I'm only 38."

He derives satisfaction from persuading a prim and proper matron to don a revealing "merry widow" corset — in some cases for the first time — and transforming her into a sultry goddess.

"That to me is the icing on the cake, to see the looks on their faces," he says. "Absolute, total surprise."

HE SPECIALIZES

Boudoir portraits have become more common in recent years, although most photographers do them only as a sideline. But except for shooting the occasional summer weekend wedding, Plummer restricts his work to the boudoir studio.

Business is burgeoning. He was so busy in November that he had to stop taking bookings for Christmas.

Plummer says he benefits from the free-spirit West Coast atmosphere, something he didn't find in Calgary when he first started shooting scantily clad ladies four years ago.

"The prairie culture doesn't lend itself to this uninhibited type of photography," says the former civil servant who emigrated to Canada with his wife and two children in 1981.

For the last three years Plummer has operated a second-floor studio on North Vancouver's main street. Marked only by a small overhanging sign, the studio shares a dimly lit stairway with a

couple of other businesses.

HAS ALL PROPS

The studio's tiny reception area is brightened with poster-sized prints of his more discreet work. Behind the panelled wall is his cluttered photography area, dominated by a large feathered rug surrounded by lights, props and his \$3,000 inventory of feather boas, fishnet stockings, silky teddies and skimpy, cherry-red maids' outfits.

At first glance, it's hard to imagine a near-naked woman relaxing enough in such a setting to deliver

a convincing come-hither look. That they do is credit to Plummer's engaging personality and British-proper demeanor.

"Normally just a few minutes of talking and seeing all these other pictures around relaxes her and gives her the confidence she needs to do it."

"And the primary rule of boudoir portraits is that when she comes out of the changing room for the first time in whatever lingerie she's wearing, you never look at her."

"That's the time she feels the most vulnerable ... so I'm always fiddling with the camera or the props, talking to her, but almost ignoring her."

Donna McGeachie, a 37-year-old executive secretary, posed last summer, partly for herself — "I figured I'm never going to look as good as I do now" — and partly for a boyfriend, who took home an album of prints.

"The whole idea appealed to me because I'm sort of a showoff anyway. It was so much fun."



This type of photo (not taken by Plummer) is big business for at least one photographer out west.

If you don't say 'no', say yes to contraceptives

Dear Ann Landers: I find your column very helpful and interesting. I'd like to share some thoughts on teenage pregnancies.

I am 21 years old and got pregnant when I was 16. I didn't think of an abortion and when I told my parents it was too late. I refused to put my baby up for adoption although now I know it would have been for the better.

I lived with the baby's father for four years and had another child. Bill drank like a fish and ran around on me. I was a high school dropout, stuck with two kids, and I was not a terrific mother. To be honest I felt trapped and hated it.

I finally got fed up, went for counseling, left Bill and moved back home with two kids and no education. I had never learned to drive, never held a job, and I had to apply for welfare. Now I am starting my life over and I've learned a lot. Believe me, it is not easy to be 21 and have two kids.

Please Ann, tell those kids out there to use some form of contraceptive at all times. Taking chances is stupid and crazy. Ask me - I know. — Philadelphia

Dear Philadelphia: There's a big campaign urging kids to say no I think it's great, but I am aware

Ann Landers

once you've said "yes" it's not likely you'll say no. So - the realistic approach is, if you've been sexually active, or plan to be, be prepared. Contact Planned Parenthood for information and counseling centers. Write to the national headquarters, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm sending this letter to you because I can't reach the appropriate person directly. I'm sure he'll see it. Everyone reads Ann Landers.

Dear Fool: Tonight you nearly killed me, yourself, and your two passengers.

When you ran that red light, you

put your life in my hands. We were incredibly lucky. I'm not a drinker. My eyesight and reflexes are good. I'm a cautious driver. I don't panic. Thank God I saw you in time and was able to stop. You sped by inches in front of my car and never even slowed down. It was bonechilling.

Had I been tired, or in a hurry or a less skillful driver, we would both be dead now. It has been half an hour since we almost died and I am still shaking. I hope that close call will turn you into a sane and sensible driver. — Thankful In Cambridge

Dear Thankful: The only way to stay alive behind the wheel of a car these days is to drive defensively. Assume the other fella is going to do the wrong thing. Be alert and ever-ready to protect yourself against his stupidity, ineptness and carelessness.

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter is marrying a fine young man. We are delighted. So, what's the problem?

It's the father of the groom. We had the wedding reception all planned, just as our family has done it for years — punch, coffee, wedding cake, mints and nuts — but the groom's father insisted on ordering lunchmeat, beans, potato salad and cole slaw. He said, "Don't worry, I'll pay for it."

Our daughter picked out the flowers she wanted and he went ahead and changed the order. He wants bigger corsages and roses instead of carnations. Again, he said, "Don't worry, I'll pay for it."

We are not poor people, Ann, and would prefer to do things our way. How can we keep this man from imposing his will on us? — Davenport, Iowa

Dear Dav: The way to keep people from imposing their will on you is to simply say, "Sorry, the plans are exactly the way we want them. Please stay out of it."

Obviously you were unable to utter these two simple sentences. I suggest you rehearse them for the next time someone tries to run roughshod over you.

Estate planning is more than one will

Legally speaking

By Jacqueline Kouri

Most of us are under the impression that drafting a will is all that is necessary to put our affairs in order. Another essential task in estate planning, however, is to prepare a document or record listing all the relevant information that your executor must know in order to efficiently and rapidly settle your estate. The document should contain the following information:

- 1) The location of your will and other documents such as your life insurance policy, birth and marriage certificates and marriage contract.
- 2) Location of the safety deposit box and the key to the box;
- 3) Quebec social insurance and Quebec health insurance numbers;
- 4) Homes and addresses of all heirs;
- 5) Credit cards;
- 6) Funeral arrangements and whether you have prepaid your funeral expenses;
- 7) Location of any real estate owned, whether it is mortgaged, and location of title deeds and mortgage documents;
- 8) A list of bank accounts, number of accounts, names of institutions and location of banks;
- 9) A list of term deposits, name of institution and address;
- 10) A list of all securities such as bonds, shares and mutual funds and location of the certificates or name of institution and serial numbers;
- 11) A list of pensions received (both government and private plans);
- 12) Registered retirement savings plans including names of institutions and addresses;
- 13) Any other investments;
- 14) A list of life and accident insurance policies including name of institutions, addresses, amount, name of beneficiaries and where to find the policy;
- 15) A list of debtor amounts (money you have loaned to others) in-

cluding the name address of the debtor, the amount owed and the reason for the loan; and

16) Creditor accounts (your liabilities) including car payment, furniture, personal loans, promissory notes, etc. and where to find the relevant contracts or other documents.

A record containing the above information should be kept up-to-date by a yearly revision or one whenever there are significant changes in your situation.

It is also helpful to your executor if you destroy unnecessary papers.

Finally, inform your executor or heirs where to find your personal papers, documents, personal records and the above-mentioned document. Why not make the preparation of this record one of your new year's resolutions!

I would like, at this time, to thank all of the Record readers who have either written to me with their questions or have expressed their interest in this column. Your encouragement is very much appreciated. Keep the letters coming so the column will reflect the interests of the readers.

A very happy and prosperous new year to you all.

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New fire safety approach shows what's really like

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Firemen taking a novel approach to teaching fire safety roll a portable house onto the playground, fill it with school kids, then turn on theatre smoke and strobe lights to simulate flames.

"It was scary when the smoke detectors first went off but we learned what to do," said 10-year-old Sarah Oakes.

The Decatur Fire Department hopes its unusual new approach to fire safety makes a big impression on the city's 10,000 elementary school students.

"When the kids participate, they will retain the information longer than a blackboard drawing or a dollhouse simulation," said Fire Marshal Phil Workman, who runs the program.

The "burning" house was realistic to the fifth-graders at Pershing School.

Sarah rolled from a bed to the floor, cracked the bedroom door to find smoke and fire in the hall, then crawled to the window and escaped.

"Otherwise, I think I probably would have opened the door and gone down the hall without checking," she said after the demonstration.

Taking the wrong escape route from a burning house or simply hiding in the corner out of fear are the two most common, and often

fatal, mistakes children make, said Workman.

So the Fire Department designed its four-by-seven-metre house on wheels to take to the schools.

Workman begins in the classroom, telling youngsters a smoke detector is essential and "it would be a good Christmas present for your parents."

If there is a fire, he warns the children to stay on the floor to avoid heat and smoke, and to feel the door with the back of their hand to see if it is hot, then to open it slightly to find out if the hallway is clear.

He tells them to close the door quickly if there is smoke and fire, and to crawl to a window to escape or go down a smoke-free stairwell backwards, on hands and knees.

"We want them to know the proper way of getting out of a burning house — to save themselves," said Workman.

Firemen put children in the portable house's upstairs and downstairs bedrooms, closed the doors and turned on the harmless vanilla-scented smoke and red strobe lights.

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Forestry 1986: Little time for rejoicing

By Gary Kingston
The Canadian Press

The Canadian forest industry is cyclical, sliding up and down like a yo-yo as it responds to fluctuating markets, currency levels and labor relations.

This constant dangling at the end of a string leaves little time for rejoicing in economic buoyancy as corporate boardrooms sit nervously waiting for the thud of a tree that falls the wrong way.

Such was the case in 1986. While many major companies reported their best six- and nine-month earnings in years, two factors cast a cloud over the industry, primarily in British Columbia.

STRIKE IN B.C.

In July, the B.C. industry's largest union, the International Woodworkers of America, pulled 20,000 workers — two-thirds of its membership — off the job.

It was a bitter strike over contracting out of jobs to non-union operators. And it lasted until early December despite conciliation efforts of a veteran mediator, the

premier, a B.C. Appeal Court justice and a government-appointed commission.

Its cost to the B.C. economy — in lost revenue, wages and timber cutting payments to the province — reached \$2 billion and threatened overseas markets, where customers began searching for alternate sources of supply.

It also had a devastating impact in the province's one-company towns. Mortgage payments were missed and luxuries abandoned as strikers were forced to live on strike pay of as little as \$70 a week.

TARIFF IMPOSED

However, the biggest and potentially most damaging blow to the forest industry came in October when the United States decided provinces unfairly subsidize lumber producers through low stumpage fees — the money paid by forest companies to log Crown lands. In response, Washington slapped a preliminary 15-per-cent tariff on Canadian softwood lumber imports, which are valued at \$4 billion annually.

The tariff hits the industry in almost all the provinces. But British Columbia, which sends about 65 per cent of the U.S. imports, is most seriously affected, followed by Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and New Brunswick.

The federal government and the provinces were divided on how to respond to the U.S. tariff.

At a first ministers' conference in Vancouver, the federal government tried to get agreement on a proposal that would have seen lumber prices increased by about the same amount through a combination of taxes and export charges. That would have at least ensured that the additional revenues would stay in Canada.

DEAL UNCERTAIN

But Ontario in particular balked at the proposal, saying it would set a dangerous precedent for future tariffs on other resource products.

Despite general agreement from the other lumber-producing provinces, the deal's future was unclear because of uncertainty over precisely how the additional costs would be applied.

While most B.C. companies, taking advantage of relatively strong lumber prices, were absorbing the 15-per-cent tariff, four stud-producing mills were forced to close in Ontario, which along with Quebec had been showing gradual signs of industry recovery in 1986.

But with U.S. lumber producers pushing for a duty of at least 25 per cent and a glut of lumber ready to hit the market because of the B.C. strike ending, the future looks anything but promising.

"A number of mills are just hanging in — doing so only in the hope that the final (tariff) ruling will be lower," says Joe Bird of the Ontario Forest Industries Association.

U.S. HIT SHAKES

The lumber squabble followed

the imposition in June of a 35-per-cent U.S. tariff on Canadian shakes and shingles, forcing the 4,000-strong B.C. industry out of its 75-per-cent share of the American market. Layoffs were widespread, but by September, 90 per cent of the mills in British Columbia were operating again at about 80 per cent of normal production levels.

"It definitely has been an up-and-down year for the industry," said Vancouver economist Rss Hay-Roe.

Before the sour notes, the industry was riding a profitable wave.

The balance sheets were propped up in 1986 by rising commodity prices, cuts in costs and falling interest rates. Pulp prices were at a record high, newsprint prices were at their best level in 30 months and a buoyant American housing market helped keep lumber sales to the United States at near record levels.

PROFITS GOOD

In Ontario, publicly held companies showed a combined 3.8-per-cent increase in profits for the first three quarters of 1986.

In British Columbia, Canfor Corp. reported a profit of \$25.9 million in the first nine months of 1986, a dramatic turnaround from the loss of \$39.2 million in the corresponding period a year earlier. B.C. Forest Products Ltd. reported nine-month earnings of \$34.3 million, nearly double the \$19.6 million earned in the 1985 period.

But industry officials caution that those profits must be weighed against pre-tax losses in excess of \$1.5 billion over the last five years.

Mike Apsey, president of the Council of Forest Industries of B.C., said much of the debt load was incurred in necessary modernization and new cost burdens will be borne "by a combination of job losses, mill closures and higher prices to consumers."

Economic recovery should last into '87

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economic recovery, already the third longest in the postwar period, should last through 1987, although it may be a bit tottery at the beginning of the year, many economists say.

The analysts are looking for moderate economic growth next year like that of the past two years.

Other elements of the consensus outlook:

Growth will be enough to push the unemployment rate down slightly, with interest rates, already at the lowest levels of this decade, also continuing to fall, at least through the first half of the year.

Inflation, which hit a two-decade low this year as a result of falling oil prices, will pick up in 1987, rising back to levels in effect before the oil price decline.

One of the big question marks next year will be the impact of the sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax system. While the new tax law, which takes effect Jan. 1, will lower individual taxes, economists are worried the beneficial effects will be outweighed initially by a loss of business tax breaks.

Some economists say a sharp cutback in business capital spending will give the economy enough of a jolt that economic growth will dip into negative numbers during the first three months of 1987, something that hasn't occurred since the end of the 1981-82 recession.

However, most say the slump will be short-lived and will thus not qualify as a full-fledged recession, defined as two consecutive quarters of decline in the gross national product.

WILL RECOVER

Their faith that the economy

can recover from a faltering start is based on a belief that the country's huge trade deficits will show substantial improvement next year.

"We think that tax reform is going to hit the first part of the year pretty hard and it will only be an improvement in trade which will keep us out of a recession," said David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Inc., one of the largest economic forecasting firms in the United States.

Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm, said he expects GNP to be a negative one per cent in the January-March quarter but he said growth should pick up considerably after that.

The Reagan administration is forecasting that the country's trade deficit, expected to hit a record \$170 billion this year, will shrink by between \$30 billion and \$40 billion next year, enough to lift economic growth to a rate of 3.2 per cent for the year. The economy is expected to grow about 2.6 per cent this year, close to the 2.7 per cent growth turned in for 1985.

The 3.2 per cent administration estimate is a substantial revision from an August forecast, in which the administration predicted the economy would race ahead at a 4.2 per cent pace in 1987. But it is still above the consensus forecast of private economists.

Fifty private economists surveyed by Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a financial newsletter, predicted growth next year would average 2.5 per cent, down a full percentage point from the June consensus of 3.5 per cent growth for 1987.

Farmers have a new concern — biotechnology

By Don Kendall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Add biotechnology to the concerns of the North American farmer, who has historically been preoccupied with the weather, crop prices and more recently by the threat of bankruptcy.

Genetic engineers are tinkering with plants and animals to make them more productive or more resistant to pests and harsh weather.

A California company, Advanced Genetic Sciences, abandoned plans to test a frost-fighting bacteria in a strawberry field in Monterey in '86. The company, which had been fined \$13,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for improper reporting and which faced a lawsuit on the strawberry test, said it would seek another site and hoped to test in 1987.

But Steven Lindow of the University of California won EPA permission to test altered strains of the bacterium *Pseudomonas syringae*, which he and others believe can protect plants against frost damage. The experiment is similar to the one proposed by Advanced Genetic Sciences, but involves potatoes.

BOOST MILK

A controversy is just beginning on bovine growth hormone, which has been synthetically produced and can boost a cow's milk output by as much as 28 per cent. No one can be certain what will happen to dairy farmers as a group if and when BGH becomes commonplace.

"The biotechnology revolution is no more stoppable than was the Industrial Revolution, and it holds similar potential for improving the future well-being of mankind," said Robert Thompson, the U.S. Agriculture Department's assistant secretary for economics.

"Those who would slow or stop this new development remind me of the attempts by the Luddites who threw their wooden shoes into the gears of early Industrial Revolution factories."

Genetic improvements in crops have already made an impact, helping lead the way to huge global surpluses, lower prices and agricultural policy upheavals.

YIELDS HIGHER

James Donald, chairman of the American Agriculture Department's world agricultural outlook board, said higher yields have accounted for most of the world's increase in crop production in the 1980s.

"Productivity gains are particularly dramatic for some crops," Donald said. "To illustrate, wheat production abroad gained 3.5 per cent annually, in spite of a 0.2-per-cent downturn in acreage, because of 3.7 per cent annual yield gains."

In the United States, average wheat yields per hectare rose 2.3 per cent a year, more than offsetting a decline of 1.6 per cent an-

nually in the amount of land planted to wheat.

Times are hard for many North American farmers, and some ask how they can afford new technologies.

Roger Salquist, head of Calgene Inc., of Davis, Calif., told the annual meeting of the Industrial Biotechnology Association that most farmers are making profits and will do so for a long time to come.

USE TECHNOLOGY

"Farmers are smart people, and when things get tough, they turn to technology," Salquist said. "And what they're going to do in the future to restore the profitability and the vitality to their industry is turn to technology. And the technology that is going to make it happen is biotechnology."

The Depression of the 1930s was the worst time in history for North American farmers, he said. Yet that was a period when hybrid corn was introduced.

"Hybrid corn — and the other hybrids — have been the foundation of the application of technology to agriculture," Salquist said.

However, miracle seeds, embryo transplants and other developments may not be the immediate answers for thousands of North American farmers who have suffered financially for years, many of them going broke.

MAY PASS LAWS

In the United States, Congress may act to help American farmers.

The so-called Save the Family Farm Act of 1986 probably will be given another run toward passage. Another plan, also introduced in 1986, will be modified and offered again.

Most of the 1987 farm bills will be an attempt to modify the Food Security Act of 1985, which forms the structure for existing U.S. farm programs. Critics say it has not boosted exports enough, nor provided enough protection for farm incomes. They say tough supply-management programs may be needed.

The Reagan administration will be pitted against any large, radical change in the 1985 farm act, claiming that its basic framework — lower price supports for the major commodities — is beginning to have an effect and that exports slowly will recover as U.S. crops become more competitive in price.

Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng says the farm law may need some adjustments "but to throw it all out at this stage would be very much premature."

Net farm income in the United States could rise 10 per cent in 1987, say Agriculture Department economists, but government payments will continue to make up a large share of farm receipts. Total benefits to U.S. farmers were a record of almost \$26 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

said.

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Honeywell Inc., a major U.S. electronics producer and defence contractor, will sell its South African subsidiary to a local firm, officials said.

Markos Tambakeras, local managing director, said Murray and Roberts, a major South African industrial group, would take over the Honeywell operation. All 175 Honeywell employees probably would be retained.

Business briefs

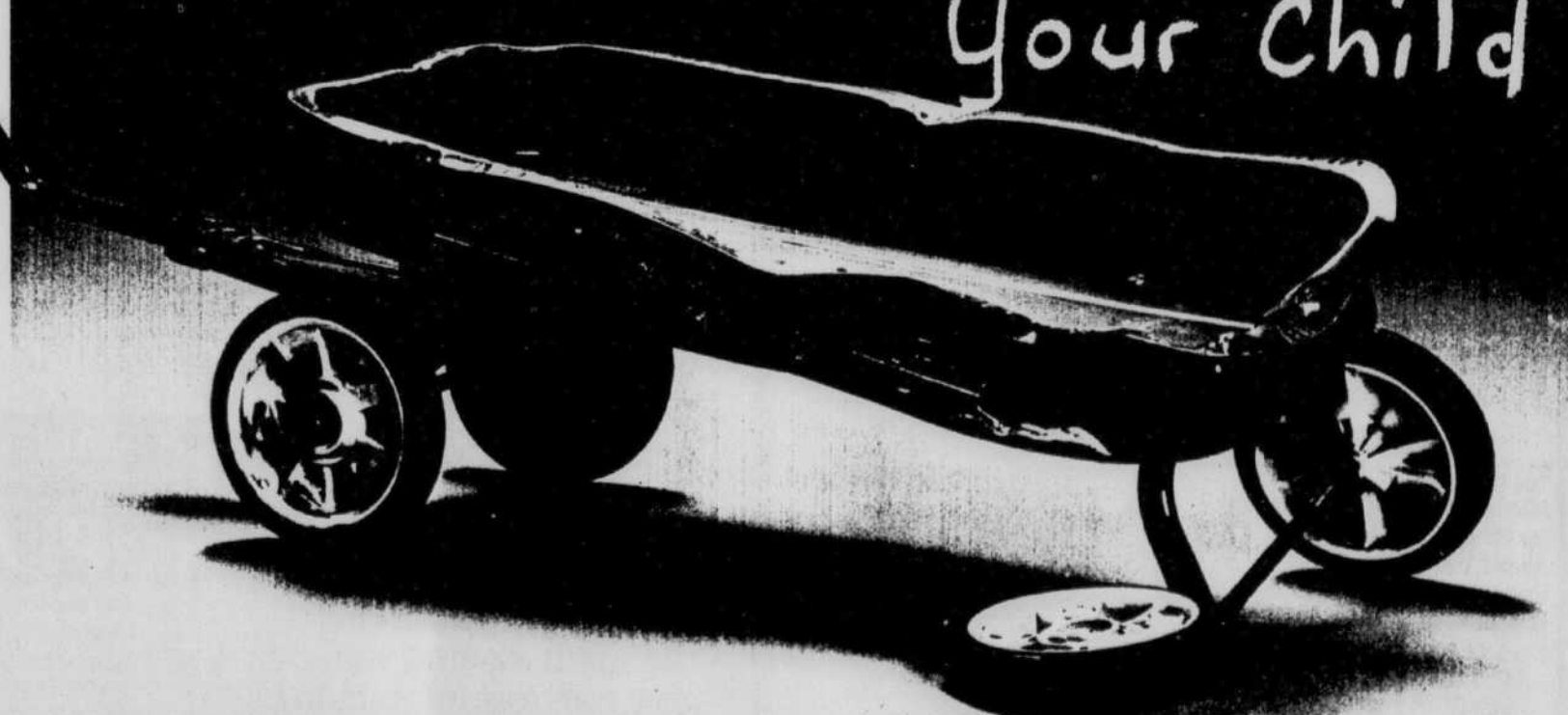
DETROIT (AP) — Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot says he will extend his deadline for General Motors Corp. to reverse its \$700-million US purchase of his shares. The purchase was part of a deal to oust Perot from the automaker's board of directors.

Perot, whose original deadline expired at midnight Monday night, and GM chairman Roger Smith are slated to meet separately Wednesday with large shareholders in the corporation who requested the extension, the Detroit Free Press

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Betty-Ann Willey visited Mrs. Lil
Bonnar and Lorna Willey in Sutton
on Saturday.

Recent weekend guests to cele-
brate Burton Tracy's birthday on
December 4 were Roslyn Macgre-
gor and Sandra Miller of St. Lam-
bert. Dinner guests were Mr. and
Mrs. Murray Cameron, Rodney
Davis, Margaret Bloomfield and
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tracy of
Highwater.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of
Burton and Frances Tracy were
Roslyn Macgregor and Sandra
Miller, St. Lambert. Dinner guests
were Eileen and Bill Prest, Mary
Baker, all of St. Lambert and Miss
Abigail Baker of Hudson Heights.

Weekend guest at the home of
Mrs. Lilian Willey and Jane was
Barbara Willey of Gloucester, Ont.

Fourteen members and one
guest of the South Bolton Women's
Institute attended the November
meeting at the Tracy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tracy visi-
ted Roslyn Macgregor, St. Lam-
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☐ YES ☐ NO

I think that the best way to help children is not through hand-
outs—but rather, by teaching families and communities to
help themselves.

☐ YES ☐ NO



I believe that impoverished children should receive help within
their own families.

☐ YES ☐ NO

I especially wish there were an effective way I could personally
help just one desperately poor child and family.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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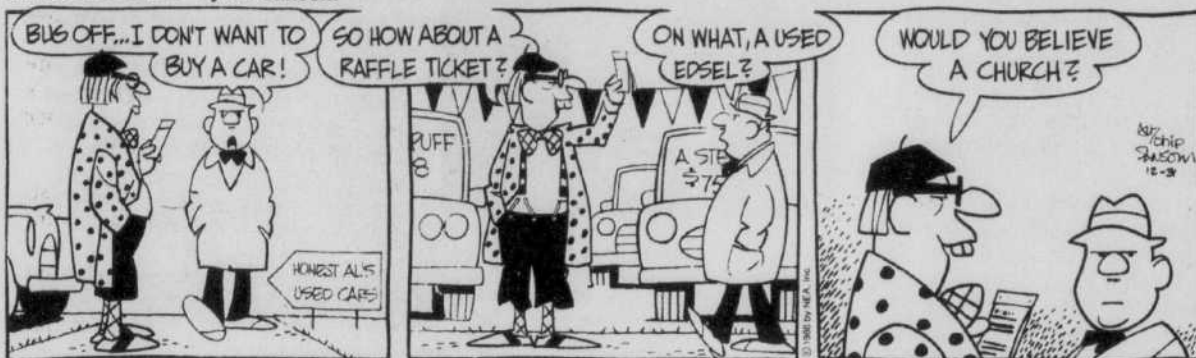
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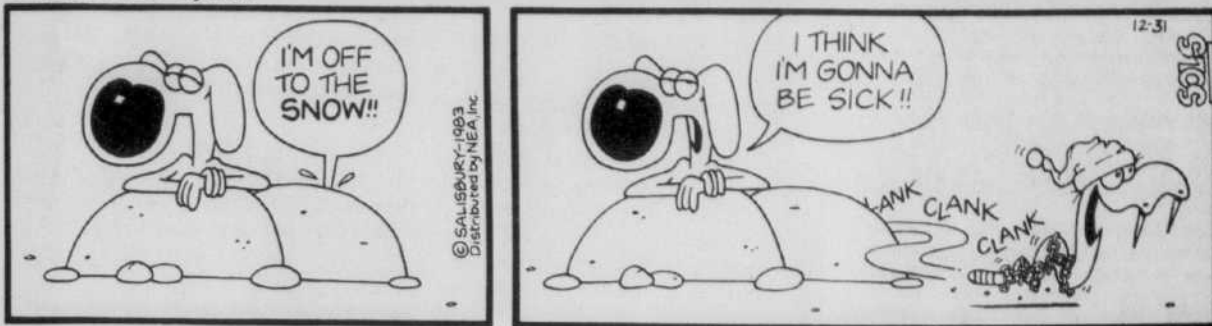
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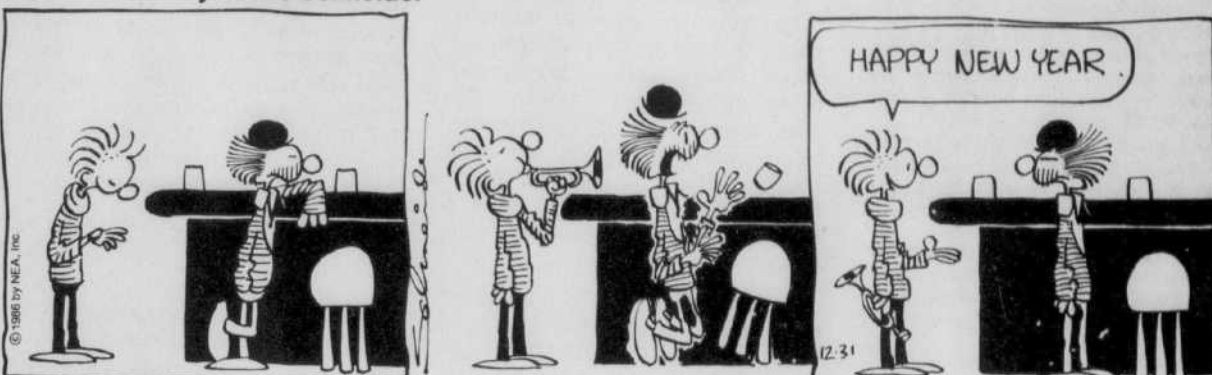
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1 Deprivation
5 Rounded lumps
10 From a distance
14 Director Kazan
15 Incur
16 Nev. city
17 Barely avoid defeat
19 — move on (hurry)
20 Impractical idealist
21 Freebooter
23 Day of the wk.
24 Gr. philosopher
25 —'s Folly
28 Ecstatic
31 Steep rocks
32 Bias
33 Auditor
34 Get one's dander up
35 Exactly
36 Begged
37 Slippery one
38 Chicago airport
39 Classic Western
40 Gauge
42 — of London
43 Some exams
44 Malay "sir"
45 Watch out!
47 Start
51 Bates or Alda
52 Alert
54 Island east of Java
55 "Peer Gynt" playwright
56 Common contraction
57 Building wings
58 Dens
59 Cell: comb. form

DOWN

1 Lascivious
2 Medley
3 Yodel or carol
4 Enemy agent's work

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ACROSS

1 Cheers
5 Copycat
9 Star in Virgo
14 Formerly Mesopotamia
15 Entreat
16 Word with room or grease
17 Aborigine of Japan
18 Leaner site
19 Ingenuous
20 Take on freight
21 Impartial
23 — ante
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26 Held in high esteem
28 In unison
33 Kitchen utensil
34 Lady of Spain
35 Pedro's room
36 Request
37 Dresser sections
40 Today
41 Caribou
43 Pitcher
44 Shelf
46 At request
48 Golf great
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50 TV system
51 Like many pitchers
56 March date
59 Be of use
60 Heb. month
61 Game for Prince Charles
62 Put the ball in play
63 Amphora
64 Influence
65 Villain's expression
66 Gives the once-over
67 Sicilian resort

DOWN

1 Mideast coin
2 Diva's song
3 Meticulously selected
4 Constrict
5 Affix
6 — to (informed)
7 Loosen
8 Actor O'Neal
9 Capitol body
10 Mars and Venus
11 Footnote abbr.
12 Sheltered inlet
13 Overwhelmed
22 Mother of Ishmael
24 Sad sack's relative
26 Madrid museum
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29 Unique person
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32 Less experienced

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7 — about
8 Vehicle
9 School subject
10 Jargons
11 Hidden flaw
12 Poker stake
13 Crowd sound
18 — truly
22 Kiln
24 Carpenter's tool
25 Rock debris
26 Iroquoians
27 Like carpeting
28 Trumpet sound
29 Defeat
30 Takes on cargo
32 Petty disputes
35 Petroleum
36 Of speech sounds
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39 Hits hard
41 Abadan natives

42 Light measures
44 Certain pigment
45 — in the woods
46 Isr. airline

47 "— fan tutte"
48 Inquisitive
49 Penny
50 It. noble family
53 Caers' ora.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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39 Chunk
42 Fidgety
45 Oval
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48 San Diego team

50 Avast!
51 Highlands girl
52 Calm
53 Taxi rider
54 Hub
55 June 6, 1944
57 Verve
58 Bean

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1987

ASTRO•GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 1, 1987

Events and conditions will instill powerful new ambitions in you in the year ahead. Your chances for success look good, but you must remember to repay favors to those who assist you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sporting events that you share with friends today will be more fun if you keep betting out of the picture. One of your pals may not take losing lightly. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$11 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful today that you're not overly intent on having your own way. If you get too pushy, someone might push you back. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** This isn't a day to dredge up an old, unpleasant issue that's distasteful to a friend. If you don't let sleeping dogs lie, you might regret it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be cautious today regarding the advice you give to a friend. If the matter doesn't pan out satisfactorily you could be blamed for its failure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Collective endeavors might not be your cup of tea today. Avoid involvements where you must rely on a partner or vice versa.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually you're not reluctant to lend a helping hand where needed. However, today you may not disguise your resentment if you're called upon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best today to steer clear of financial risks where someone else is calling the shots. If you can't be captain of the ship, don't be part of the crew.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you see your mate walking around the house with a long face today, you might be part of the problem. Try to be tolerant instead of temperamental.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Issuing directives is one thing; however, if you want others to obey your edicts, you'd better be sure you've first set the right example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before committing yourself to picking up the tab for an outing with friends today, you'd be wise to check the prices to be sure it's something you can afford.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Demands placed upon you by family members or relatives today could be a bit heavier than usual. Weigh the costs before volunteering your services.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you could be hypersensitive to the comments of others. Your feelings will be hurt if you read things that weren't intended into what they say.

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James Jacoby

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♥ A K J			
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♣ A			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

Relief is just an end play away

By James Jacoby

Not getting beyond four spades was a coup for South, since many players, admittedly overbidders, might easily get to the five-level with that hand. Making game with the North-South cards was even more significant, since it involved a high-level play that all players should have in their bag of bridge tricks.

After some thought, West led the singleton queen of diamonds. Many times the defense helps more than harms the declarer by trying for ruffs in declarer's second suit, but today it was the best defense. East took the ace and returned the jack. When South put up the king, West trumped and led back a spade. That left declarer with two more losers in the diamond suit and no obvious relief in sight. Then South had an idea. What if West held the king of clubs?

So declarer drew trumps, cashed the ace of clubs and the ace of hearts, and overtook his heart jack with dummy's queen. Now declarer led dummy's jack of clubs and discarded — not a losing diamond but the heart king. West won the club king and had nothing left but clubs and hearts, the lead of either suit giving our shrewd declarer two more tricks and his contract.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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It's awful important to have a good father

"Winter," my mother once told us kids, "is the time of year when it's awful important to have a good father!"

And I well remember when she said that. It was a morning when she was scraping the frost on the kitchen window to watch dad hitching up in the barnyard. The horses breathed steam, their whiskers dangled icicles and the wind was already getting mean. But storm or no storm dad would go to the woods again, and he wouldn't be back till the sleigh was loaded with birch and poplar.

"If I'd only remembered to sew that button back on his mackinaw!" she said, half crying about it. "And those lumberjack boots are way too small! He can only get one pair of socks in them, and sure now on a day like this he should have three!"

(Those boots had come to him secondhand somehow.)

Today, I feel a little guilty, even decadent as I stretch out in the thermostatically guaranteed comfort of my study and think back to those merciless winters of the 20's. And I wonder how I can ever hope to seem as important to my family as my father was then to us.

To keep the home fires burning through whatever weather the Almighty in His infinite whimsy chose to send us in those times it wasn't enough to swing his axe day after day in the snowbound woods. The poles his sleigh would bring home had to be cut into firewood length — with a travelling buzz-saw if you could afford it, with a bucksaw and achine muscles if you couldn't.

All this, mind you, for next winter's fuel. For only feckless husbands and ne'er-do-wells would ask their wives to struggle with green wood in their stoves. And in the home in which I was fortunate enough to grow up, firewood cut one winter had to be split piece by piece and piled neatly where the July sun could suck the sap from it. Then when another winter came sniffing at the cracks in your door it was finally ready to be carted in to that insatiable woodbox behind the stove.

And yet the warmest memories I have of my father have little to do with our woodpile or the struggle it took to keep it fat. Instead I remember those wild nights when the thermometer seemed to have no bottom and the wind would be howling down the chimney at us and trying to tear the shingles off the roof.

H. Gordon Green



On a night like that dad wouldn't go to bed at all. "Oh I'll just pull my rocker up to the stove for tonight," he would tell our protesting mother. "Oh I'll be jake aloo, mother! Don't fash yourself about me. It's really not bad at all sleeping that way!"

After all, it was the only way to keep the fire going full blast all through the night. In our house, you see, that stove in the kitchen was usually the only one we fired, and ordinarily it was allowed to go out when we went to bed.

(Oh we had a heater in the parlour too but that was for such events as Christmas and Sundays when the preacher might drop in.)

And on these Arctic nights I remember so well, dad would leave his post by the stove several times through the night to make the rounds of those bitterly cold bedrooms of ours — bedrooms so cold that sleep was a sort of hibernation, and your breath might put a border of ice on the top quilt — and in the stillest part of the dark we would be drowsily aware of him checking to see if the pile of quilts and blankets was enough and wasn't sliding off the bed. Tucking us in at the feet too.

Well I'm afraid that central heating and electronic gadgetry have now made the old man just one more comfortable member of the family. He certainly isn't apt to be regarded as one of God's special gentlemen because he stays awake all night to enable everyone else to stay warm abed.

True, today's dad may stay awake half the night or more wondering how in hell he's going to pay his fuel bills but that's a private worry. And even if his youngsters did share the worry with him the mere paying a mountain of bills will never seem as tender or godlike an act of fatherhood I think as his going without sleep to keep the stove roaring, or throwing his mackinaw over you in the middle of the night or, come the dawn's early light, of warming the baby's pottie on the oven door.

Restoration Lodge No. 32 IOOF sponsors Christmas party

The Oddfellows Lodge No. 32 of Cowansville held a supper and dance at the Memorial Hall in Stanbridge East on Nov. 29.

At 6:30 about 80 Oddfellows, Rebekahs, Encampment, Eastern Star and Masons sat down to a delicious turkey supper with all the trimmings which was served by the UCW of Stanbridge East.

After the tables were cleared, music was supplied by the Canadian Rainbows of Lennoxville, which was enjoyed by all with new and old favourites for their dancing pleasure.

Harry Redmile acted as M.C. for the evening. The following honoured guests were introduced, Carl Findlay, Melbourne, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Quebec, Alan Talbot, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Quebec, Laura Burnham, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, Percy Burnham, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Leon Bennett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Margaret Sanborn, Treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly and Homer Sargent, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10.

During the evening there were drawings for door prizes of ten beautiful Azalea plants, also drawing for Welcome Encampment No. 9 of Knowlton, on tickets which were sold this fall. First prize, \$50.00, won by Cedric Moreau, East Farnham; second, \$25.00, Percy Burnham, Knowlton; third, \$10.00, Peter Flynn, Knowlton.

After a few words from our guests of honor, another happy evening came to a close.

Many thanks to the members for their hard work in doing such a wonderful job of decorating the hall for this occasion.

Submitted by
Homer Sargent,
Sutton, Que.

Golden Age Club meets

MANSONVILLE — Golden Agers met at noon at Chez Ralph's on Dec. 16, where they enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The turkey was done to a tee, dessert was special with four kinds of homemade squares being offered, along with ice cream and two kinds of sauces. I assure you not one person was counting calories today. Alice, Ralph and Rosaleen, already we are looking ahead to next year's special occasion. Ideal setting, beautifully served. What more can we say, except thanks. Clifton Jersey and Leon Lamothe were in charge of the dinner receipts.

We returned to St. Cajetan Church, Centre des Loisirs for the remainder of the afternoon. Iris Milroy and Verlie Aiken were in charge of memberships and donations.

Rita Marcoux sold tickets on a quilt made by Toni Lamothe and quilted by Toni, Irene Carrier, Madeline Côté, Cecile Hamelin, Dolores Champagne and others. Toni drew the winning ticket, being Clair Boisard of Magog.

Rita Mossa and Frances Robin gave the welcome speech in French and English. Rita mentioned she is proud to say that we are self supporting and can only stay this way with the members help. It's a nice feeling to know that whatever we have or do for our members, we have earned ourselves. George Hamelin read a poem, entitled "Old Age Is Hell". This was good for a chuckle or two.

The Club punch was made by George Hamelin and served by George, Dot Woodard and Richard Trudeau.

Clifton Jersey called out the doorprize numbers, winners were Velma Jones, Jeanne D'Arc Carrier, Beulah Holden, May Barnett (donated by Eileen Eldridge) Henriette Marcoux, Jean McNeil, Leona Godue, Kate Newell, Bridget Aiken, Herman Steinbach and Maybelle Côté.

Clifton also called off the names of all present as Wilson Bailey and Rita Mossa handed out the gifts as they filed by the Christmas tree.

500 was played at two tables and everyone was a winner, the club gave each person a dollar. The bingo table was well attended with lots of winners there. This was free to all who played, again compliments of their club.

Dinners were sent out to shut-ins.

Next meeting on January 6.

Owl's Head Cemetery Co. executive wish to announce the winners of the recent draw on an afghan, three pillows and a car vacuum donated by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gardner. This was drawn on Dec. 20 at George Jewett's general store and first prize, the afghan (bedspread) and pillows were won by Henry Everett, with Cecil Wallace winning the car vac. Thanks to Marian and Maurice and the ticket sellers, the club showed a nice profit.

Aldershot Chapter IODE holds regular meeting

SHERBROOKE — The regular meeting of the Aldershot Chapter IODE was held at the home of Beryl Wheeler on Tuesday, December 16, and was opened with the presentation of the colors. Prayer of the Order was said in unison. Marguerite Cotton, Regent, presided, with nine members present.

The secretary Laura Page read her report and the treasurer Myrtle Durrant reported a very good bank balance.

A letter of thanks from the Provincial Chapter IODE, re the semi-annual meeting was read.

Ora Foreman, Education Secretary, read letters of thanks from some of the recipients of the scholarships which were given by this chapter.

Some members went to the home of Marguerite Cotton and packed six small boxes which were sent to Quebec City to be given to the Missions to Seamen for the seafarers Christmas gifts.

A minute of silence was held in memory of Mrs. A.A. Munster, Honorary Regent of the Aldershot Chapter. The members were sorry to hear that she had passed away. She was a faithful member of the IODE and she will be missed by all.

The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 20, at the home of Laura Page and a report meeting at the home of Marguerite on Jan. 18.

A social hour took place at the close of the meeting, when the members enjoyed a Coq Roti dinner. The hostesses, Jean Irving and Beryl Wheeler served fruit cake and shortbread which were enjoyed by the members. An exchange of gifts followed.

In Memoriam

BULLARD, George Edward — In loving memory of a beloved husband and one of God's gentlemen who passed away December 31, 1984.

YOUR WIFE
MAY

CHASE, Ella — In loving memory of mother who passed away December 31, 1982.

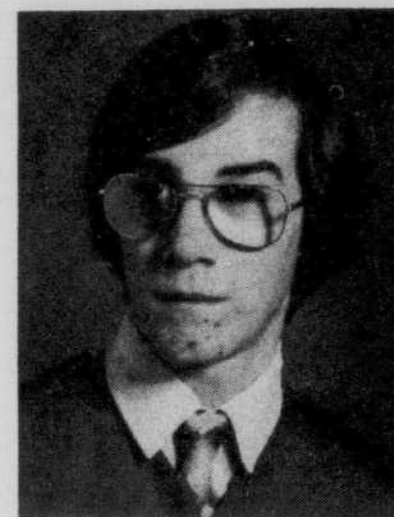
We do not need a special day
To bring you to our minds.
The days we do not think of you
Are very hard to find.

EDITH &
FAMILY

LLOYD, Raymond — In memory of a dear son-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle, Raymond Lloyd, who left us so suddenly on December 25, 1985.

Little we knew last Christmas Morn
The sad tidings the day would bring
It was so sudden, you were so young
It seemed an impossible thing.
What we would give to have you say,
"Hello Maud", in the same old way,
To hear your voice, to see your smile
To sit and joke with you for a while.
We miss you Red, but God doth say,
"He is not dead, he is just away"
So may He keep you in his loving care
Someday then, we will meet you there.

THE SYLVESTER
FAMILY



ROWELL — Cherished memories of our beloved son, brother and uncle, Robin Rowell, who lost his life as the result of a car accident on New Year's Eve, 1984, at the age of 20.

Tears from our eyes will wipe away
But the pain in our hearts is there to stay.

HIS FAMILY

South Stukely

Myrtle Hilliker

Mrs. Celia Gamache of Waterloo and Mrs. Myrtle McLellan were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Cruickshank in East Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis of North Hatley were callers of Frances, Mollie, Joyce and Errol George.

Mrs. Ken Bockus has returned home after a nice holiday in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Cathy McLellan of Sherbrooke was a guest of Mrs. Myrtle McLellan and Stewart.

Mrs. Ethel Loach and Mrs. Pat Winslow of Lennoxville were guests of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Hilliker.

Mr. Ken Bockus spent several days in Brossard, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bockus and daughters Amy and Sandra.

Relatives and friends were sorry to hear that Leona Irish had passed away at the Medical Center Hospital at Hinesburg, Vt. on December 3rd, after a lengthy illness. She was born here at Stukely in March 1910.

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Birth

DOHERTY-SHEARSON — Kerry and Cathy are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter Keeley Shearson Doherty on Saturday, December 27, 1986 at 4:02 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 10½ oz. Many thanks to the staff of the Jewish General Hospital, Montreal. A first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. James Doherty, Lennoxville, and Mrs. Patricia McGhee, Toronto, and great-grandmother Mrs. Helen Cock, New Market.

Deaths

BULLOCK, Vianna (Mills) — On December 30, 1986, at Smiths Falls, Ont., Hospital, following a brief illness, in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of the late Douglas C. Bullock. Dear mother of Doreen and husband Austin Drew, of Westmeath, Ont., Frances and husband Malcolm Molony, Stanstead, Que., Carroll and wife Gladys, Smiths Falls, Ont., Reta and husband Albert Monfette, Newport, Vt., Galen and wife Kathy, Comox, B.C., Alton and wife Sandra, Pakenham, Ont. Dear grandmother of 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Lannin Funeral Home, Smiths Falls.

PARR, Freda G. — Suddenly at her home in St. Catharines, Ont., on Monday, December 29, 1986, Freda Parr, in her 74th year. Beloved daughter of the late Reginald and Ethel (Jackson) Taylor. Dear sister of Grant and Mayotta Taylor of Lennoxville, Que. Loved aunt of Gary Taylor and great-aunt of Kevin. Cremation. Committal service at Eaton Cemetery, Birchton, Que., on Friday, January 2 at 2 p.m. Rev. Sheila Murray officiating. If friends so desire, contributions to Eaton Cemetery would be appreciated.

Card of Thanks

TAYLOR — We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way at the time of the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Glenna Taylor. Thank you to all who sent flowers, brought in food, visited, sent cards, donated to the Cancer Research Society and to Wesley United Church. Also our gratitude to the nurses on the third floor at Sherbrooke Hospital: Drs Taylor and Bouchard; Cass Funeral Home; the Rev. Keith Eddy and the Rev. Ralph Rogers. U.C.W. no. 2 for serving lunch; Della Goodsell and Vi Moranville. Caring friends help make a difficult time a bit easier. God bless you all.

HAROLD
PAT
PETER & HELENE

NOTICE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS

For the Record edition of Wednesday, December 31, death notices may be called in all day Tuesday, December 30 and between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. For the edition of Friday, January 2, death notices may be called in between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m. Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE

ALL — Births, Card of Thanks, In Memoriams, Brieflets, and Items for the Townships Crier should be sent in typewritten or printed in block letters.

All of the following must be sent to The Record typewritten or neatly printed. They will not be accepted by phone. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached during the day.

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To place a death notice in the paper, call (819) 569-4856. If any other Record number is called, The Record cannot guarantee publication the same day.

Sports

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What's comin' up footballwise

When one year ends what happens... besides another year starting?

People make predictions. Or at least some people. I don't, but I'll try.

To make things easier, I'm limiting my miss calls to the three major football teams in the area, more in an attempt to give each a bit of background rather than avoid libel suits from all directions and all sorts of sports teams.

Firstly, bigger and better things, and larger audiences, are looming for the Bishop's University football team. The Gaiter's, as everyone this side of Brossard knows, went all the way to the Central Bowl against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. The burly, undefeated Thunderbirds continued their rampage, winning the Canadian championship (the Vanier Cup), but from the Eastern Townships point of view, the university football frenzy ended when roughly 5,000 people at Bish stadium saw the guys in purple and white lose by two points to their British Columbian foes.

Nevertheless, the showing was as strong as Charles Atlas and created as much furor as a Corey Hart concert for 14-year-olds.

But the good news is that unless the Gaiter machine seriously breaks its transmission, Bishop's University will likely go as far — or yes, even farther — in the 1987 football season. Why? Because virtually the whole team is staying on to give it the 'ol heave ho again next year. Just four or five players and an assistant coach are slated to leave the squad.

The 1986 lads, voted numero uno team in the eastern Townships this year at the annual *Mérite sportif* awards, had not only six all-Canadian players aboard, but the Canadian Inter-university Athletics Union coach of the year as well. And though rumors were circulating that head coach Bruce Coulter was planning to hang up his headset for good, Coulter made it official: he'll be back for his 26th season, next year.

The Gaiters will be, not only a finely tuned, talented team, but an *experienced*, finely tuned, talented team. Whoa! Thunderbirds, watch out.

And the cherry on top is much larger audiences, probably. Everyone likes to watch a winning team and with all the hype the Bishop's boys created this year — winning big is about the best advertising a sports team can hope for — triggering fans to converge on Gaiters games will be no harder than getting freshmen to go to beer bashes.

PREDICTION: VANIER CUP CHAMPIONS COUGARS TOUGH TOO

Then there's the Champlain Cougars, the Lennoxville CEGEP football team which made it as far as the system allows. The boys in blue and white ended up provincial champs, which kind of makes them national winners in CEGEP ball, since no other province has the pleasure of using the CEGEP system. But don't let me editorialize, whatever you do.

After losing only one game all season, the Cougars played in the coveted Bol D'Or, and of course won, against the Vanier Cheetahs.

So what's in store for next year? Well, their future might not look quite as rosy since a number of key players will not be returning, such as all-star quarterback and general record-breaker Chris Flynn, and wide-receiver Stephane Nadon. But — and this is a big but — the Cougar guys will still have football



Pearson to Person

By Craig Pearson

craftsman, Tony Addona as head coach. Addona guided Champlain to back-to-back Bol D'Or victories, including this year's team, comprised mainly of rookies while most other CEGEP clubs kind of figured Champlain for a bit of a lost cause.

But they turned around and provided perhaps some of the best sports entertainment, not just for CEGEP teams or in the Eastern Townships, but in the province. And on a consistent basis as well.

PREDICTION: BOL D'OR BRIDESMAIDS THE BLITZ

Then, of course, there's the Blitz. The Blitz is the newly formed Quebec Major Junior Football League team that, well, didn't exactly keep people glued to their seats — a team whose name seems inspired more by the Titanic than by roughhouse play.

The Blitz won just two games this season. But, to give the Sherbrooke guys due credit, the poor record was to be expected. Organizers insisted they were very happy with the young club's performance because first year organizations often don't do anything more constructive than buy equipment. And they're right. This despite fan turnout, which at the beginning was tremendous, dwindled to relatives and personal friends by the final few games.

Next year, however, the Blitz are lined up to do it again but with more oomph, or so say organizers. Largely since they plan on attracting talented players from abroad rather than just locally.

I agree, they should do better.

PREDICTION: THREE GAMES WON.



Top right: Cougars embrace after one of their many victories. Above, a Blitz quarterback hands off to the team's leading rusher.

Drug talk mars bowl weekend

By The Associated Press

Preparations for this season's U.S. college football bowl games were overshadowed Tuesday by talk of drugs and a flareup of animosity between opposing teams in the national championship Fiesta Bowl showdown.

The issue of drugs moved into the courts Tuesday in the aftermath of a testing scandal that had a number of players, including all-America linebacker Brian Bosworth of Oklahoma, banned from post-season play. Most of those suspended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, including Bosworth, were found to have traces of steroids in their systems.

While Bosworth said he would not fight the NCAA action, Louisiana

State defensive end Roland Barby asked a state court in New Orleans to allow him to play under an injunction in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day against Nebraska.

Manoeuvring over jurisdiction Tuesday postponed that decision. A motion by the NCAA and LSU moved the case into federal court, where U.S. District Judge Robert Collins scheduled a hearing today.

In the showcase bowl of the season, top-ranked Miami and No. 2 Penn State meet in a clash of unbeaten for the national title Friday night in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

PLAYERS ANGRY

Untouched by the drug scandal, Miami players claim their opponents are racists. The allegations followed Miami's walkout at a dinner for both teams over the weekend.

Penn State punter John Bruno

made fun of Miami's togetherness theme, saying Penn State was a family "because the white players let the black players eat at the training table once a week."

The other traditional New Year's Day bowl games have No. 3 Oklahoma, 10-1, against No. 9 Arkansas, 9-2, in the Orange Bowl at Miami; No. 4 Michigan, 11-1, against No. 7 Arizona State, 9-1-1, in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.; No. 8 Texas A and M, 9-2, against No. 11 Ohio State, 9-3, in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, and Southern Cal, 7-4, against No. 10 Auburn, 9-2, in the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

The New Year's Eve bowls are No. 18 North Carolina State, 8-2-1, vs. Virginia Tech, 8-2-1, in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta; Colorado, 6-5, vs. No. 14 Baylor, 8-3, in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston, and Indiana, 6-5, vs. Florida State, 6-4-1, in the All-American Bowl at Houston.

Undisciplined Canadiens beaten as Nordique rookie pots winner

QUEBEC (CP) - Trevor Stienburg was a content young man Tuesday night. "You should never be satisfied with your play but tonight I'm happy," the 20-year-old rookie said after his first NHL goal proved to be the winner in the Quebec Nordiques' 6-3 win over the Montreal Canadiens.

"Coach Michel Bergeron showed a lot of confidence in me and I hope I can keep on playing," said Stienburg, who was called up from Quebec AHL farm team in Fredericton last Saturday.

While Stienburg may have been satisfied about the way things turned out, Canadiens' coach Jean Perron had quite a different reaction.

"The (Canadiens) players were undisciplined from the start," he said. "It was only a matter of time until Quebec took advantage of it."

Michel Goulet scored twice for the Nordiques, including an empty net goal with three seconds left in the game.

Rookie Jason Lafreniere, Gilbert Delorme and Brent Ashton also scored for Quebec, while Peter Stastny and Alain Côté each had two assists.

Chris Chelios, Craig Ludwig and Stephane Richer scored for Montreal in a game which saw referee Bob Myers hand out 136 penalty minutes in the first two periods.

Shayne Corson and Mike Hough were both ejected in the second period for fighting. In the first period Montreal's Claude Lemieux got into a fight with Quebec's back-up goaltender Richard Sevigny after being checked in front of the Nordiques bench.

Stienburg, who was called up from Quebec's AHL farm team in

Fredericton last Saturday, beat Canadiens goaltender Patrick Roy with a slapshot in the second period to make it 4-1 for Quebec.

Goaltender Clint Malarchuk was solid in the nets for Quebec, turning aside 22 shots. Montreal outshot the Nordiques 25-23.

Quebec was ahead 4-1 after 40 minutes of play thanks to three unanswered goals less than three minutes apart in the second period.

Lafreniere started the outburst when he took a pass from Alain Côté and beat Roy with a low shot to the stick side at 7:53 to make it 2-1.

Côté set up the next goal 50 seconds later with a pass from behind the Montreal net to Delorme who was skating in from the blue-line. The former Canadien beat Roy on the short side with a 30-foot slap shot.

Stienburg expanded Quebec's lead to 4-1 at 10:12 when he blasted another 30-foot shot through Roy's legs. The Canadiens netminder was screened on the play.

The Nordiques fourth goal came on the team's 15th shot. Quebec outshot Montreal 17-14 after two periods.

TRADED GOALS

The teams traded power-play goals in the first period, with Montreal opening the scoring at 6:39.

Mats Naslund's slapshot hit a Quebec defenceman and bounced to Chelios who one-timed a hard shot from the left faceoff circle past Malarchuk for his sixth goal of the season.

Goulet tied the game 1-1 at 12:42 when Ashton found him unchecked beside the left post of the Montreal net. Goulet scored easily for his 21st goal this year.

The game began to degenerate after that. Lemieux got into a fight with Nordiques back-up goaltender Sevigny, who was sitting on the bench at the time. Both players were given 10-minute misconducts.

A similar incident involving the Quebec's usually-mild mannered Côté and Montreal's Shayne Corson occurred at the Quebec bench about nine minutes later, with the same result.

Referee Myers handed out a total of 74 minutes in penalties in the first period. Montreal was two men short at one point, but the Nordiques didn't manage to score.

Roy helped keep the game tied in the first period when he stopped Ashton on a breakaway in the 14th minute. Quebec was a man short at the time.



Craig Ludwig... Goal in losing cause.

Sore hands are a fact of life for Canadian light heavyweight

Time out

By Neil Davidson
The Canadian Press

When Canadian light heavyweight Donny Lalonde steps into the boxing ring, he knows his hands will be badly hurt by the time he steps out.

"It's an inescapable situation," says Lalonde's manager, David Wolf. "It's part of the reality of being Donny Lalonde."

When Willy Featherstone, Canadian light heavyweight champion, reaches the dressing room, buckets of ice are waiting to freeze the pain caused by punching his opponent.

Sore hands, the legacy of too many punches and too much power for the fists to handle, are a fact of life for Lalonde, Featherstone and a host of others who make a living out of fighting.

The pain is hard to spot in the ring but harder to ignore in the privacy of a locker room after a fight. It also forces boxers like Lalonde and Featherstone to take extended layoffs after almost every bout.

Lalonde, who left Winnipeg to campaign in New York, has had corrective surgery on his right hand but is still plagued by problems.

"It's something I wish people would realize when they assess him as an athlete," Wolf says. "The bravery exuded going into the ring is not just in terms of the punishment he might endure, but the pain he has to endure when he's landing punches."

CAREER INTERRUPTED

Shawn O'Sullivan, an Olympic silver medalist, has been sideli-

ned since June when he was partially laid low by the force of his own punches in a loss to American Simon Brown. Surgery on his right hand was performed June 30.

The Toronto welterweight will probably not fight again until at least February and has been forced to go through a painful period of physiotherapy just to get to the point where he can gingerly tap a training bag.

Featherstone, a native of Toronto, has avoided surgery on his hands in a bid to engage in one last fight, a big payday that will allow him to return to the appliance repair business with some spoils from the ring.

Toronto lightweight Asif Dar, one of Canada's amateur stars who banged his way to a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, has been sidelined since October because of a sore hand.

"Boxing is dangerous, let's face it," Dar says. "It's not badminton."

A MAN'S PUNCH

"You get a 16-year-old with a man's punch and the hand's going to get hurt," says trainer Ken Hamilton, a boxing veteran at Toronto's Cabbagetown Youth Centre.



Taking top Canadiens' honors

The Molson player of the month for the Sherbrooke Canadiens went to goaltender Vincent Riendeau for the month of December. Riendeau, not only played well for the Sherbrooke club in the American Hockey League, but was called up to Montreal for a while to check things out in the National Hockey League.

Players of the month win on accumulated game-star nominations made by sports journalists at every game (first stars get three points, second stars get three, and third stars get one). Riendeau, on the right, wins \$500 and a trophy being presented by Molson representative, Alain Grenier.



Sports

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The 1986 baseball playoffs were exciting Stars like Tom Seaver, Steve Carlton, and Pete Rose may not play again

By Mark Harding

The Canadian Press

The 1986 baseball season began dramatically and ended almost seven months later the way the New York Mets predicted it would from the start.

Dwight Evans of the Boston Red Sox nailed Jack Morris' opening-day first pitch into Tiger Stadium's bleachers on April 7 to start a campaign that featured the standout pitching of Boston right-hander Roger Clemens, a pair of no-hitters, a horde of managerial moves and two of the most exciting playoffs in baseball history.

The four divisional winners — Boston and California in the American League; Mets and Houston in the National League — held off the pretenders from the all-star break on.

The campaign may also have been the last for veteran pitchers Tom Seaver and Steve Carlton, as well as Cincinnati player-manager Pete Rose.

The Toronto Blue Jays, under rookie manager Jimmy Williams,

failed miserably in their bid to retain the AL East crown, falling to fourth with an 86-76 record and finishing 9½ games behind Boston.

Montreal Expos continued to flounder in the NL East and wound up fourth, 29½ games behind the Mets with a 78-83 mark.

DRAWS FINES

For the first time, every team in the major leagues drew at least one million fans as baseball set an all-time attendance record of more than 47 million.

What Evans and Morris started in April ended Oct. 27 at New York's Shea Stadium when Ray Knight secured his World Series MVP award by snapping a seventh-inning tie with a home run that sent the Mets past the Red Sox in the Series' seventh game.

Although the Mets boasted since Day 1 that the Series would be theirs, it didn't come easy.

Right-hander Mike Scott, the NL's Cy Young winner who led the majors with a 2.22 earned-run average and 306 strikeouts and who had pitched a no-hitter to clinch the NL West for Houston, twice beat

the Mets in the playoffs with his split-fingered fastball.

New York won the NL pennant with a 7-6 win in Game 6 but they were to face an even bigger challenge from Boston, the first to use the designated hitter only in the AL ballpark.

The Red Sox were on a one-strike brink of elimination in the AL playoff against California until Dave Henderson, filling in for Tony Armas, smacked a two-run homer in Game 5 to give Boston the momentum to rally and win the series.

Boston then travelled to New York for the first two games of the Series and won both. The Red Sox later led the series 3-2 and returned to New York one victory shy of their first Series crown since 1918.

In Game 6, they led 5-3 in the bottom of the 10th inning with two out but the Mets won 6-5.

FACES FUTILITY

In Game 7, the Red Sox' bullpen collapsed and the loss extended Boston's history of blowing big games, including Game 7 defeats in the World Series of 1946, 1967 and 1975.

Don Sutton of California won his 300th game and Bob Horner tied the major-league record by hitting four homers in a game his Atlanta Braves lost to the Expos.

Mike Schmidt led the NL in home runs and RBIs and won his record-tying third MVP award. Jesse Barfield of the Jays led the all sluggers with 40 homers.

Among the fired managers were Jim Frey of the Cubs, Tony LaRussa of the White Sox, Ray Miller of the Twins, Jackie Moore of the Oakland A's and Chuck Cottier of the Mariners. Earl Weaver resigned as the Orioles were finishing in last place for the first time.

Commissioner Peter Ueberroth suspended stars such as Keith Hernandez, Dave Parker and Joaquin Andujar for drug use.

Ueberroth penalized 21 players, but said they could keep playing if they donated part of their salaries to drug programs and performed community service. They also must undergo drug testing.

Chub Feeney retired as NL president and was replaced by Bartlett Giamatti.



Expos veteran Andre Dawson, getting congratulated here (from left to right) by coach Buck Rodgers, speedy Tim Raines, and Vance Law had little to be happy about this season. Not only did his team fare poorly but

neither he nor Raines have been able to entice a team into signing a contract that meets their far-out financial expectations.

Bears are worried about playoff turnovers

By The Associated Press

While benefitting by Chicago's turnover in quarterbacks, Doug Flutie feels the turnover is one of the things that can hurt the Bears most as they defend their NFL Super Bowl title.

In their last three games, the Bears have fumbled eight times and been intercepted five times.

"We happen to be turning the football over a lot lately," said Flutie, the fourth starting quarterback used by the Bears this season. "Even Walter Payton has coughed the ball up."

Flutie, who signed in midseason, has been named by coach Mike Ditka as his playoff quarterback after starting the last game of the regular season. The injured Jim McMahon, Mike Tomczak and Steve Fuller started before Flutie.

"Doug is learning and doing well," Bears offensive tackle Jim Covert said.

The Bears, 14-2 and National Football Conference Central Division winners, will meet a slightly disabled Washington Redskins team Saturday.

LINEMEN DOWNED

Offensive linemen Joe Jacoby and Russ Grimm were injured in Washington's 19-7 NFC wild-card victory Sunday over the Los Angeles Rams. Washington, 12-4, is a one-touchdown underdog.

"Our No. 1 problem is injuries," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said. "We're extremely beat up and we've got a short work week to get ready for Chicago."

Grimm has bruised ribs and Jacoby broke a bone in his right hand. He'll try to play with a cast, Gibbs said.

In an American Football Conference semifinal Saturday, the wild-card New York Jets, 10-6, meet AFC Central Division winners, Cleveland, 12-4. The two

games Sunday have San Francisco, 10-5-1, at the New York Giants, 14-2, in the NFC, and New England, 11-5, at Denver, 11-5, in the AFC.

The Jets advanced by beating Kansas City 35-15 in the wild-card playoffs, snapping a five-game losing streak with backup quarterback Pat York won 37-10 in the final game of the 1985 regular season.

"But," says Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer, "we're a much better football team now than we were a year ago."

The NFC East champion Giants won 21-17 when they met NFC West champion San Francisco in the regular season, but only after coming back from a 17-0 halftime deficit. This time, the Giants are favored by a field goal.

"Hey, those guys have a good team," Giants coach Bill Parcells said. "They've been good for quite some time."

"They are no Johnny-come-

lately."

San Francisco coach Bill Walsh said his No. 1 concern is how to handle Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor, who led the NFL with 20½ sacks.

San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana missed some practice time this week with the flu, but he is expected to be OK by Sunday.

The Patriots, who won the AFC East, flew to Colorado Springs, Colo., on Monday to get themselves used to the thin air of Mile High Stadium in preparation for their AFC semifinal against Denver, which was 7-1 at home this year.

The Patriots, on the other hand, had the best road record in the AFC, 7-1, but their only loss came at Denver.

"We'd rather play on the road," New England running back Craig James said. "It makes it more of a challenge."

Denver is a five-point favorite.

Laws are changing to deter poachers Great outdoors

There have been some modifications of the law on the conservation of wildlife and the law concerning provincial parks.

In Quebec City, the minister of Recreation, Game and Fish, Yvon Picotte announced the adoption in the National Assembly of law 153, which enforces some changes in laws concerning wildlife.

Picotte stressed the importance of this change in order to continue the war against poaching and the necessity of having solid legal recourse which makes the game wardens' jobs of stopping wildlife offenders a little easier.

In support of the law, the minister said, "When we give teeth to our regulations in order to rid the desire for poachers to do it again, we obtain two objectives in the region: wild animals will be better able to increase their numbers in the near future and therefore, hunting enthusiasts will be provided with more abundant game."

Most of the aspects of this law should be in effect by April 1, 1987, before the beginning of the fishing season, except for the regulations which must be put into action by Jan. 1.

Effectuated by the law will be wildlife reserves, controlled hunting zones, and public areas where the minister wishes to install a pillar of rights exclusively for the preservation of controlled hunting, fishing, and trapping.

SALMON FISHING

As of Jan. 5, the minister of Recreation, Game and Fish will be accepting telephone reservations for salmon fishing with the rental of lodging at Pavillon de la rivière Saint-Jean and for day fishing on the Matapédia river, sector 2, Glen Emma.

Interested parties may call any of the following numbers toll free — Quebec City area: 890-5349, elsewhere in Quebec: 1-800-890-5349, and outside of Quebec: 1-418-890-5349.

What's more, starting Jan. 12 reservations by mail can be sent to, Ministry of Recreation, Game and Fish, "Reservation Service", post office box 8888, Quebec City, Qc. G1K 7W3.

Costs for the outings include a mandatory deposit of 20 per cent (maximum \$100) payable at the time of the reservation and the balance before April 1. Any of those who don't immediately get a reservation may put their name on a waiting list.

The minister of Recreation,

Great outdoors

BY REAL HEBERT

Game and Fish pointed out however that no requests for cancellation or for reimbursements will be awarded after the start of the salmon fishing season.

INVITATION

To easily plan and make your outdoor activities and trips enjoyable, the ministry of Recreation, Game and Fish invites you to consult its directory, *Quebec Parks and Wildlife Reserves 1987-1988*.

This directory has been available free of charge since Dec. 22 at all the ministry offices, as well as at offices of Tourism Quebec and Communication Quebec. It can also be obtained by writing, the communications director of the ministry of Recreation, Game, and Fish, post office box 22 000, Qc., G1K 7X2.

You'll find it chock full of information, notably: an alphabetical index by region, park, wildlife reserve, and other services managed by the ministry; geographical maps that allow you to plan your route; pertinent information on each of the areas such as numbers to call, activities offered, services available, tables listing camping areas and other lodging facilities; instructions on how to go about reserving (for lodging, fishing trips, salmon fishing, etc.); and a list of lakes with day fishing that require reserving at least a day in advance.

The choices are numerous. There is truly something for every taste, age group, and physical condition. It is an invitation that might launch you on to your discovery and eventual love of the outdoors.

In closing, I'd like to wish that the new year brings you many days of enjoyment in the great outdoors.

Réal Hébert has been an outdoor enthusiast for many years. Here, at the tender age of nine, Réal and a buddy go for a leisurely, well-dressed stroll across the wind-swept, exciting-but-dangerous, barren tundra. Réal is the one on the left.

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Sports shorts

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Sheriff's deputies, acting on an informant's tip, stopped New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden last year and searched his car for drugs, the Tampa Tribune reports.

No drugs were found and no charges were filed.

Hillsborough sheriff's deputies reported finding \$4,000 in cash, a pistol, baking soda and some empty and half-empty beer cans after Gooden agreed to let them search his Mercedes Benz on Dec. 27, 1985. The Tribune says.

REGINA (CP) — Quarterback Bernard Quarles of the Canadian Football League's Saskatchewan Roughriders has been charged with making harassing telephone calls.

Quarles, 26, entered no plea Monday in provincial court. He was charged after telephone calls were made to a Regina woman in November and this month.

The case was adjourned to Jan. 12.

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