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Down Valley roads

Some of the Valley's history, reflecting three to four generations, was brought down from the rafters and pulled out of century-old outbuildings for an auction sale on Saturday. About 80 buyers locally and from Ontario and the United States bought the buggies, cutters, double wagons, harness, farm implements and collectibles belonging to the late Eddie and Mayford Hooker of Ormstown. A goose-neck cutter caught the attention of Hemmingford dealer Robert Thompson and Pat Tannahill. A buggy which had belonged to the late Mary Hooker sold for \$475.

(Photo: V.F.)

Candidates prepare for final lap of race

170 polls ready for Monday's federal vote

Judith Taylor
 THE GLEANER

Next Monday will tell the tale as some 65,000 voters in Beauharnois-Salaberry riding have the chance to choose their Ottawa representative from among four candidates.

The riding itself, in the shape of an irregular triangle, stretches

along the U.S. border from Dundee to Hemmingford; northeast along the St-Lawrence River almost to Chateauguay; and southeast to include St-Rémi, Ste-Clotilde, St-Urbain, and Barrington before turning almost due south again to reach the border.

Population figures
 Total population, according to Statistics Canada 1991 figures, is around 88,000, including the major

centres of Valleyfield and Beauharnois, where Bloc Québécois candidate Laurent Lavigne is expected to make a strong showing.

The Statistics Canada report shows that 10,340 respondents listed English as their mother tongue, compared to 74,935 francophones, and just over 1,000 allophones.

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MRC mayors discuss future of abandoned CN rail track

Use them for roads, farmland, recreation?

MRC mayors are facing the issue of what will happen to the disused railroad tracks and right-of-way running through the Valley.

Since last month, when the National Transportation Agency authorized CN to abandon its rail lines from Huntingdon to St-Isidore and a part of the Beauharnois spur, several questions about the strips of land

have surfaced.

At the October 13 meeting of the MRC du Haut-St-Laurent, mayor Albert Billette of Trè-St-Sacrement asked the MRC to follow up on his own letter to CN asking that weeds be cut along the tracks in his municipality. He wants to know what CN's intentions are for the tracks.

This led the MRC mayors to

discuss possible uses for the right-of-way, should CN decide to hand it over or sell it for a token amount.

Huntingdon mayor Gerald Brisebois suggested that the section of the line in his municipality could be used as part of a by-pass road to divert heavy traffic around Huntingdon.

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QAPSB opts for name change to suit linguistic board law

by Shawn Apel
 for QCN Press

boards, the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards voted at its October 16 annual meeting to re-name itself the Quebec School Boards Association.

The great majority of anglophone students in boards off the island of Montreal will soon be under the authority of language-based boards, association president Peter Riordan said following the Montreal meeting.

"Consequently we felt the

association... should reflect the change," Riordan said.

Non-exclusive
 Riordan said the association also wanted to avoid names which would seem to exclude other interested groups.

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Home-team CVR runners win at Richelieu Zone meet

Over 430 cross-country runners converged on Chateauguay Valley Regional High School on Saturday Oct. 16 to take part in the Richelieu Cross-country Championships.

Forty-three elementary, high schools and Cégeps took part in

the 10 events which included distances varying from 1500 metres to 8000 metres.

Chateauguay Valley Regional took top honors in the high school section, winning three out of six categories and the combined

championship, edging out Richelieu Valley.

The local high school won the Bantam girls, Midget boys and Juvenile boys divisions.

Bantam girls
 In the Bantam girls division, Emily Laroque's third place finish, and Yvonne Blonde with a fourth place, led the CVR girls to the victory. Rebecca McCaig, Tamara Faubert and Carlee Neal placed seventh, eighth and ninth respectively.

Laroque, Blonde, McCaig and Faubert qualified for the Provincial Championships later this month in Forestville.

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Midget boys
 Jason Burton led the Spartans to a victory in the midget boys section with a second place finish. Kris McFarlane placed ninth, Chris Hadlock 11th, Jeremy Roy 18th, James Gahan 19th and Sasha Geukjian 20th. Forty seven boys registered for this race.

Jason Burton also qualified for the Provincial Championships.

Juvenile boys
 The third team to win for CVR was the Juvenile boys led by Jason Corbitt's fourth place. Kent Watt placed eighth, Francois Hayton ninth, Brian Woods 10th and Steve Leblanc 12th. Corbitt will also join the group going to Forestville

for the Provincials.

Other athletes who qualified to go to the Provincial Championships include Jonathan Laframboise and Jason Forget in the Bantam Boys and Kim Erskine and Jennifer Collins in the Midget girls.

Lots of work

Hosting a large-scale event such as last Saturday's meet, where more than 400 athletes and 43 schools took part, requires a tremendous amount of time and effort on the part of the host school. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents all pitched in to produce a well-organized competition at CVR.

Mayors' jobs contested in four municipalities

Total of 18 council elections called for November 7

Judith Taylor
 THE GLEANER

After warming up to the electoral process with next week's federal contest, voters in nine local municipalities will again be asked to cast ballots, this time for municipal representatives on Sunday Nov. 7.

A total of four mayoralty races materialized after nominations closed at 4 p.m. Friday: in the Parishes of St-Malachie d'Ormstown and Trè-St-Sacrement, and in Hemmingford Village and Hemmingford Township.

Adding these to the municipal council seats which are up for election, a total of 18 contests will be held, unless some candidates decide to withdraw between now and polling day.

Many other seats were filled by acclamation, either by returning councillors or by new candidates who were unopposed.

Mayoralty races

Long-time St-Malachie mayor Harold Merson faces opposition from Prince Albert St. resident Denis Guérin this time 'round; while Trè-St-Sacrement's Albert Billette is being challenged by former Howick fire chief Robert B. Ness.

In Hemmingford Village, mechanic Mario Fortin has decided to oppose mayor Maurice Patenaude; while in the Township,

businessman Evangelos Koutsavlis is vacating his council seat to run against mayor Donald Hadley.

As far as council seats are concerned, elections loom in Ormstown Village (two); St-

Malachie, (two); Howick Village (three); Trè-St-Sacrement (two); Havelock (one); Hemmingford Township (one); Elgin (one); and St-Chrysostome Village (one). Nominations close November 29 for a vacancy on Seat 1 in St-Jean-

Chrysostome.

New Howick mayor

A new mayor has been acclaimed in Howick Village, where Claude Jodoin replaces Arthur Tellier.

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Autumn joys...

Liette Metras of Rang Savary in St-Antoine-Abbé and her grandchildren were out in the garden Saturday past, taking advantage of a warm autumn day with sunshine to rake some leaves into the strawberry patch. The joys of autumn also include taking a break to munch on an apple.

(Photo: V.F.)

Franklin citizens' group suspicious of proposed tire processing scheme

Issue of possible pollution not settled, hearings urged

Valerie Furcall
 THE GLEANER

The thorny issue of Franklin's stockpiles of 12-15 million used tires is again in the public eye. Universal Energy Corporation, a company which specializes in industrial combustion plants, would like to use them to produce electricity through a process called "gasification".

Franklin citizens organized a public meeting October 6 and denounced what they believe is a "plot between the Quebec Environment Ministry and Franklin municipality to install a tire-burning plant, using a technology which has not been proven in Canada".

Franklin mayor Jean Laplante told The Gleaner that Universal Energy, which has a branch office in Boucherville, met with the municipality three times earlier this year to explain gasification and provide information about its operations.

Presently, the Environment ministry is reviewing the request

from Universal Energy Corp., Archie Thompson, an entrepreneur representing the company told The Gleaner Monday.

Thompson said the process is "definitely not incineration", but involves a multi-stage process which utilizes the vapors of the gasified tires, which have been burned in a sealed chamber with a controlled air supply at a temperature of about 480 degrees C. The technology is not new, he added, but has been upgraded to meet Quebec standards. Also, the emissions from the plant would be comparable to those from a diesel-powered semi-trailer truck, Thompson stated.

Laplante considered that the creation of a 100 jobs and the tax base generated from a \$10-million project would be a plus; however, "only if the plant really is non-polluting", he stated.

Of course, the environment ministry would judge if the project meets its criteria. It issues an approval permit, Laplante added.

"The process is so clean, scrubbers on the stacks aren't

needed," Thompson stated. About five to 10 acres in the Franklin area would be needed to house the 300-foot by 75-foot building. Also, the company envisions operating a greenhouse on the site.

About three million tires would be transformed annually; there are about six million used tires discarded annually in Quebec,

according to Laplante.

Why aren't other alternatives being considered as a solution to Franklin's used-tire dilemma? Laplante stated that no company ever came forward with concrete plans for a project. Universal Energy is the first and only one to offer something, he stated.

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Dining in

Florence Cartier (seated) of Walshaven is one of over three dozen seniors who receives a delivered noon meal Tuesdays in Ormstown. A Meals-on-Wheels program resumed September in Ormstown, coordinated by La Bouffe Additionnelle. Pictured also are volunteer driver Richard Cartier of Huntingdon and May Legault of La Bouffe.

(Photo: V.F.)

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This and That in Town

HOWICK CURLING CLUB — announces registration for new members is now open, with the season scheduled to begin in early November. For further information please call Bob Dore (825-2203); Neil Edwards (825-2824) or the Club (825-2042). Dates to remember are the Club Senior Day, March 4; the Invitational Mixed Bonspiel February 28-March 5; and the Lady Gilmore Bonspiel, March 10-12.

COMING UP — in just over two weeks are Remembrance Day services across the Valley. Dates and times are as follows in Legion District 13: Lacolle Branch 11: Sunday Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.; Valleyfield Branch 62: Sunday Nov. 14, 1 p.m.; Howick Branch 123: Sunday Nov. 7, 10 a.m.; Huntingdon Branch 81: Sunday Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.; Ormstown Branch 196: Sunday Nov. 7, 2 p.m.; Chateaugay Branch 108: Sunday Nov. 7, 1:30 p.m. at the shopping mall; Beauharnois Branch 146: Saturday Nov. 13, 2 p.m.; Mohawk Branch 219: Saturday Nov. 6, 1 p.m.; Hemmingford Branch 144: Sunday Nov. 7, 1 p.m.

DONATIONS — of handicrafts, plants, baking, etc., will be welcome for sale at the Barrie Memorial Hospital Bazaar set for Saturday Nov. 6 at Chateaugay Valley Regional High School in Ormstown. (J.M.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — for Sunday Nov. 21, date of another organ recital by Rev. Stephen Crisp at St. Paul's United Church, Ormstown. Also in Ormstown, the St. James' Anglican Church Bazaar is coming up next Saturday Oct. 23. (Please check the ad for details.) And don't forget that citrus fruit is available by the boxful from Managers of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church (see Ormstown Social column for details). (J.M.)

THE CENTRAIDE BRUNCH — in Ormstown will be served Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Royal Canadian Legion hall. Everyone welcome.

AT C.V.R. — the annual Citrus Drive is now under way, and the deadline for orders is Friday Oct. 29. If you have not been approached by a CVR student, you may place and order by calling Mrs. Edith Blair at CVR (829-2381).



Last week Progressive Conservative candidate Marie-Andrée McSweeney made a tour through the greater Huntingdon area, and was received by Lawrence Prevost, owner of Prevost Wood Products. Her visit included the grand tour of his Elgin-based mill. Mr. Prevost presented Ms. McSweeney with a souvenir Steve Yzerman hockey stick. Prevost's sawmill supplies the majority of wood used in hockey stick fabrication, and also prepares oak for stairs, rails, furniture and flooring. The business also turns pool sticks for a Taiwan importer. (Photo: V.F.)

HE'LL SOON BE BACK — from Nashville ("the best place in the world"). René Foran of Huntingdon sent The Gleaner a post card revealing the "very good time" he's having in Nashville, hobnobbing with country music artists. He had his picture taken at Kitty Wells' home. "She surprised me when she autographed my guitar," he wrote. **IN HOWICK** — Shirley O'Hanlon tells us the Line Dancing sessions are going great guns, and everybody is "having a great time". Anybody who wants to join in (at no cost other than sharing expenses) can come to the Howick Elementary School at 8 p.m. Mondays, or to the "Pink School" Wednesday mornings at 10.

Craft & Rec preparing for October 27 sale, luncheon

The Craft Centre's annual craft sale and luncheon will be held next Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

You will be able to choose not only from a large array of beautiful hand-crafted articles but also from everyone's favorite, the bake table. Just think, here's your perfect opportunity to start on that long list of Christmas shopping at very reasonable prices. Also you can enjoy a very nice lunch of home-made soup, sandwiches, and dessert. Hope to see you on our big fund-raising day.

We are asking everyone who is bringing in something for the bake table to please label items with ingredients. Put a list of spices used in your pie,

or is your recipe has some kind of nuts in it or nut oil, please include this on the label.

We need bags, plastic margarine containers, pie plates, and cash boxes for the sale if anyone would like to bring some in. If you are making sandwiches or dessert, we ask that you please have them in by 10 a.m. Our food lists are not yet filled. If you would like to bring in something please see Joan Ramsay.

This fall we will be taking two Christmas shopping trips. The first will be to Fairview Shopping Centre on November 8, leaving at 9 a.m. and returning around 4 p.m. If you are interested in going on this trip the cost is \$6 for members

and \$8 for non-members. You can sign up anytime or call me at 264-3231. You can also circle December 6 on your calendar, as we will be going to Cote Vertu.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls who work at the plastic-mesh table for bringing in the snack on October 6 and also the card players who treated us on October 13. Both groups made delicious sandwiches, a favorite with all of us.

Many happy returns to the following members celebrating birthdays on October: Ola Proudfoot, Joan Ramsay, George Wilson, William Wallace, Jeannine Tattrie, Marilyn Sweeney, Jean-Paul Galipeau, Maggie Arthur, Charles Reid, Ruth McIntyre, Mary Lennox, Winnie McDonagh, Ken MacDonald, Evelyn Hamilton, Isabella Douglas, George McPherson, Lorne Fennell, Julis Saumier, Cecile Latour, and Mable Cook.

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating anniversaries in October: Ola and Jon Proudfoot, and Irene and Howard McLean.

A cheerful "Hello" to all our sick and shut-in friends.

-Gloria McIntyre

Elgin shares cost of heart monitor

Elgin will participate in the purchase of a cardiac defibrillator for the Montpetit ambulance service, at a cost proportional to its population.

The Constable, N.Y. Volunteer Fire Department has asked Elgin for \$1,508 (U.S.) in additional funding. Department president James Gavin and the secretary attended the October 4 council meeting to present the firemen's budget.

About 30 per cent of the fire department's operating costs are generated through fundraising by the volunteer firemen and families. The department

is losing its firefighting volunteers due to the demands of raising its own budget. Constable is the first-responder for Elgin fires.

No decision was taken concerning the request. Sixty tons of road salt were purchased for the 51 km of roads maintained by Elgin.

The member-cost-share of \$1.55 per population for the Huntingdon Arena was accepted.

The Ministry of Transport will be asked to pay the \$30,000 subsidy for paving done by Elgin on 1st Concession.

By ordering the printing of its 1994 tax bills in advance, the municipality will save \$200.

Armed duo nabbed in Ste-Agnes

Valleyfield RCMP and Customs officers seized 25 cases of tobacco and 21 cases of cigarettes in Ste-Agnes-de-Dundee Friday, Oct. 15.

Four prohibited fire-arms, a 9mm automatic sub-machine-gun and three 9mm automatic hand

guns, were also confiscated.

Two Ste-Agnes-de-Dundee individuals will appear in court November 26 to answer to charges.

The tobacco products are valued at \$60,000. The seized fire-arms are American in origin, a RCMP spokesman said.

Cats make terrific pets but must get proper care

For centuries, cats have played a significant role in people's lives. For many pet owners, in fact, cats have become more than just animals - they have become friends and a part of the family.

Supplies
Caring for the indoor cat begins with a trip to the

local pet store. New cat owners are going to need to stock the proper equipment and supplies to keep their cat's life and hygiene in top shape. Some of the more essential items include food trays, grooming tools and toys, as well as a bed and litter tray.

CVR ...

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Preparations started six weeks ago with the careful design and grooming of the trail. Students constructed bridges and cut grass and shrubs in order to have the course in top shape.

Perfect weather
When the big day finally came, even the weather man co-operated with ideal running conditions.

The CVR football team ran the canteen and kept everyone fed with hot dogs and hamburgers. Approximately 30 students acted as officials on the course, helping runners keep to the correct course.

Another 15 or so students and teachers manned the finish line to handle the rush of runners.

Each runner was given his/her time and then reported to the result desk where their position was entered into the computer for instant results.

Francois Charettes wizardry on the computer certainly added to the efficiency of the competition.

Meet organizer Norm Woods had nothing but praise for the 60-70 volunteers who worked together like a well-orchestrated team.

-Norm Woods

County WI semi-annual plans for upcoming year

The Chateaugay-Huntingdon Counties Women's Institute Semi-annual Convention was held in Dundee Municipal Hall on Friday Oct. 15.

Coffee and muffins were ready for the delegates upon arrival, and president Mrs. Isabel Sutton called the board meeting to order at 10 a.m. A total of 17 delegates answered the Roll Call representing all seven branches plus county officials.

The Program Committee (Dundee Branch) asks that all 1994-95 programs be sent to Mrs. Ronald Flemming right after the annual Branch meeting in January.

The 1994-95 Resolutions Committee will be made up of Huntingdon, Dewittville and Hemmingford; while the Nominating Committee includes Aubrey-Riverfield, Dundee and Franklin.

The Ableware Project saw a feed tray sent to a handicapped child in Hemmingford. A thank-you was sent to the Past President as this was her project.

A full report was given by treasurer Mrs. Marian Ruddock, and Branch presidents reported on activities. No conveners' reports were given, but branch conveners will send annual reports to the County convener before December 31.

The Presidents' reported she had visited one branch.

For the Wool-gathering project, finger puppets are being made by Hemmingford and Howick branches, and other articles are made for Barrie Hospital Bazaar.

The Presidents' Project encourages a membership drive for new members in each branch.

The Provincial Project for 80th anniversary is a quilt block, 18 inches square, and done in the W.I. colors of gold and blue. Hemmingford and Franklin branches will look after this.

There are 156 members in the Chateaugay-Huntingdon Counties WIs.

New business

The 1994 Annual Convention will be held at Walshaven Community Centre in Ormstown on April 22, 1994, with Franklin as hostess Branch. Suggestions were given for speakers or a demonstration.

There will be no Military Whist card party in 1994.

A resolution on "justice

in our society" was signed by all seven branches and one County delegate, and will be forwarded to provincial level.

It was decided to eliminate the \$1 fee from branch to county until further need.

The 1994 Semi-annual Convention hosted by Huntingdon Branch, will be held on the third Friday in October.

For the Plant sale to be held at Annual Convention, the Agriculture Convener will be responsible for sale table.

It was suggested that the County W.I. take membership at Huntingdon Fair, so members can exhibit articles.

A Military Whist card party at the Huntingdon Legion on November 8 will be sponsored by Franklin Elementary School.

An invitation has been received to the Historical Society Meeting on November 5 in Hemmingford, in St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall. Plans were finalized by each branch for their part of the evening's program.

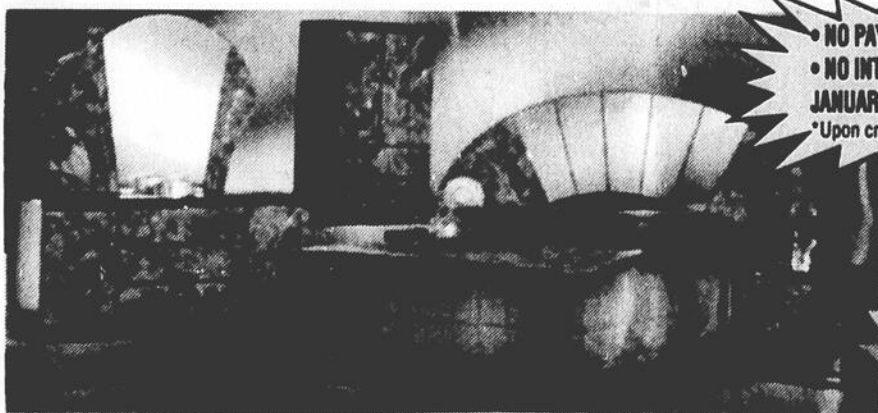
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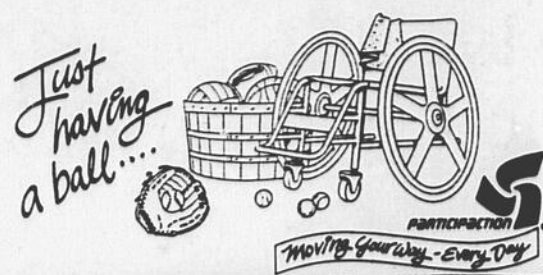
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Meals on Wheels program now running in Ormstown

Valerie Furcall
THE GLEANER

A Meals-on-Wheels program is operating once again in Ormstown, run by La Bouffe Additionnelle of Huntingdon. La Bouffe operates a community kitchen in the ADDS complex on Prince St., Huntingdon CLSC Community organizer Gisele Martin helped La Bouffe coordinator Pearl Gendron and her team of volunteers to get the program started.

About 36 meals are delivered every Tuesday at lunchtime. Clients are charged \$2.50 for the service, to cover some overhead costs.

Moisson Sud-ouest and other donors supply much of the food that the volunteer cooks turn into nutritionally-balanced fare. The Ormstown Legion offered its kitchen facilities, bought the travel containers, and members make some of the deliveries, as do Anchors & Wings members.

Typically, a menu has included tomato/vegetable soup, alfalfa and carrot salad, shepherd's pie, fresh fruit salad and a roll with butter. Said one appreciative client, "I always have enough for two meals. It's great having a meal brought in, especially when I was still weak from just having

gotten over a cold." "Certainly the volunteers don't have to be here doing this, but they are," Gendron said. "I'm here because I decided to concentrate my efforts on feeding people," she added.

Anyone wishing more information may call La Bouffe at 264-4775.



Gisele Martin, Eva Beauvais and Pearl Gendron filling the dishes for the Meals-on-Wheels lunches which go out to several dozen Ormstown residents.

(Photo: V.F.)

Councils . . . from page 1

Re-elected as mayor were: Christian Soucy (Ormstown Village); Jeannine Giroux (Havelock); Peter Dagg (Elgin); Yves Daoust (St-Louis-de-Gonzague); and Angus McAngus (St-Chrysostome Village).

Six municipalities had no elections scheduled for this year in any case. They are: Franklin, Godmanchester, Dundee, St-Anicet, Ste-DeLuca, and Hinchinbrooke.

Nomination results

In those which did, declare some or all of their seats open in 1993, results of the nomination procedure are as follows (incumbent council members are marked *):

Ormstown Village: Mayor C. Soucy * re-elected; Seat 1: Denis Bérard * vs. Denis Arcoite; Seat 4: Milton Reddick vs. Daniel Daoust (Faye Cartier * retired).

St-Malachie: Mayor: Harold Merson * vs. Denis Guérin; Seat 1: André Bergevin * vs. Jacques Primeau; Seat 2: Keith Greig * re-elected; Seat 3: Francine Brière * vs. Roger Cadiou.

Howick Village: Seat 1: Louise Cholette vs. Richard Ricard vs. Yves Soucisse (Serge Robidoux * will contest Seat 5; Seat 2: Tom Stonehouse acclaimed, replacing Brian Irving (retired); Seat 3: André Houle vs. Michel Lemieux (to replace

Renaud Deschamps *); Seat 4: William Casement, acclaimed, replacing Ronald Tennant *; Seat 5: Robert Doré * vs. Hubert Martin vs. Serge Robidoux; Seat 6: Richard Raithby vs. Fernand Tremblay (to replace Lynn Robb-Parent *, retired).

Très-St-Sacrement: Mayor: A. Billette * vs. R.B. Ness; Seat 1: Alvin Chisholm * acclaimed; Seat 3: Lise DeLuca vs. Keith McCartney vs. Mario Robidoux (to replace Normand Bourcier * retired); Seat 4: Ross Craig * re-elected; Seat 5: James Runciman * vs. John Cosgrove; Seat 6: Daniel Boudrias, acclaimed, replacing Réal Rose (retired).

Havelock: Mayor: J. Giroux * acclaimed; Seat 1: Nery Robichaud * acclaimed; Seat 2: Robert Carroll * acclaimed; Seat 4: (vacant) Daniel Boileau vs. Léo René.

Hemmingford Township: Mayor: D. Hadley * vs. E. Koutsavlis; Seat 1: Alex Ross, acclaimed, replacing E.

Koutsavlis; Seat 2: (vacant) Bruce Munro vs. Wolfgang Vacha vs. Kevin Fitzsimon; Seat 5: Michel Prieur, * acclaimed.

Elgin: Mayor Peter Dagg * acclaimed; Seat 1: Bill Watson * acclaimed; Seat 3: (vacant) Irène Leduc vs. Jacques Philizot vs. Richard McKellar; Seat 4: Philippe Leblanc * acclaimed; Seat 5: William Macfarlane * acclaimed.

St-Louis-de-Gonzague: Mayor: Yves Daoust * acclaimed; Seat 5: Maurice Montcalm replaces Claude Maheu * (retired); all other seats re-elected.

St-Chrysostome Village: Mayor Angus McAngus * acclaimed; Seat 2: Robert Boudreau acclaimed; Seat 3: James Roy * acclaimed; Seat 4: Manon Poissant * acclaimed; Seat 5: Maurice Bourdeau vs. Aldéa Provost (to replace Emus Vaillancourt *, retiring after 18 years).

St-Jean-Chrysostome: Mayor Denis R. Vincent * acclaimed; Seat 3: Réal Tremblay * acclaimed; Seat 6: John Agnew * acclaimed. A vacancy in Seat 1 will be filled with elections December 12 if necessary.

Advance polls in all municipalities will be held Sunday Oct. 31 between noon and 8 p.m. for those who are unable to vote on November 7.



Citizens concerned about the proposed tire "gasification" plant in Franklin organized a press conference October 6 to inform other citizens, and to press for public hearings about the project. Pictured are Bernard Vincent, Christian Descosy, André Langevin, Monique Desnommée and Serge Tardif.

(Photo: V.F.)

Tires . . . from page 1

Spokespeople from the citizens' group, André Langevin, Monique Desnommée, Ormstown Union des producteurs d'agricoles syndicate member Normand Vincent, agricultural producer Christian Descosy and artist Serge Tardif said they wanted more information about the company and gasification, a process which is not defined in the ministry's environmental quality laws.

They criticized what they believe have been "secret negotiations over the past year between the Quebec Environment Ministry, Franklin Municipality and Universal Energy Corporation, to build a plant to burn tires".

Langevin stated that "the citizens can not be against or for a project that they don't know about".

When the ministry was asked by the citizens for information about the "gasification" process, they were refused, Desnommée stated.

"Worse than that," she said, "the ministry told us to direct our inquiries to the promoter".

Franklin citizens, since they are surrounded by 15 million used tires, maintain they have "every right to be kept informed of the environmental repercussions of such a project".

In a press release, Desnommée charges that Franklin municipality, without notifying the citizens, passed a resolution April 26, which would clear the way for an owner of an used-tire site to collaborate in the project.

The citizens believe that "a tire transformation plant located in a largely agricultural region, near a campground accommodating 10,000 vacationers, which has not had an environmental impact review, and will be eligible for public funding, should be reviewed publicly".

Desnommée insisted that "the Environment Minister Pierre Paradis

should hold public hearings on the gasification project, as well as proposing alternative technologies for transforming and recycling used tires".

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ANYBODY'S GUESS

"Round and round she goes . . . and where she stops, nobody knows"

While this expression was designed to apply to roulette wheels and thus might be more appropriate to Montreal's new casino, we think it pretty well describes the wheel of electoral fortunes, at least as portrayed by the mass media and the pollsters.

Any movement we have seen during this strange campaign has been circular rather than linear. Unkind souls might think this refers to some politicians at least "going around in circles", but that's not what we meant, although it may be true too.

Picture a "pie graph", so often used by statisticians to show us each faction's share of a given market or whatever. This pie has a red slice for the Liberals, a red-and-blue one for the Conservatives, a definitely Québécois-bleu-et-blanc one for the Bloc, and an indeterminate shade, perhaps green, for the NDP.

Now twirl the pie. The colors will smudge and blur, and as it slows to a halt, who can say which slice will end up opposite the big arrow which says

"You did it, people -- off to the corridors of power with you".

At the beginning of the campaign, we were told the PCs had it, no problem. Then the Bloc slice grew a huge head of meringue and took off looking to many Quebecers like the most scrumptious French pastry ever designed. It still does look pretty good to a lot of our friends and neighbors, it seems.

Meanwhile, the Liberals, having choked down several bites of humble pie, suddenly began to look better in the eyes of the interpreters of all this gastronomic mish-mash.

But the pie never really stops spinning. It's in the ephemeral nature of political popularity that what goes up, must come down. It's all a question of when.

Here in the Beauharnois-Salaberry Riding, among the approximately 15 per cent of residents who claim English as a mother tongue, we may well find ourselves outnumbered when the count comes in. But that's no reason to stay home on voting day. Vote as you wish, with your heart or your head, for the candidate you favor, but vote. Keep in practice.

(J.T.)

GLENER ARCHIVES... 125 years ago

October 23, 1868

HERBS FOR WINTER

Tying aromatic herbs in bunches and hanging them in a garret or other place until needed, is the best way to keep them. After drying, place the herbs near the stove for a short time, remove and cool, when they can be rubbed to a moderately fine powder between the hands, leaving only the useless stems. Keep the powdered herbs in well-stopped bottles, properly labelled. Every housewife should have sage, thyme, summer savory, and sweet marjoram.

BEAR TRAPPED

Mr. David Smith, of Godmanchester, resident about two miles from this village,

being aware that a bear was prowling in the swamp at the rear of his lot, set a trap. The result was that bruin was found the other morning up a tree with the trap attached. A few shots from a revolver settled his fate.

BUSH FIRES

On Sunday last it blew a gale all day, fanning the fires in the bush into activity. At night the sky was lighted by the reflection of them, so numerous were they. We have not heard of any serious damage being done, beyond the destruction of timber, tho' several farmers had enough to do to keep it within bounds.

55 years ago

October 19, 1938

WHOOPIING COUGH "CURE"

Airplanes of the Nazi flying corps have been put at the disposal of doctors treating children with whooping-cough. Investigations by doctors are claimed to have proven that high flying has a beneficial effect on the complaint. Recently a child suffering from whooping-cough was taken to a considerable height in an aeroplane, and as a result its coughing attacks subsided.

PARTRIDGE SEASON OVER

The season for shooting partridge

locally, which opened on September 24 closed on October 16. Hunters claim that partridge were more numerous around this district this year than for some time past.

PLAY AT RIVERFIELD

The play, "The Man in the Green Shirt", put on by Ormstown talent, was greatly enjoyed and applauded to by a full house in the Howick Hall Saturday night. Each one deserved credit for the way they presented the play. Door proceeds \$62.00, candy sale \$12.50.

25 years ago

October 23, 1968

ORMSTOWN LEGION

For some time now work has been going on to make an addition to Hall and meeting place of the members of the Ormstown Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Ormstown. It has been a project that the members have worked hard to do in order to provide more space for the increased activities of the Branch.

EARTH TREMOR

Several area residents phoned The Gleaner over the weekend to enquire if

there had been an earthquake somewhere. They said they had heard rumblings and windows in houses rattled while in some cases the house shook early Saturday morning. Some reported they thought it was like an explosion and all were awakened from their sleep.

DUNDEE VEGGIES

Mrs. Norman McPhee reports that she picked garden peas for Thanksgiving Dinner. During the past week they enjoyed peas AND strawberries. This, in the third week of October!

Family gathering marks 80th for Everett Lindsay

by Diane Farquhar
Rockburn Correspondent

A special celebration was held on Sunday Oct. 10 in honor of Everett Lindsay's 80th birthday.

His family, friends and neighbors arrived at his home on Sunday afternoon to convey their best wishes on this happy time in his life. A delicious lunch was served by his family along with an unusual birthday cake.

Folks with video cameras captured the happy time of visiting and laughter, and family photos were taken as well. Everett was delighted

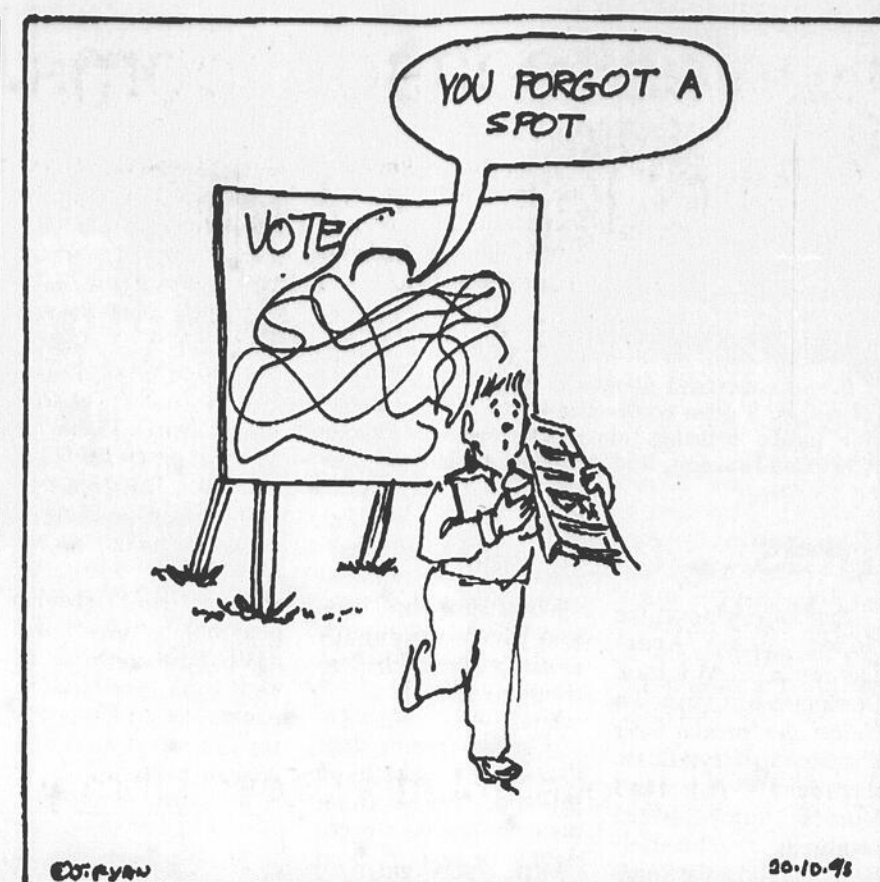


EVERETT LINDSAY

to have his brothers John of Rockburn; George of Johnstown, Ont., and his wife Lyla; his sisters Greta Farquhar, Muriel Rowe, and Margaret Baxter all with him to share in the celebration.

His three sons and their wives (Ernest and Betty of Malone; Gordon and Brenda of Brockville; and Joyce and Bill Lindsay of Prescott, Ont.), were all present along with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Congratulations Everett, with best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.



Letters

Local industry has reacted positively to competition

The protectionists are preaching their doom and gloom again, (c.f. Barbara Ander, The Gleaner, October 13). We heard that same prediction five years ago from those we had always associated with the free traders.

If the deal with the States goes through, Agriculture will suffer, they said. Five years later this is not apparent.

"The deal will spell disaster for the textile industry," they said. What has happened?

At the larger of our two textile firms in Huntingdon, exports are

up, and because exports are up, production is up. And because production is up, employment has been maintained, despite the introduction of new technology.

Wasn't it Francois Cleyn who used to say something like this "Just give us access to a market (in the West); if we can't compete we don't belong there".

I guess the industries with the upbeat philosophies are the survivors.

Roland Greenbank
Hinchinbrooke, QC

Kahnawake visit a real thrill for H'don United Church group

A group from Huntingdon enjoyed a recent visit to Kahnawake as guests of the Kahnawake United Church.

The Huntingdon United Church group started their visit with a guided tour of the elementary school and cultural centre. Visitors were able to ask lots of questions about this very different culture existing right here in Quebec.

After lunch, a tour of the Survival School gave a first-hand view of the traditional skills taught there. The only drawback was that, after emerging from the building's woodworking shop with its wonderful smell of fresh-cut wood, the group found themselves downwind of three giant smokestacks, with their "legal but lead-containing" emissions. It is a shame that these had to be built so close to the beauty of the Reserve.

Next item on the agenda was a tour of the bright and cheerful Kahnawake Hospital and the historic Catholic Church.

At the Kahnawake United Church, the Huntingdon people had a singing lesson—learning to sing "Amazing Grace" in Mohawk. The decor of the church was done by native artisans and artists. The handmade cross and altar beadwork were especially impressive, as was the beauty and simplicity of the Bible stand. The table was covered with lovely, soft doekin and rabbit skin, and the stained-glass windows were unique.

After such a special day and gracious reception, the visitors agreed they wished they had had more than just one day to visit.

Two weeks later, on October 5, the United Church Women held a "pie bee". The work at these events builds people as well as pies, and on that day, over 300 pies and 81 shells were completed.

These will be part of the special fare at the United Church Fall

Luncheon on Thursday Oct. 21, where friends, neighbors, and newcomers alike are always welcome.

—Donna Thiel



The groups from Huntingdon United Church enjoyed their tour of the Kahnawake Survival School.

(Photo: Neil Wallace)



Andrew Fawcett (right), Dorothy Hawley, and some other Huntingdon visitors outside the Kateri Memorial Hospital in Kahnawake.

(Photo: Neil Wallace)

Births and Deaths

Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams, Marriage Notices, Engagements, Announcements.

BORN

HILTZ - Greg and Peggy (née Hooker) happily announce the birth of their son, John Michael Paul, 8 lbs. 10 oz. on Thursday, Sept. 30, 1993, in Ottawa. A brother for Joey. Grandson for Pauline and Harold Hiltz of Ottawa and Milton and Judy Hooker of Ormstown. Fifteenth Great-grandchild for Bert Gomery of Brooklet.

PATENAUE - Tony and Carole Taillefer are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Trevor John Patenaude born on October 6, 1993 at 1:15 p.m. at the Valleyfield Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces. Proud grandparents and Shirley and Laurent Taillefer of Huntingdon and Patricia and John Patenaude of Huntingdon.

DIED

COLLINS, Muriel (Graham) following a lengthy illness, at Alice Hyde Hospital, Malone, N.Y. on October 15, aged 73 yrs. Beloved wife of Arlington Collins and dear mother of Merrill (Linda) and the late Dale (Virginia), sister of Lyell Graham (Beryl) and survived also by 5 grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Safferty, at the Chateaugay Funeral Home, Saturday evening, Oct. 16 at 9 p.m. Following cremation, burial was at morning-side Cemetery, Malone, N.Y.

NICKLE, Marguerite Anna (née Kerr) at the Brockville General Hospital on Saturday October 16, 1993. Daughter of Pearl Kerr and the late Haddon Kerr. Beloved wife of Grant and loving mother of Diane, Steven and Sandra, grandmother of four. Sister of Shirley McMullan of Howick Quebec and Hazel Johansen of Beeton Ontario. Resting at the K.W. Montroy Funeral Home 70 Pine St., Gananoque. A private family service will be held on Tuesday, October 19th. Interment Gananoque Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 175 Stone St., S. Gananoque. In memoriams to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of Canada or to the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged.

DIED

EVANS, Jean A. - Suddenly on Thursday, Oct. 14, 1993 at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. Beloved wife of Bill. Dear mother of Bill (Jilly), Bob (Helen) and proud grandmother of David, Jonny and Amanda. Sister of Anne (Lyle) and Helen (Bob). A private family service was held on Monday, Oct. 18, 1993 at the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon, Que. Interment Huntingdon Prot. Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Alkin, Dr. Thompson, nurses and staff in the Emergency-room, nurses and staff on the second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital during my stay there; also to my relatives, friends and neighbors for flowers, gifts, cards, visits and telephone calls.

Mary McCormick

I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and flowers while I was a patient in the Montreal General Hospital. It is so nice to know that people care.

Sincerely
Johanna Zeldenrust

The family of the late Laura Fugill Hamilton wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us on her passing. Our sincere thanks for your expressions of sympathy, the numerous donations to the Montreal Children's Hospital and Sun Youth organization, the mass offerings and the many cards. A special thank you to the friends who attended her funeral.

Isabelle and Cairine
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Thomas and Aldo

CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to congratulate Mr. Mario Dumas, C.A. in the opening of his new Chartered Accountancy office in Ormstown. Mario was previously employed as a Tax Manager by the national firm of Samson Belair Deloitte & Touche where he worked for over six years serving the construction, agricultural and retail industries among others.

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Rockburn

by Diane Farquhar • 264-3960

Church News

The managers of Rockburn Presbyterian Church will be holding their Fall Roast beef supper on Saturday evening Oct. 23.

Don't miss the delicious meal of juicy roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables and salads, and thick slices of home-made apple pie.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until all are served.

Donations

Rockburn Presbyterians generously filled several boxes of non-perishables and handy items for assistance at Residence Elle, a local shelter for battered women.

The donations were brought in on Thanksgiving Sunday as a gesture of goodwill to aid in running the home.

Cash donations will be put into food vouchers for future use.

CARD OF THANKS

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Fire safety

Ormslow Beavers visited the Fire Station last week and learned about fire safety procedures from assistant chief Gordon Furey (centre). Fireman Jack Lamb (not pictured) also gave the boys and their leaders a tour of the station and explained the function and operation of the firefighting equipment.

Lyell Graham celebrates 80th

by Diane Farquhar
Rockburn Correspondent

John and Shirley Watson of Rte 138 were hosts of a special family party, in honor of Lyell Graham's 80th birthday. Lyell's large family held this special day Sunday Oct. 3.

Lyell, who is well known in the community for his auction services, has arrived at a special milestone in life. He is still very active and is still handling the successful auction business with the help of his wife Beryl, his daughter Shirley and son-in-law John Watson.

His family were



LYELL GRAHAM

delighted to celebrate this special occasion with their dad.

Best wishes, Lyell, for many more happy years.

Rockburn

by Diane Farquhar
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Belated birthday wishes go out to Mrs. Evelyn Waller who celebrated her 93rd birthday on October 8.

Mrs. Waller is keeping well and enjoys her home life with her son Glen and his wife Grace at the Waller residence on Rte. 202.

Ladies' Aid

The October meeting of the Rockburn Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held in the church hall on Wednesday evening Oct. 13.

The theme of the devotional period was Thanksgiving.

The opening hymn was "Come Ye Thankful People Come", and singing was followed by Psalm 138 and a prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession by Barbara Currie.

Plans to cater at an upcoming auction and for the Military Whist set for November 22 were made.

Treasurer Muriel Hayward reported the total income at the Havelock Fair booth was \$1,000 this year. It was noted that this was the best year the group ever had at the fair. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the success in any way.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" was sung to close the meeting.

Keeping active

Experiencing back pain in one of the most common afflictions of mankind.

Back pain can be caused by a variety of factors: poor posture, lack of exercise, overeating, ruptured discs, osteoarthritis (or natural aging), tension and emotional problems and others.

If you suffer from bouts of back pain-take heart! With proper care, exercise and time, you will be on your feet again.

Speak with your physician or physical therapist. A diagnosis of the condition of your spine, together with preventive exercise and strategies to avoid back injury at work and at play will be useful tools for a healthy, active lifestyle.

Mayors leaving

The Council of Mayors acknowledged the impending retirement of two of its members from municipal politics. Mayors Arthur Tellier of Howick Village and Yvon Lefort of St-Chrysostome Village are not standing for re-election on November 7. They were thanked for their services to the MRC over the years.

Reportage: Martin

Busiest season looms for Huntingdon Legion

On October 31, at 1 p.m. there will be a Halloween party at the Huntingdon Legion Hall. A casserole supper will be served at 5 p.m. and if you come in costume for the party you will get a \$1 reduction on the supper. There will be prizes for best costume, as well as door prizes.

Armistice supper: The Armistice supper will be held on November 6. Tickets are on sale at the bar. This year's guest speaker is Bob Ford, Chairman of Dominion

Command. Cocktails will be from 6-7 p.m. with supper at 7, followed by entertainment from the Huntingdon area.

Remembrance Parade: The Remembrance Parade will be on November 7, leaving the Legion hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp and marching to the United Church. After service, the parade will march to Prince Arthur Park for the Remembrance Ceremony and laying of wreaths. All veterans and members are urged to attend. If you cannot march, there will

be cars available to follow the parade. Following the ceremonies at the park there will be refreshments back at the Legion Hall.

Poppy Campaign: The 1993 Poppy Campaign will kick off on October 28 at 10 a.m. with a flag-raising ceremony at the town square in front of the CIBC. This campaign is the Legion's most important money-raising event of the year. All money collected is held in trust and is used only for veterans, their dependants, and for other reasons spelled out in the poppy

manual. These monies are well spent and closely checked. Please be generous when donating to this worthwhile cause.

Those of you who would like to purchase a wreath or cross in memory of a loved one who served during war time may call Anne Cameron at 264-5426.

Brunch: The branch will hold a brunch on Sunday, November 14.

Watch for the Gleaner ad. **Pot-luck Supper:** A pot-luck supper will be held on November 21 at 5 p.m.

Military Whists: The will be military whists held on the following Mondays (Watch Gleaner for ads): November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; December 6 and 13.

Anyone in need of help or information pertaining to veteran's services can call Anne Cameron at 264-

5426 or the Legion Hall 264-5711 and leave your name and number. We will get back to you.

Membership: Letters pertaining to membership will be mailed out this week. The dues for 1994 have gone up, due to the raise of the per capita tax at provincial command. Dues are payable on or before December 31 for all members and affiliates.

-Raymond Stonehouse

Loads of books at Little Green Library

Many new books have been purchased for fall reading at Huntingdon's Little Green Library. Some of them are:

J for Judgement, a mystery by Susan Grafton Client by John Grisham, author of "The Firm": a novel of lawyers controlled by the Mafia.

Star Flight by P. Whitney: search for truth behind a husband's accidental death.

Wings of Morning by K. Harper: spellbinding saga of Scotland's St. Kilda Isle.

Kim Campbell, making of a Politician, by R. Fife.

Malina: a place in Ireland binds two women and a man together, by P. Perrick.

Vanished, by Danielle Steel.

We'll Meet Again, a historical mystery by P. Carr.

Without Remorse by Tom Clancy: a novel of two wars, two missions and one man with time running out.

The autobiography of Gabrielle Roy: "Enchantment and Sorrow".

Riders of High Rock, western by Louis L'Amour.

Canadian Living's Light and Healthy Cookbook by M. Fraser. **What's Happening to my body?** a book for girls.

Curling to win by Ed Lukowich.

The 1994 Charlton guide to US stamps.

New children's books include the Great Dinosaur Atlas; science books on tricks, magnets, and machines; books on Christmas, Hallowe'en, ghosts, dough crafts, and three books by Robert Munsch.

The library also has the C.V.H.S. 1993 Journal, which has articles on St. Regis, the Diary of Gerald Keegan, the history of John and Agnes Muir, and of families that left the Ormslow district in the mid 1800s to settle in

Indiana and Illinois; and the John Caldwell letters.

Robert McGee donated his "A Companion to Robert Sellar's History of the Country of Huntingdon and the Seigniories" to the library, and the Ivan Graham Family donated "Traditional Scottish Nursery Rhymes" in memory of Mrs. Margaret Whiteford.

Farley Mowat's latest book has also been received.

Annuals of memberships will be due in January, but if you are a new member, you can get two months free by joining after November 1. The family membership fee will be the same next year.

The library is looking for a bilingual volunteer to check on overdue books, as Lina Duheme has taken other duties.

Keep reading - join the Library after November 1 and receive November and December free.

-Ola Proudfoot

MRC . . . from page 1

Another suggestion from St-Malachie mayor Harold Merson was that the land could simply revert to the farmers who originally owned it.

And the idea of making the whole thing into a cycling or recreational trail for the area was also mentioned. (This idea is also being proposed for disused railway lines in the Eastern Townships, where some grants have already been obtained to help with the conversion.)

The mayors were told that while nothing definite has been decided yet, it is known that CN wishes to sell "everything in one chunk" rather than disposing of the line in small pieces to various purchasers.

Garbage

In other business at the October 13 meeting, the mayors discussed the issue of garbage, or more specifically, composting.

While the consultants' report on recycling has been tabled for the time being, the mayors talked about training "master composters" to go back to the municipalities to help educate individual residents or local schoolchildren on effective composting. Nothing concrete was decided.

Pumping station

St-Anicet mayor Pierre Caza told the meeting that he has no objection to the proposed turn-over by Quebec of the local pumping station to the municipality, "as long as the province makes sure everything is in good shape and running properly first".

He said that operating costs of the facility would

be shared by farmers using it.

The MRC authorized work on part of the Martin Watercourse in the Ormslow area, as requested by the municipality of St-Malachie, which will will responsible for supervising the project.

Courthouse

The ongoing saga of the Municipal Court continues to occupy the mayors' attention. While the MRC would like to have a sort of "circuit court", with a judge visiting twice a year to conduct three-hour sessions in Huntingdon, the Quebec Justice Ministry maintains that this would be classed as a "new court" which should be justified in terms of need.

If the MRC could get what it wants, the court would operate out of the main Beauharnois courthouse, and costs would be limited to \$500 plus expenses to pay the judge for each of the two sessions as well as the cost of a court clerk. The theory goes that this expenditure would be covered by money collected from fines to local offenders during the Huntingdon sessions.

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After Dewittville summer, Lang ready to launch album

Multi-talented Scot Lang is living in Dewittville these days, and preparing for the November release of his third album in a year and a half, *Scot Lang Live*.

At the same time he will be releasing a one-hour TV special, produced by Alain Gelin (father of "Mitsou"), with interviews by academy award winner Terry Nash. The Video, entitled *Sideman Sideways*, features guests Danielle Martineau, Penny Lang, Dan Delaney, and Jason Lang.

The record launch, which will take place in St. Eugene, Ont. will be accompanied by a 25-piece art exhibit by Lang. This will be his fourth exhibit in 1993; his most recent was held in Austin, Texas.

The album, *Scot Lang Live*, was recorded during a concert which was part of the filming of *Sideman Sideways* at Montreal Sound. This will be the first time guest singers appear on one of Lang's recordings, strategically placed between the classical overture and the somewhat African mood created by songs from the Zebra album. As the Montreal Gazette stated last year, Lang "can and does write in every style."

Earlier this year, Lang also appeared on the Disney Channel in a special entitled Till their Eyes Shine. Some other



SCOT LANG

performers who worked on this two-hour video were Carol King, Gloria Estefan, and Anna McGarrigle, Rosanne Cash, and Emmy Lou Harris.

Lang spent the summer in Dewittville, at the century-old horse farm

owned by brother Pat. There he has been painting, editing the new video and album, and occasionally working with his sister Penny, who is due to release a new album at Cafe Campus in late October, which will feature Scot and his work.

Federal . . . from page 1

In the last federal election, the Progressive Conservatives' Jean-Guy Hudon more than doubled the count on his nearest rival, taking nearly 60 per cent of the popular vote.

With 50,641 voters casting ballots in 1988, Hudon secured 29,149, compared to 13,351 for Liberal Linda Julien.

Julien, a St-Timothée lawyer, is trying for the third time to secure the seat for the Liberals, but she is the only repeat candidate. J-G Hudon declared his retirement from politics earlier this year, and Marie-Andrée McSween, a Valleyfield businesswoman, was chosen to replace him as PC candidate.

Laurent Lavigne is the Bloc Québécois standardbearer, and 24 year-old Marc Dubuc entered the race for the New Democratic Party.

Quiet campaign here

The rural southeastern part of the riding, where the largest proportion of anglophones is found, saw little in the way of major campaign events.

Following the cancellation of a proposed all-candidates' debate of the environment at Havelock, a debate on agriculture held mainly in French at CVR on October 8 saw three of the four candidates exchange views, but otherwise, campaigning has seen the Liberal and PC candidates in particular make a series of flying visits to special events going on in the Valley, pausing for handshakes and photo opportunities.

Both Julien and McSween were continuing a breakneck

pace of public appearances through the last week of campaigning, with most slated for the Valleyfield-Beauharnois sector. But campaign workers for both stressed that the schedules "can change and probably will".

Events this week

Julien's timetable includes Ormstown's Barrie Memorial Hospital on Tuesday evening; the Huntingdon Age d'Or and local textile mills on Wednesday; the regional Centre Aide banquet in Valleyfield on Friday; and Saturday's 25 year reunion at Arthur Pigeon School in Huntingdon; as well as other visits to the Huntingdon-Ormstown-St-Louis areas, organizer Nicole Lecours told The Gleaner.

Marie-Andrée McSween's itinerary includes a Thursday visit to Huntingdon for meetings and the United Church Fall Luncheon; an afternoon visit to the St-Anicet Age d'Or; she too will attend the Centre Aide event on Friday and the Arthur Pigeon reunion Saturday, as well as visiting a handicraft exhibit in Ste-Martine and the Allan's Corners Battle of the Chateaugay commemoration Sunday.

Lavigne and Dubuc's campaign offices could not be reached for their schedules.

On Monday, a total of 170 polling stations (10 more than last time) will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. New this time is a rule change allowing electors to vote even if their names are not on the interim voting list, as long as they show proper identification.

Seven Valley elementary schools compete in cross-country event at high school

A total of 427 students from seven Valley schools competed in a cross-country race organized by Huntingdon's St Joseph Elementary. The morning event was held at CVR October 6.

Class 1 ran a 800-metre (about 1 km) distance; Class 11 ran a 1.2 km circuit; and Class 111 did a 1.5 km run.

The course challenged the runners with hills and dunes, creeks and slippery, grassed slopes. The weather conditions were perfect — sunshine and seasonal temperatures.

There were six classes and the boys and girls competed according to age. The first six runners across the finish line in each class were as follows:

Class 1 Girls — Sarah Brisebois (St-Jos.); K. Quinn (Academy); Laura Bernard (St-Jos.); Andrea Carrigan (St-Jos.); M. McCaig (Academy); Janice Wilson (Franklin).

Class 1 Boys — Jeremy Anderson (St-Jos.); Charlie Lavigne (St-Jos.); Timmy Geary (Hemmingford); Sean Stacey (Howick); Steve Atkinson (Academy); Jeffrey Duke (St-Jos.).

Class 11 Girls — Lisa Derpentigny (Academy); Stephanie Newman (Gault); Pam Hooker (Academy); Natalie Collins (Ormstown); H. Patenaude (Academy); Jessica Van Winden (Ormstown).

Class 11 Boys — Kent

Erskine (Academy) Lyndon Allen (Ormstown); Philip Brennan (Ormstown); Brian Miller (Ormstown); Ryan Cunningham (St-Jos.); Adam Lepine (Academy).

Class 111 Girls — Laura Grant (Academy); Brenda Farquhar (St-Jos); Sheena Wilson (Ormstown); Sarah Tully (Franklin); Deirdre Forget (St-Jos.); Danielle Jean (Franklin).

Class 111 Boys — Fred Moore (Academy); Joey Lavigne (St-Jos.); Ian Baronowski (Academy); Eric Murphy (St-Jos.); Todd Lane (Franklin); Shawn Patenaude (Academy).

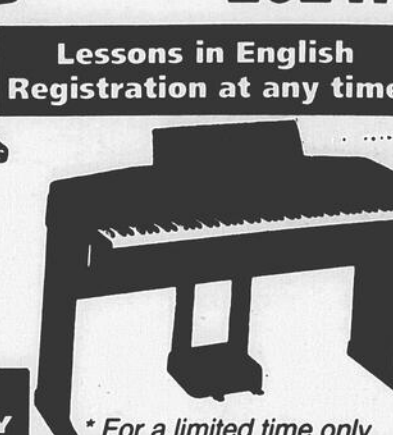
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Franklin WI lists famous inventions

The Franklin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Diane Farquhar on Thursday Oct. 7 with Mrs. Mary Lunn as co-hostess.

The Roll call was answered by 15 members naming an inventor and telling the invention. Some were: Alexander Graham Bell (telephone); Joseph Armand Bombardier (a Canadian) (snowmobile in 1930); Henry Ford (Model T Ford); Benjamin Franklin (bi-focals); Thomas Edison (phonograph).

The wheel was invented in year 3,200 bc. in Mesopotamia.

The Havelock Fair Booths added a nice sum to our bank account. Thanks to all the members. Tickets were sold for a drawing: 1st prize-hand made quilt went to Mary Andert; 2nd prize-box of groceries went to Lorna Tetrault; 3rd prize-basket of apples went to Mrs. Clayton Harvey.

Re. Chateaugay-Valley Historical Society Invitation for November 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Hemmingford.

Suggestions were made for our part in the evening.

Committees

Program Committee: Isabel, Muriel, Vonnice Perron, Cecile and Vonnice St. Croix.

Nominating Committee: Isabel, Alice and June.

A social evening will be held at Fails's Chalet on Rte. 202 in Franklin on Friday Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Members and their families are invited to attend this turkey supper served by Beryl Myatt and helpers.

A resolution on subject of justice in our society was read, passed and signed. This resolution was proposed by Aubrey Riverfield and Howick Branches.

Conveners' Reports

Alice Leahy spoke on Franklin Elementary School Military Whist at the Legion Branch 81 in Huntingdon on Monday Nov. 8. The Franklin W.I. made them a \$25.00 donation for prizes.

Canadian Industries: Vonnice Perron read an article on burning used tires. With little fanfare,

the Quebec government is opening one of the most important environmental debates of recent years: should cement factories be allowed to burn toxic waste and tires as fuel? If the cement industry gets its way, it could become a major handler of the province's toxic wastes and used tires, burning more than 100,000 tonnes of hazardous waste and 54,000 tonnes of scrap tires every year in four Quebec plants.

A "name the leaf" contest was held with Enid L'Ecuyer identifying 18 out of 21 pictures of leaves.

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Julien finishes campaign with appeal to Conservatives & Federalists
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Linda Julien began the last week of her campaign with an all-out appeal to Conservatives, NDP supporters, federalists and practical-minded voters "who know how crucial it can be for a riding to have an active Member of Parliament who will be able to bring specific demands and projects directly to the cabinet table—a strong, effective M.P. who will be working within the next government and not against it from the back-benches."

With the Conservatives set to suffer the worst political defeat in Canadian history and pollsters now predicting a majority Liberal government in Ottawa, Linda Julien expects to fashion an election-day victory based on a wide coalition of federalist voters who want to make their votes do the most good by defeating the Bloc.

Another Debate Victory

The final week of campaigning began with an all-candidates debate on Channel 13, the Valleyfield community cable station. In her opening statements and conclusion, Linda Julien emphasized that she has offered specific solutions for job creation in the riding and that she will be able to deliver public-works projects within the \$6 billion Liberal infrastructure investment program, which would help boost our region's depressed construction sector.

Linda Julien had hoped to exchange ideas with the other candidates at the Valleyfield CEGEP this week, but once again the debate, which would have focussed on youth unemployment, was cancelled because the Conservative candidate did not wish to attend. Linda Julien feels the campaign has not been as lively or informative as it should have been because of the Conservative candidate's "lack of respect for the voting public" and the Bloc candidate's refusal to discuss specific issues in this riding. Anyone who attended the Oct. 8 agricultural debate knows what Linda Julien is talking about: the Conservative



candidate spent her entire 5 minute opening speech talking about herself and the Bloc candidate talked about everything but agriculture!

Finally, it is worth noting that Linda Julien is the only candidate to have offered a written list of specific campaign promises, including: appointing an agricultural advisory committee, working with Federal officials on tax levels to stop the illegal cigarette trade and the increasing lawlessness associated with it, helping Environment Canada officials formulate a policy to stop waste industry projects being placed along the border, holding regular public accountability sessions with citizens all across the riding, and obtaining small business funding for small businesses within the riding.

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Moreover, be advised that advance polling station will be open Sunday, October 31, 1993 from 12 noon to 8 p.m., at the Ormstown Recreation Center, 87 Roy Street, Ormstown, Que. J0S 1K0.

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H'brooke Council

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Two companies have made an offer to purchase the units for Hinchinbrooke and charge them for the electricity and unit maintenance over a 42-month period. At this time, the municipality could purchase the units for \$1.

By purchasing the units, Hinchinbrooke would save about \$240 monthly in its operating costs.

Hinchinbrooke called for contracts for a monthly door-to-door pickup of recyclables for 1994.

Ormont

by Jean McEwen • 829-2704

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cairns enjoyed a two-week holiday at Gibson, B.C. with Wes' brother, Burt Cairns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Templeton spent a week with their son and daughter-in-law, Drs. Dan and Cathy Templeton at Blythe, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hooker arrived home last week after spending the summer in P.E.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Wilson of Belmont, Ont. spent the week-end with Mrs. Alice Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Wilson and family.

Farewell luncheon
Sunday morning, Oct. 17, following the regular service at the Ormont Presbyterian Church, a delicious luncheon was served by Beryl Myatt and family.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Alice Wilson who is moving to Woodstock,

Ont. in the near future.

Following the meal, Rev. John McPhadden called the gathering to order and spoke of the ways Alice has served her Church and the community. He then asked Ken Rember to come forward on behalf of the session and the congregation to present her with a lovely picture of the Church and the river.

Alice expressed her thanks to everyone for the luncheon and the gift and invited anyone who would be in that area to visit her. She introduced her family: Garry and Sylvia; Garth and Rita and two children; her sister Ruby Middlemiss and cousin Eleanor Wilson. She closed her remarks with a short reading and a poem.

John extended thanks to Viola McWhinnie and Karen D'Aoust for organizing the luncheon and to the Myatt family for catering. At the regular managers meeting on Monday evening, Alice was presented with a pewter picture frame from the Board of Managers.

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"Certainly we've heard some indication from the French Protestant community here today that they'd like to continue their involvement with the association, so we've avoided the concept of the Quebec Association of English School Boards. We've also had some indication from other groups that they might like to join an association of school boards, from some of the aboriginal groups and so on, so we've tried to open the doors a little bit."

Quebec Education Minister Lucienne Robillard has said she wants the linguistic boards to be in place for the 1996-97 academic year.

The Supreme Court of Canada cleared the way in June for linguistic boards in Quebec, when it upheld relevant sections of the Province's Education Act. Only the Protestant and Catholic denominational boards on the island of Montreal and in Quebec City will be allowed to operate as denominational boards.

Many unknowns
Riordan said there are many unknowns on the road to linguistic boards, and that it would be hard to predict exactly what the situation will be after they are introduced.

"But what we're doing really... is saying that we welcome the membership of any body, any school board community which shares our values."

The association now represents about 87,000 Quebec students — or about one-tenth the provincial total — in 14 boards and more than 250 schools, according to David D'Aoust, the association's executive director. The association might represent as many as 105,000 students after the switch to linguistic boards, he added.

Some boards are already functioning as linguistic boards, in fact if not yet in name, Riordan said.

"I don't think the association perceives a lot of problems for itself (in making the change), but I think there's a great deal of work to be done at the grass-roots level to bring information and reassurance to parents and members of various communities, to overcome some of the concerns people may face."

Riordan said the major concerns are that students are "educated at the school of their choice and get programs they want."

The association also voted at its annual general meeting to distribute \$100,000 among member boards, money which was left over from a special legal fund for constitutional questions. Riordan said those questions have been largely resolved following the Supreme Court ruling on linguistic boards.

Riordan said the association is also slowly closing the book on legal issues stemming from the misappropriation of almost \$1 million from the association by former executive director David Wadsworth.

Wadsworth served a prison sentence as a result of a criminal case, and some of his assets were liquidated to help re-balance the association's books, Riordan said. The association is trying to recover money in civil cases against Wadsworth and former president John Simms.

Riordan said the association was confident about winning the cases, but not about recovering the money. But he added the association has regained "full credibility", and has "gained a certain degree of respect for dealing responsibly with our problems."

The next annual general meeting will be held in April 1994 at the Chateau Frontenac Hotel in Quebec City.

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