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Ste-Barbe plans bird sanctuary

Ste-Barbe has asked the MRC Haut-St-Laurent for help in creating a sanctuary to protect wild birds from hunters.

The proposed reserve would be enclosed by Lake St. Francis to the north; Rte 132 to the west and south; and the Seigneurial Road to the east.

The idea has already been sanctioned at the municipal level by a council resolution, and mayor Gilles Vallée would like to see the Canadian Wildlife Federation recognize the site as a bird observation centre, where people could see various kinds of waterfowl and Canada geese during their spring and fall migrations. Hunting within the area would be forbidden.

Once the reserve becomes known, Ste-Barbe would be ready to build roadside parking areas to facilitate access for bird-watchers.

"We feel the sanctuary would not only benefit wildlife, but also would help to develop tourism and top make our area better-known," said Gilles Vallée.

—Martin Daoust



We're sure the Chateauguay Valley or Le Suroit can boast many big old trees in the league of the wonderful old Hinchinbrooke maple, which may well be close to the Quebec record circumference of 16 feet five inches.

Valley high school to pioneer English technology program

PSBCV one of only three boards to get MEQ approval

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

Helping students to aim where the jobs are is a realistic approach to today's educational process, one which CVR will be offering to Grade 9 students next year with the introduction of the Voie Technologique option.

That was the good news last week from the Protestant School Board of Chateauguay Valley, one of only three English-language boards in the province to be accepted for the program by Quebec.

Next September, up to 60 Grade 9 pupils, boys and girls alike, will have the chance to take a two-year "detour" into a small-group, team-

taught, hands-on program emphasizing modern technological skills. For their final year of school, they will re-integrate into the normal system and write the same final exams as their fellow students.

Meanwhile, however, they will

have experienced many intriguing projects, such as a module on Automatic Systems Technology, otherwise known as Robotics.

"While this program has as one of its aims to discourage drop-outs, we see it more as a motivat-

ing factor for students of average and even above-average ability who don't particularly enjoy the traditional classroom learning set-up," PSBCV director-general Keith Fitzpatrick told The Gleaner.

"It really represents the wave of the future, preparing the student to make realistic choices after high school," agreed Bruce Patterson, See PROGRAM page 2

Last year's grads improved results

The Chateauguay Valley Protestant School Board has the fourth highest rate of graduation in the province, Quebec government statistics indicated last week.

Among approximately 140 school boards, French and English, only the Lakeshore Board with 94.7 per cent; the South Shore (85.3 per cent); and Baldwin-Cartier (80.6 per cent) graduated more of their students than the PRSBCV, which had a rate of 80.1 per cent.

"Baie Comeau too had a very high percentage, but that board is so small that I don't feel their statistics have much bearing on the rest of the school population," PRSBCV director-general Keith Fitzpatrick told The Gleaner last week.

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Even a surfeit of snow can be used to advantage, as Adam Antonopoulos and Chad Thompson of Huntingdon discovered on Monday afternoon. Adam's balcony proved ideal for jumping off, into several feet of piled up snow.

Photo: Valerie Furcall

"Big storm" pales compared to 1971

13.4 inches seemed like more

All that white stuff might have seemed like 12 feet of snow relentlessly burying us during last weekend's blizzard, but weather-recorder Peter Finlayson says it was actually only 34 cm or 13.4 inches which blitzed the Valley.

Back in 1971, the horrendous snowstorm of March 3-4 whopped us with 54.6 cm or 21.5 inches. By mid-March that year, there were three feet of snow blanketing the fields,

Peter said. This year there is an average accumulation of 20 inches in the fields, which when melted down equals four inches of water. So, we are nowhere near the 1971 volume. How quickly the snow melts will determine how much or how little flooding we'll have to wade through over the next few weeks, he explained.

P.S. Spring officially arrives this Saturday, March 20.

CRRC has good news on environment front

Incinerator canned, fish stocks up

With all the bad news about the deterioration of the environment, locally at least, there are some encouraging signs.

For at least a decade, the Ministère du Loisir, Chasse et Pêche has been stocking the Chateauguay River near Huntingdon, Powerscourt and Hinchinbrooke with brown and rainbow trout. The Chateauguay River Rehabilitation Committee has learned that every year since 1983, in late May or early June, several thousand minnows have been released into the

River. Older ones range in size from 13 to 16 cms for brown, trout, and 19 to 23 cms for rainbow.

In 1991, 10,000 brown and 2,000 rainbow trout were added to fish stocks. Last year, 4,000 brown and 4,200 rainbow trout were released. The goal of the program is to improve sport fishing, and the health of aquatic life in the rivers and streams of a number of regions, including the Laurentians, Laudière and the Montérégie.

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People in the community

70 years in the choir loft - and still singing

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

People get acknowledged for 25 years' service on the job. Being married for 50 years is considered a really special anniversary, and a select few make it to 60 or more years wed.

A 70th birthday is the Biblical three-score-and-ten, usually referred to (in olden days anyway) as a ripe old age. But 70 years of doing anything other than plain living is a pretty unusual milestone.

Huntingdon's Stanley Ruddock

passed that milestone recently, as a member of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir in Huntingdon.

Since 1923 when he joined the choir at the age of 15, Stanley has attended weekly choir practice and Sunday services, adding his tenor voice to the group under more choir directors than he cares to remember.

Walked to town

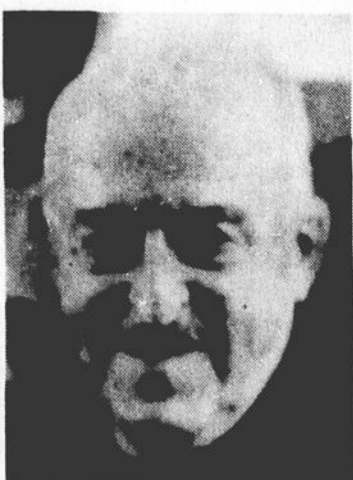
Boy and young man, he often walked the two miles into town twice a week from the family farm east of Huntingdon on what is now Rte. 138. His voice has moved from "boy soprano" range to

something he now disclaims as "nothing special"; he continues to attend because, he says, "It seems to be harder to get good male voices to balance a choir these days."

For Stanley, the choir opened many doors. Singing was not his only love; he picked up a variety of instruments including mandolin, violin, and guitar — he's even given the bagpipes a shot in recent years — in order to participate in the "church orchestra" in the late '20s and early '30s.

Church orchestra

"The church orchestra is some- See CHOIR page 3



STANLEY RUDDOCK

Larocque span open -- at last

Transports Québec announced this week that repairs to the Larocque Bridge should be completed by Thursday, following a complete overnight shut-down Wednesday (7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursday).

The bridge, the more important of two access routes to Valleyfield for residents of the Huntingdon-Ormstown areas, has been under repair for what seems forever, with traffic limited to one-way as of recent months.

The Wednesday night closing of the bridge will enable workers to rebalance the lift span.

Transports Québec and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority this week thanked users for their patience in dealing with the inconveniences of recent months.

The completion of the repairs will mean that things can go back to "normal", with only the usual (and sometimes lengthy) delays caused by lifting the span for passing ship traffic in the Seaway.



This won't hurt a bit!

Veterinarians Debbie Nash (left) and Kelly Rewbotham conducted a Rabies Prevention Vaccination Clinic for Howick and Très-St-Sacrement residents at the Howick Fire Hall last Saturday. Municipal employee Suzanne Coté organized the clinic. About 50 animals, mainly dogs, were vaccinated. This cat, at domestic long-hair named Rhubarb, owned by Margo McKinnon took his shot in stride.

Photo: Valerie Furcall

Hunt is on for trees to challenge records

Ours are bigger than theirs?

Covey Hill forestry engineer René Dulude is a man with a mission these days.

He wants our trees to stand up and take their proper place in the record books, with a little help from Valley residents.

"I was reading an article in Quebec's Forest Conservation magazine recently, listing the province's largest trees by species, with their circumferences," Dulude said.

"The statistics were very impressive, including an elm seven

meters in circumference, a sugar maple and a white pine each five meters around (about 16 feet), but I was really disappointed to note that not one record tree was located in this region. I'm sure we could find some beautiful trees, as big as, or even bigger than these."

Dulude plans to establish a list of "remarkable trees" in this area. As well as the species with record dimensions listed below, he includes another list, comprising species found in this area for which

See TREES page 3

QFA Maple Meeting

New tapping gear lessens tree stress

Valerie Furcall
THE GLEANER

Some 25 syrup producers turned out for the annual QFA Maple Meeting held last Monday

at the Franklin Elementary school. Keynote speaker Lewis Staats of Cornell University showed a 20-minute teaching video, and slides from research of an experimental maple bush at Lake Placid.

The video, available to the public through the University, illustrates aspects about sugar bush management, particularly thinning and removal of diseased trees.

Pipeline innovation

Staats explained a technology for pipeline operations, used by IVL Vacu Spouts. Research indicates this modified system has advantages over what is commonly used in present-day operations.

The new equipment results in much less injury to the tree, as a shorter bore hole is drilled. A tap, with a rubber gasket, is inserted into the hole. A lever is pulled to expand the tap. Also, since the spout is not hammered into place, there is less stress to the tree, he related.

The new system produces sweeter sap as the tap hole penetrates just beyond the bark, into the rich veins. Volume-wise, there is not much difference in yield, Staats concluded.

Environmental factors

Staats believes die-back and acid rain are no longer a threat to maple bushes.

When the tops of trees were dying, he speculated that this condition was caused by dry years. There was an accumulation of environmental stresses, including lack of moisture, which he believes was attributable to the phenomenon.

See MAPLE page 3

This and That in Town

THE ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT — in Huntingdon, also known as the Irish Society Concert, was a victim of last week-end's super-storm. As a result it was postponed to this coming Sunday March 21, at the Notre Dame School auditorium on York St. Starting time 7:15 p.m. for music; 7:45 for entertainment (see ad elsewhere).

IN ORMSTOWN — the Curling Club will hold an Open House of Saturday March 20, starting at 9:30 a.m. when the young folks will demonstrate their skills, using special small rocks. During the afternoon, help and information will be available for anyone who might wish to try curling. (J.M.)

GREMLINS — cut a line from last week's item on the upcoming March Madness Concert, so readers missed some of the names of returning cast members. They are: Iain and Kim Baranowski, Erin Burton, Johnnie Belinda Cluff, Michael Fournier, Catherine and Heather Harper, Stacey Hutchings, Felix Jones, Allison Lambert, Jake Morrissey, Carlee Neal, Scott Pearce, Tara Pietrykowski, April and Jeremy Roy, David and Stuart Thiel and Vanessa Van Winden. Concert dates are March 19 and 20 (this Friday and Saturday).

SUNDAY BRUNCH — on March 21 will be held at the Huntingdon Legion, sponsored by Huntingdon's own Little Green Library. Times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (See ad elsewhere.)

BELL CANADA -- in planning its new enlarged "toll-free" zone around Montreal has been rather inconsistent, and it has at least one Huntingdon resident quite upset. Jean-Claude Poitras called to tell us he had spent much time on the phone with both Bell Canada and the CRT, trying to persuade them it is not fair that Clarenceville and Hemmingford should be included in the zone while the Huntingdon area is not. Deadline for others wishing to lodge a protest is March 22.

HUNTINGDON MINOR HOCKEY — will hold its spring registration Sunday Mar. 21 at the Arena. A \$50 deposit and medicare card are required for every youngster. Players not registering this spring will be charged an additional \$50 in September.

DAYTIME ROBBERIES -- are again on the rise in the Ste-Martine Sureté territory. Rural residences in the Ormstown area and St-Urbain have been robbed of TVs, VCRs, tools and jewels. "It's not just power tools -- screwdrivers and hand-tools have been stolen. Thieves are robbing about everything," Cpl. R. Berniqué stated.

THERE WERE NO MAJOR INCIDENTS -- to report over the past weekend in the Huntingdon Sureté sector. **SLOW DOWN, LOOK TWICE** -- at intersections, Cpl. L. Gauthier of Huntingdon SQ cautions. The snowbanks have greatly reduced visibility, and motorists need to be extra vigilant and come to a full stop before proceeding, he says.

250 CARTONS OF CONTRABAND CIGARETTES -- were seized yesterday morning on Rte. 132 in St-Anicet. An Oka resident was arrested.

AN IRISH LAD -- 10-year-old Clancy Murphy of Hinchinbrooke is credited with spotting a house-fire a couple weeks ago on Rte. 202, outside of Huntingdon. Hinchinbrooke Volunteer Fire Brigade were quickly alerted and proceeded to the scene, much to the surprise of the occupant homeowner, who initially was unaware of the chimney fire and blaze in an upstairs room.

RETURNING CVR BASKETBALL PLAYERS -- from last Saturday's games in Lennoxville arrived back in the Valley after midnight, after riding safely home through the "quite remarkable" driving skills of bus driver Barry Maither of Hinchinbrooke. He made it back without incident -- through the blizzard of '93, and reportedly didn't get caught in a snowdrift until outside of Huntingdon. Maither also cleared a way for a couple carloads of parents who were following the bus. Quite the trip home, in many ways!

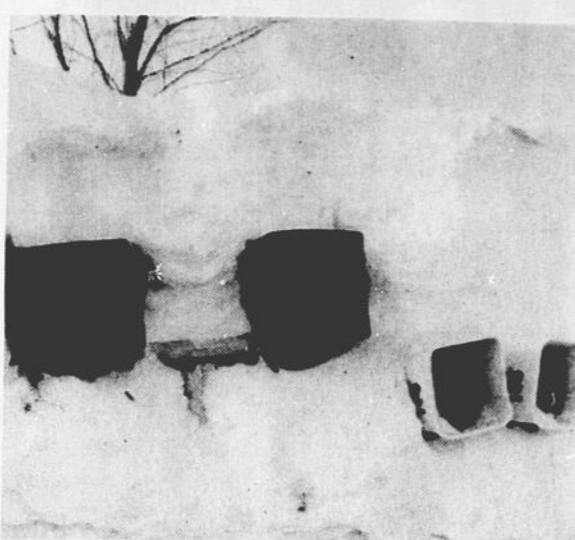
COMING UP -- in Ste-Agnes-de-Dundee is a Card Party, sponsored by the local Women's Institute, to be held at the Ste-Agnes Town Hall on Saturday March 27. (Watch for ad in next week's Gleaner.)

THE U.C.W. -- of St. Andrew's United Church in Hemmingford will hold their annual St. Patrick's Luncheon on Wednesday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Church Hall. (F.E.)

THE MONTHLY CARD PARTY -- at the Old Convent in Hemmingford will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m., followed by light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. (F.E.)

BRIDGE WILL BE PLAYED -- March 17 at 7:30 p.m., at the Old Convent in Hemmingford, followed by a light lunch. (F.E.)

DESPITE THE STORM ON SATURDAY EVENING -- approximately 60 turned out for the corn beef and cabbage supper sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion. Hats of to all of these people who showed their support. Some had a rough ride home as the roads were almost blocked. Many, many thanks for your support. (F.E.)



Like two pairs of giant sunglasses, these mailboxes peer out from a snowbank after the weekend storm.

TODAY — March 17, the Irish throughout the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our poet celebrates with them by remembering the Irish settlers who came to our Valley over 170 years ago. The names in this week's poem are all very familiar throughout the Chateauguy Valley.

"A TASTE OF HISTORY" -- à la Dutch, is the feature of the Chateauguy Valley Historical Society's Annual Dinner Meeting on March 26. Partakers will be treated to a Dutch-style menu. The evening's feature is "Our New Canadians", the story of the Dutch immigrants to Chateauguy Valley after W.W.II Advance reservations for supper are a must. Please see ad for ticket information.

A HOUSE PLANT EXCHANGE AND "SEEDING" -- will be a feature and the topic at the next Valley Garden Club's meeting at the Ormstown Recreation Centre on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to come; meeting is held upstairs. Lug-a-mug, please. Call 264-2809 or 264-2732 for info.

A CASINO NIGHT -- organized by the St-Anicet Chamber of Commerce, as a fund-raiser, is ready to roll Saturday, March 27 at the Bar Saloon les Dunes in Cazaville. For info and tickets, call 264-3052; or 264-9334, after 6 p.m.

CRRC... from page 1

As well as trout, the Chateauguy River still contains another two dozen species, according to Denis Brouillette. Chargé de rivières in this region for the Ministry of Environment. Brouillette has been a speaker at CRRC meetings in the past, and a participant in meetings to establish a Riverwatch program to monitor water quality.

Incinerator plan dead
In other news, a proposal to build an industrial waste incinerator in Valleyfield -- long opposed by the CRRC, ADN (Action pour la Défense de la Nature), Greenpeace and others, has been indefinitely shelved. The promoters cite economic reasons for the cancellation, which cost hundreds of thousands just in preliminary studies and public relations. ADN celebrated the decision as a victory, while the mayor of Valleyfield, Gaëtan Rousseau, expressed disappointment.

Trees, tires focus
The February meeting of the River Committee was held in Huntingdon, with local forestry engineer René Dulude as a guest speaker. Dulude described government programs and subsidies which have encouraged local woodlot owners to plant thousands of new trees every spring. There was also some discussion about windbreaks, and how the CRRC or SCABRIC -- the Chateauguy Watershed Management Agency -- might promote them. M. Dulude may be contacted in Franklin at 827-2373.

The next meeting of the CRRC, Tuesday, March 23, will feature André Hébert and Monique Dénommé, with an update on the situation of tire dumps in the region. The meeting will be held at the Centre communautaire in St-Antoine-Abbé, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Don Rosenbaum

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March 19: Deadline for ads and news articles to run in this year's Gleaner Farm Supplement.
March 31-April 1: Ottawa Valley Farm Show at Lansdowne Park.

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Program...

from page 1

Patterson, the board's director of educational services. "We must break down the pre-conception favoring a university education. Young people need to focus on the areas where there will be the most jobs -- communications, space age technology, and other similar fields."

CVR principal Ian Rennie will decide on the nuts and bolts of setting up the new program, using resources and skills already on tap in the school's Introduction To Technology (ITT) course, offered since 1986 to Grade 9.

Because CVR has been in the vanguard of the ITT program, it will inaugurate the Voie Technologique in the board's territory. H.S. Billings, now beginning with ITT, will follow with Voie Technologique in the fall of 1994.

The Quebec Ministry of Education (MEQ) covers half the cost of equipping labs and upgrading teacher skills while the school board will handle the rest, explained Manon Beaudet-Deer of PSBCV educational services. She estimated the cost of equipping one lab and offering three-week training sessions to teachers at \$50,000.

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Choir... from page 1

something you don't hear much about nowadays, but we had a wonderful time with ours. Two organists, Evelyn Purcell and Helen Hall, helped to get it going. We played for church socials and congregational suppers, and as word got round, we were asked to play at other community functions too — we were even invited to go up to Glengarry to play there," he said. Soon the group added skits and minstrel shows, as well as male voice and mixed voice quartets, to their repertoire of the popular music of the day.

"It was a great way of making friends," he said.

Shortly after their marriage 52 years ago, his wife Ella joined the choir, and their daughter Carmie now sings in her church choir in Kingston, Ont., where her husband is the Anglican bishop.

Patriarch
Stanley didn't have much formal training, but his love of music has pervaded his life. He says the interaction between choir director and volunteer singers "requires some good grace on both sides". He is proud of the fine old Casavant organ and "wonderful" acoustics at St. Andrew's, and says that nowadays, he feels like a kind of patriarch of the choir.

A few weeks ago, Stanley, along with five other choir veterans (Norah O'Hare, Ella Ruddock, Florence Godin, Lorraine Tannahill, and Gordon Tannahill) were the subject of a warm tribute from current organist and choir director Joanne Lambert. She praised "the dedication of people who for the most part go unrecognized from week to week."

In mentioning each recipient individually, she said, "Stanley is the only one who sits through all my postludes. When I finish, he gives me a nod and leaves the choir loft."

With that nod, another Sunday is added to 70 years of Sundays at St. Andrew's. Stanley Ruddock says simply, "It's been a big part of my life."



300 years of choir service

These six members of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir in Huntingdon have been active members for anywhere from 40 to 70 years each. They were honored recently with special plaques, and a tribute from departing organist and choir director Joanne Lambert. Shown, left to right, are: Gordon Tannahill (over 40 years), Ella Ruddock (nearly 50 years), Norah O'Hare (60 years), Lorraine Tannahill (over 40 years), Florence Godin (over 40 years), and Stanley Ruddock (70 years).

Maple... from page 1

Forget about fertilization of maple bushes, Staats advised. The proper site is the most important criterion. Maple trees prefer to grow on ridges, where drainage is better. Plantation planting is being tried in the area, with varying degrees of success and failure.

Local plantings
Four years ago, several hundred Ontario black maple saplings were transplanted into a lower Valley field. They did not adapt well and only a "small percentage" are still surviving, said the farmer. Another planting was tried two years ago, using indigenous saplings from an adjacent sugar-bush. About half the planting has survived. The field may be too wet for the maples' liking, even though it is sheltered by the main bush higher up on the ridge, he surmised.

A planting in the Rockburn area was transplanted in the fall of 1991, and appears to be holding its own. The saplings now average about six feet in height.

1993 season
What was on the minds of the Valley's producers? This is the first year in recent memory that the tapping and stringing of pipeline is being

done with such deep snow in the bush. Ormstown-area producer Bill Bryson speculated production may drop this year, since many simply won't be ready when the sap starts to run.

There was little discussion about this year's price, except to say it would be "about the same as last year's," according to meeting organizer Barry Campbell of Hemmingford, a former producer himself. Last year's price averaged \$30 per four-litres, though there was quite a range, he said. Another producer is guessing it might be lower than \$30. Last year's production is still readily available.

Video
The Cornell video can be ordered by writing to John Kelley, 122 C Fernow Hall, Dept. of Natural Resources, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853.

Our postal heritage
In 1918 the Post Office Department permitted mail delivery by private aircraft operators. The first such flight took place on June 24, 1918 when Captain Brian Peck carried a consignment of 124 letters from Montreal to Toronto. Flying a Curtiss JN4 biplane, Captain Peck covered the 340 miles in just over six hours, including a brief stop for fuel at Kingston.

Trees... from page 1

for which no records are documented yet.

Anyone who thinks he or she knows of a tree near record size is asked to contact René at 827-2373 (or write him at 2344 Covey Hill Rd., Franklin, QC J0S 1E0). If the tree is eligible, he will try to get it onto the provincial record list. Measure your tree, if you can, and even take a photo of it. Any which prove to be of provincial record size certainly deserve to appear in The Gleaner!



RENE DULUDE

Tree.....	Circumference
Largetooth aspen.....	1.9 m (6'2");
Cottonwood.....	5.54 m (18'2");
Larch.....	1.50 m (4'11");
Butternut.....	3.21 m (10'6");
American elm.....	7.13 m (23'5");
White pine.....	5.05 m (16'7");
Hemlock.....	2.25 m (7'6");
Balsam fir.....	1.43 m (4'2");
Cedar.....	2.05 m (6'9");
Basswood.....	3.27 m (10'9");
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Norway spruce.....	4.12 m (13'6");
Sugar maple.....	5.00 m (16'5");
Red maple.....	3.20 m (10'2");
White ash.....	1.45 m (4'2");
Beech.....	3.76 m (12'4").

Trees not recorded yet: Red pine, Red spruce, Black walnut, Bitternut hickory, Shag-bark hickory, White birch, White oak, Blue oak, Cork elm, Slippery elm, Black cherry, Silver maple, Red ash, Black ash.

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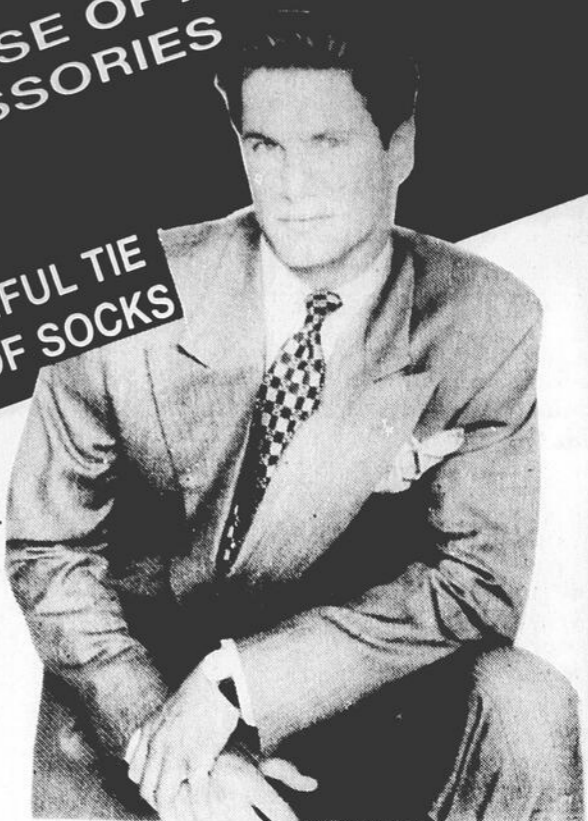
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Editorial

CHALK ONE UP FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Chateauguay Valley educators are palpably excited this week with the news that a new technology-oriented program will be available to some CVR students next fall. Their enthusiasm is two-pronged: first, and most important, they are pleased to be able to offer pupils a program more closely geared to the world which many of today's young people admire -- a world of electronic marvels, computer-based skills, and fast-moving progress. The cheerful fantasy of tiny robots beetling down school corridors may be a little far-fetched, but closer to reality is the prospect of those Grade 9 youngsters (aged 14 or 15) who choose the option enjoying a hands-on learning experience, working in smaller-than-usual groups where co-operation is of primary importance. Working on projects that seem more real and relevant to them than those featured in the traditional academic approach. Working in school, and preparing to work in tomorrow's job market after they leave school. Leaving school with their high school diploma completed, rather than losing impetus and dropping out due to lack of motivation. School board officials are also pleased, very humanly, that the

PSBCV was one of only three English boards province-wide to be chosen by Quebec to offer the Voie Technologique. It's obvious that they have been quick off the mark in adapting to new trends and to the needs of the real world, where unqualified people too often join the ranks of the unemployed, while other jobs go begging for lack of candidates with appropriate skills. It's also obvious that they are doing a good job of marketing our board to Quebec as interested in, and capable of, meeting the challenge of changing times and changing needs. And this, in turn, will mean offering a better, more diversified product to the real "consumers" of education -- our youngsters. Our other education story this week concerns improvement over last year in the numbers of PSBCV students finishing secondary school, in their passing rate, and in their average marks. It's definitely a week to acknowledge our schools are pretty good and working hard at getting better. It may not be any kind of National Education Week, but perhaps it is a kind of Chateauguay Valley Education Week. **J.T.**

GLEANER ARCHIVES... 125 years ago

Friday, March 20, 1868
 ... Parliament buildings at Ottawa have cost so far \$2,754,000, and that the contractors have still another claim on the country. ... a tower and library have still to be built, which are estimated to cost \$185,000. ... total cost... an enormous sum for a new and struggling country like Canada to sink in a house wherein its legislature might meet and its public business be transacted. The cost of heating and lighting these immense buildings last year was close to \$20,000. The Covey Hill tea meeting, in connection with the Wesleyan Church, had perhaps the most stormy day of this winter to encounter, but when the party sat down to tea about 140 persons were there.

THE ROUTE OF THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
 Now that it is settled that this railway is to be built, a difficulty has arisen among its promoters as to what route it shall take. Those resident in Quebec want what is called the Major Robinson route, while those in New Brunswick strongly oppose it, and indeed, threaten if it is adopted that their Province will leave the Confederation. ... knowing that the road was designed as much for military as commercial purposes, the Major (Robinson) choose that route which was furthest from the United States. To the New Brunswickers, however, such as route is objectionable, for to them it will be of little service, seeing that it

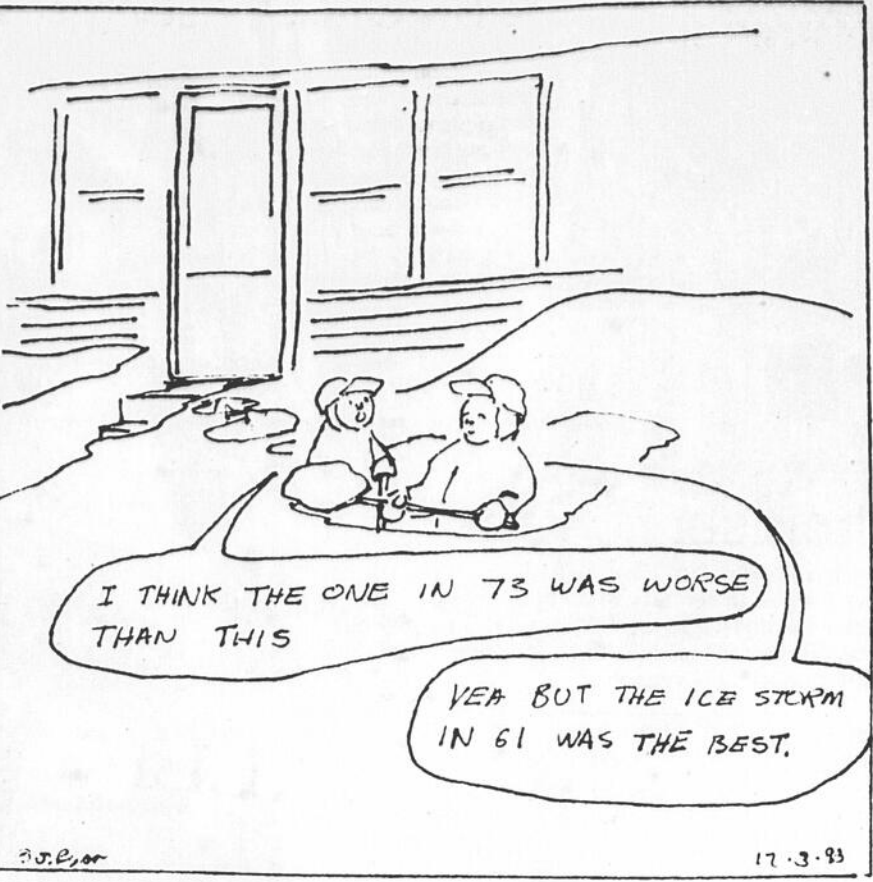
will only pass through that portion of their Province which is still a wilderness, and from the nature of the soil likely, in a great measure, to continue always to be so. What they want is that the road should run through the old settlements and fertile land of the south, tho' this would necessitate its passing very close to the boundary-line, and render it of no avail to Canada in opening up the vast country which stretches along the Gulf of the St. Lawrence. As we do not consider the country rich enough yet to bear the cost of the construction of this road, we would much rather not see it built at all, but if it is to be gone on with, we certainly hope Major Robinson's route, or some light modification of it, will be adopted. To build it on the line the New Brunswickers want, would be to tax us for a road which would be of no advantage to us in case of war, -- the main object of its projection, -- for it would be an easy task for the Americans to either destroy or take possession of it. The sensible way is to place it beyond their reach, and this can only be done by taking Major Robinson's route. ... The major estimated the cost of the railway at \$25,000,000, the distance between Quebec and Halifax being 635 miles. Since then, however, the Grand Trunk has built a line to River du Loup, so that there would be now only about 400 required to connect them. On the other hand, wages and iron have risen since then.

100 years ago

March 16, 1893
CANADA
 ... a young man who was attending the Sacred Heart church in Montreal was discovered to be chewing tobacco. He spent the night in a cell, and the following morning was fined...
FRANKLIN CENTRE
 Owing to the mild sunny weather of the last week, active preparations were made for sugaring, ...not heart of any who tapped, the general opinion being that a big storm was brewing. This prediction is now being fulfilled ... regular blizzard from the west.
 There is an unusual amount of sickness ... pneumonia being very prevalent.
HOWICK
 ... Robert Robertson of Tullochgorum has obtained a lucrative position as one of the commissioners to the World's Fair at Chicago, in connection with a display of cattle to be sent from this province.
 The young firm of McClenaghan & Gebbie, by their energy and industry, are working up a good business in hay, grain, etc. They have a hay press constantly at work.
ORMSTOWN
 Robert Mills was drawing wood to the village on the ice, and when opposite Thos. Moore's his team broke through. They were taken out with difficulty, the

horses nearly perished with cold. The current was running very swift and the ice was full of small holes, and quite unsafe.

...ON FORESTRY
 ... judicious pruning was of advantage ... cautioned against the common error of leaving a stump. The branch to be taken away should be cut so close to the stem that no protuberance be left. When that was done, the wound healed over quickly. Where a stump was left, it rotted and induced decay in the tree... Even a stump of half an inch was enough to kill a tree.
 ... urging every farmer to plant trees. There were a few farms that had not a stony field or knoll useless for cultivation, which, if planted with black walnut trees would, in course of time, prove the most remunerative part of the farm.
HEMINGFORD
 ... considerable rain fell ... the low lying fields in the neighborhood ... well high covered with water.
FARM NOTES
 Not how to get rid of, but how to best save manure, is the question.
STUB ENDS OF THOUGH
 Nobody hates to see a smile coming. We may love twice but never the same. Hope is grease to the wheels of endeavor.



Letters

H'ford reader wants more articles on environment

I am writing to express some concerns as a weekly reader of your paper. I have noticed that since the change of your editor at the paper, there have been little or no items of environmental interest covered. Although I recognize that any editorial change will have some changes on the bearing and direction of the publication, I find myself questioning whether or not such a change is a good one. Of course, it may be that there have been no stories of interest in our region regarding the environment in the past few months. In which case I

would like this letter to be only a friendly reminder that the environment concerns us all. If this is so, I would like to express my praise to the Gleaner for its roll in the past and future in increasing the public's awareness of environment issues both within our region and also throughout the "global community" where we all live. If I might make a suggestion, it seems to me that a regular column on environmental issues would be appropriate and beneficial.

John Hodges Hemmingford

QCNA Assemblage
Provincial Affairs
 with Dorothy Guinan

QUEBEC CITY - Aside from a shouting match between three anglophone MNAs in a National Assembly corridor, day one of the spring session was a real yawner. All parties were represented in the March 9 squabble: Westmount MNA Richard Holden for the Parti Quebecois, D'Arcy McGee MNA Robert Libman for the Equality Party, and Nelligan MNA Russell Williams for the Liberals. The tiff erupted following question period, where Libman blocked an attempt by Holden to table a letter of apology to Williams. Holden wanted to apologize to Williams and Lafontaine MNA Jean-Claude Gobe for unfounded allegations he had made in January about their use of public funds. released March 8 show that 67.3 percent of students who began high school in 1985-86 finished on time, compared to 65.1 per cent who started in 1984-85. Here are the graduation rates at some regional school boards. (figures for 1984-85 are in brackets): Aylmer, 57.3 (61); Chateauguay Valley Protestant, 80.1 (76.6); Eastern Quebec Regional, 75.3 (78.3); Eastern Townships, 72.2 (70.9); Gaspesia - Les Iles, 57.7 (48.7); Huntingdon 53.4 (46.6); Lakeshore 94.7 (94.8); Pontiac, 42.9 (56.3); Sherbrooke Catholic, 65.4 (54.5); South Shore, 85.3 (83); Western Quebec, 70.6 (70.9).

CEGEP students protest
 The battle brewing between Education Minister Lucienne Robillard and college students about the upcoming CEGEP reform - which may require students having failed five or more courses to pay fees - has gone one step further. Eighteen student associations from across Quebec sent an ultimatum to Robillard on March 9: guarantee that no fees will be charged or prepare for an assault of protests starting March 16.

Leaders absent
 The House resumed in the absence of both political leaders -- Premier Robert Bourassa was convalescing at home following a second round of cancer treatments, and Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau was in Paris, drumming up support for the independence movement. So 1993's session opened with a worn-out debate about the economy, between Deputy Premier Lise Bacon and Opposition House Leader Guy Chevrette. Chevrette bombarded Bacon with questions about when the government plans to fulfill its post-referendum promise to create jobs and stimulate the economy. The deputy premier shot back saying it already has begun with its Sunday shopping law, and the results showing a four per cent increase in sales prove it.

Drop in drop-outs
 Bacon also said the government is winning the fight against Quebec's school dropout rate, which recently dropped to 30 per cent, down from last summer's staggering 34 per cent (Canada's highest). "Social peace", she said, certainly counts toward improving the economy. The province's high-school graduation rate is improving as well, but one third of all students are still unable to get a diploma in seven years. Figures

birth will stay at the centre for 24 hours, and receive post-delivery counselling at home. Côté said he's studying the possibility of setting up similar projects across Quebec, and hopes the spirit of co-operation shown by Gatineau doctors spreads. **Anglo job counsellors** Finally, the ongoing struggle to increase anglophones in the civil service made gains on March 8, when Treasury Board President Daniel Johnson fulfilled his promise to appoint a job counsellor for anglos in Quebec City. A similar service in Montreal already exists. Susan Sebert, responsible for Quebec City and the eastern part of the province, can be reached at (418) 649-3336. Daniel Barrière, responsible for Montreal and western Quebec, can be contacted at (514) 873-7701. Johnson has said he'd like anglophones to make up 10 per cent of the civil service -- a rather ambitious goal considering they hold less than one per cent of the 56,000 government jobs.

Births and Deaths

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

ENGAGED

BRUNET-OCENAS - Dorothy and Hubert Sherry are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Irene Ruth to Andy James, son of Pat and Any Ocenas, of Franklin. A December wedding is planned.

DIED

BERRY, Dora - Mrs. Dora Berry (née Stapley), a native of Kent, England and long-time resident of Hemmingford, Quebec, passed away in Edmonton, Alberta on March 9, 1993 in her 90th year. She is the loving mother of her son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Heather Bradley of Edmonton, Alberta, grandmother of Kristine and Kevin, also grandmother of Kelly Dawn Danser and great-grandmother of Jessica Danser of Calgary. Dora was predeceased by her late husband, Alfred William Berry of Hemmingford, Quebec. A Private Funeral service was held Thursday, March 11th, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. in the "Prince Edward Island Chapel" of Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home, Edmonton, Alberta. Final interment will be in the Hemmingford Cemetery, Hemmingford, Quebec. The Floral Chapels, Connelly-McKinley Ltd. Phone (403) 422-2222.

IN MEMORIAM

DEREPENTIGNY, Lucien - In loving memory of a dear dad and grandfather who passed away March 18, 1986 and his son Bruno who recently joined him. It's not the things that can be bought that are life's richest treasures, It's just the little heart gifts that money cannot measure. A cheerful smile of friendly word, a sympathetic nod. Are priceless treasures from the storehouse of our God. There are things that can't be bought with silver or gold. For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold. It is also a father and a brother who have gone away. They are the priceless things in life for which no one can pay. God in Heaven, softly we pray. Take care of them night and day. Lovingly Lisette, Theo, Erich, Matthew

BORN

Melissa Joan Hambridge is pleased to announce her arrival at the Barrie Memorial Hospital on February 28, 1993 at 14:43, weighing in at 7 lbs. 8-1/4 oz. My very proud and loving parents are Cindy (née Ovans) and Desmond. A special thanks to Aunt Robin and Dr. Tom.

BORN

MONIQUE-RICHARD - Lynne and Gino are very pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a little boy named Mathieu, at the Valleyfield Hospital Centre, on Friday, February 19, 1993, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hervé Richard and Mr. and Mrs. André Monique.

BORN

STEVENSON, Alma - In loving memory of a dear grandmother and great grandmother, who passed away March 21, 1992. A silent thought, a tender prayer. Knowing you are in God's care. Always remembered by grandchildren Vicki and David Gardiner Jennifer and Derek Sprague Tamara and Fred Stevenson and great grandchildren Emily and Hannah Gardiner

BORN

TANNAHILL - Barry and Jeannie (née Sparrow) are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Brady Hazel, born March 8, 1993, weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces. Proud grandparents are Adrian and Frances Sparrow of Huntingdon and Gordon and June Tannahill of Ormstown. Great grandmother Leonna Sparrow.

BORN

HARGRAY, Clarence Ellis - At Charles Lemoyne Hospital on Sunday, March 14, 1993. Beloved father of Lorrence, Clairane, Donald, Joyce, Carole and Michel. Grandfather of six grandchildren. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home. Tel.: 483-1870.

BORN

TOMPKINS, John - March 22, 1989 - Four long lonely years since you were taken away. God only knows I miss you each and every day. Wife, Vera

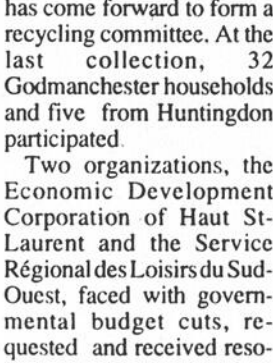
Godmanchester supports bike trail

Godmanchester council was among three municipalities in the region to support a plan promoted by the Huntingdon Optimists Club to build bicycle paths along highways and country roads. The plan, still in its infancy, would see trails constructed over the next five years, explained Optimists Nicole Plouffe and Paul Massé. Godmanchester council remains opposed to the Ressources Lucem Inc project to open a quarry on the Ridge Road. The company is appealing the Agriculture Zoning Board's (CPTAQ) decision to deny its lime quarry. The response to recycling has "not been strong," explains Secretary-treasurer Elaine DuHeme. No one else has come forward to form a recycling committee. At the last collection, 32 Godmanchester households and five from Huntingdon participated. Two organizations, the Economic Development Corporation of Haut St-Laurent and the Service Régional des Loisirs du Sud-Ouest, faced with governmental budget cuts, requested and received resolu-

CARD OF THANKS

Following the death of Mrs. Germaine Teulieres Daoust on February 15, 1993, aged 83, her nine children, their wives and or husbands and her grandchildren wish to thank everyone for the expression of sympathy by mass offerings, flowers, cards, visits or funeral attendance. Please consider this thank you as being personal.

ENGAGEMENT



Raymond and Janice Stonehouse are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Jean of Victoria B.C. to Master Seaman Chris Pope of HMCS Provider, Esquimalt B.C. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pope of Paisley Ontario. The wedding will take place in Huntingdon, Quebec on August 21, 1993.

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Grads... from page 1

tracking students through their high school careers. The latest results tabulate students who entered secondary school in 1985, to find out how many of them have received high school diplomas by 1992. Students may complete their high school curriculum in a period ranging from five to seven years. The local rate showed an increase of nearly four per cent over the previous year; in 1991 (covering the period 1984-91) the figure was 76.6 per cent. "We're especially pleased with our high standing because our board serves a real socio-economic mix in its various schools," Fitzpatrick said. **More pass exams** More good news came with the news that students' success rate in their June exams increased in 1992 to 75.7 per cent, compared with 71.7 per cent in 1991. This means that over three-quarters of the students are achieving a pass mark of 60 or better. The actual average mark per June exam went up from 65.8 in 1991 to 67.2 last year.

THANK YOU
 We would like to thank the neighbours, families, friends and the firemen of Franklin, Hinchinbrooke, Ormstown, Huntingdon, Howick and Godmanchester, for their help for the fire. Without all of these hands we wouldn't have the cows and barn left. Please consider this thank you as personal.
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Huntingdon Academy youngsters and some of their families enjoyed their "Great Cosmic Adventure" with Nomad Scientist Harold Spanier on Wednesday, March 10.

Academy pupils get into science

The Nomad Scientist's presentation called "The Great Cosmic Adventure" was well received by Huntingdon Academy students and some parents on Wednesday, March 10.

Through the use of slides, a few props, and lots of imagination the Huntingdon Academy cafeteria was transformed into a spaceship which transported the audience on a tour of the solar system.

With the support of Canada Trust and Networking for Youth, the Huntingdon Literacy Exchange organized this show to demonstrate things that can be done to increase interest in science.

Further information was available at the tables set up by Harold Spanier and Heather McDowell of Nomad Scientists, and by Donna Erskine, Marge Garceau, and Pearl Fennell of Networking for Youth.

Also, Alanna Ferns created an attractive display of photographs depicting the many volunteers and activities at Huntingdon Academy; and Grade 6 sold Easter candles.

Spanier stated if any organisations or groups are interested in their shows or wish to learn how to help children become involved in science, the Nomad Scientists can be contacted at P.O. Box 511, Stn. N.D.G., Montreal, Qc H4A 3P8 or (514) 848-4955 for further information.

If you were unable to attend, watch for the date of the next show which will be held at St. Joseph Elementary.

The Nomad Scientists believe that through sharing and discovery, "science literacy" will be developed.

They wish to support parents and others in creating science learning environments for children at home and in the community, not only in the school.

Last year the Nomad Scientists conducted 59 percent of their sessions in the community milieu, 28 percent in preschool daycares, and 13 percent in the school milieu.

They give the following suggestions to answer the question, "What can you and your community do?"

reward curiosity and thinking aloud as generously as athletic achievements.

include your child in discussions about science in the news.

allow children to take responsibility for care and feeding of a pet.

help children establish a community vegetable garden, especially one that does not use chemical fertilizers or herbicides.

provide science and nature magazines for a group of children.

establish a TV schedule that includes science programs.

organize or support efforts to establish a science club in your area.

provide hands-on, inexpensive junk materials for children to explore, take apart and make inventions with.

organize or support efforts to establish a summer science program in your community.

try to do an experiment a day with your child.

consult the "Literacy Exchange Resourcebook" from Canadian Home and School for project ideas.

How does your garden grow

with Hannah Ridolfi

It is with good reason that the scientific language of the botanist and the horticulturist, and the use of Latin and Greek are all incorporated into the naming and classification of plants.

A universal scientific language must be employed by researchers to facilitate communication in the scientific world. Ultimately the results of those communications will be used by the general public. Therefore it is not surprising to find the use of this terminology in seed catalogues and on seed packs.

The wise gardener should be familiar with enough information to be able to make associations with species, genera, family etc. This knowledge can assist in making selections suitable to climate, soil, size and color, etc. Acquiring this sort of information can be quite exciting, and certainly does not detract from enjoying your gardening.

Various seed houses have specialties, selling only certain types of plants or seeds; also most have evolved a system of symbolism used throughout the pages of the catalogue to assist the buyer. This is often carried over onto the seed pack. It would be prudent to read, then follow the recommended directions before planting.

References in catalogues are made to: Annuals (hardy, half-hardy and tender), Biennials, Perennials and Hybrids. Some short definitions may make it simpler to distinguish these categories.

Annual:
A plant which completes its growth in a single year. Hardy annuals can stand several degrees of frost. Half-hardy annuals may be started indoors and planted outside approximately one month later than hardy annuals.

Tender annuals cannot withstand frost but will occasionally self-sow, surviving the winter to germinate when conditions are safe for growth the following spring.

Biennials:
Require two seasons to complete their growth cycle, producing blossoms and

Identity crisis: Reading seed catalogs and packages

seeds the second year.

Perennials:
Can be planted from seed and set out after the last frosts approximately the same time as the half-hardy annuals or handled as biennials and left to bloom the following year.

One more definition:
Hybrid:

Seed or plant produced by plant breeders when in-breeding varieties to com-

bine the superior characteristics of both. This elevates the price of the new strain, which is sometimes marked with an "F1 hybrid" meaning the plant from this seed is a first generation. Seeds from a hybrid cannot be relied upon to give good future performances.

Pay careful attention to the hardiness zone shown either on the seed pack or in the

catalogue, and one more caveat; be aware that the majority of the photos you are admiring give you no idea of the scale, therefore you can easily misjudge the amount of space your plant will occupy. Buy the seeds and plants not the pictures! Bring Spring in by cutting some branches for forcing of salix caprea (Pussy Willow), prunus tomentosa (Manchu

Cherry), or forsythia ovata, 'northern gold', (Northern Gold Forsythia). Bruise the ends, set in water, keeping in a cool place, and spray the branches regularly; bring in to a brighter warmer area when the leaves are beginning to show.

Spray Smut trees with dormant oil when above 45 degree F on a windless day. This is your last chance for

winter pruning of trees, but pruning of spring flowering shrubs, or removal too soon of winter mulch. Check out sharpening and cleaning of gardening tools, and spend some time preparing your muscles for the work ahead.

Remember too that any gardening questions sent to: Box 113, Franklin Center, Qc. J0S 1E0, will be answered.



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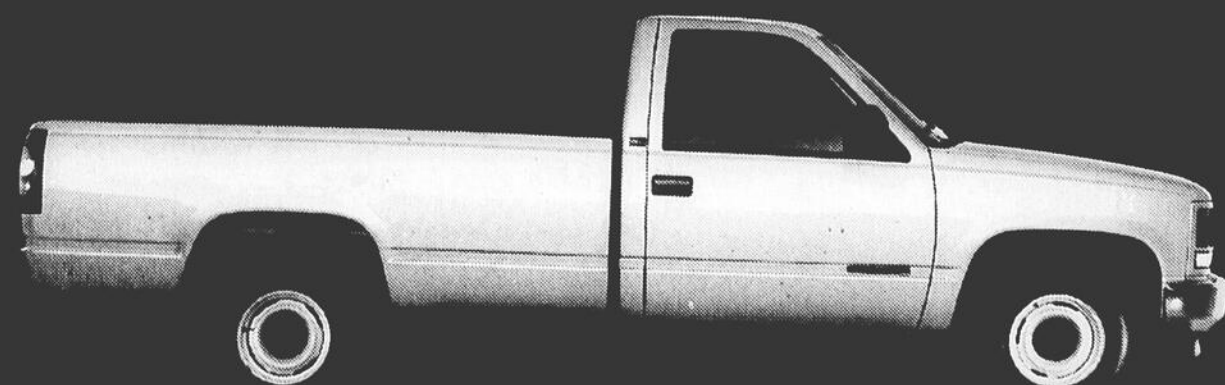


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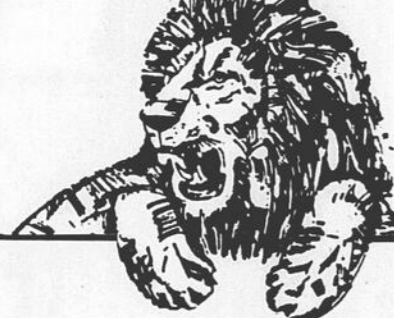


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CVR Spartans: Juvenile Boys

Front row: (l. to r.) Chris Botosan, Alan Brooks, Tim Carrigan, Mathew Shewchuk. Back row: Kent Watt, Scott Forster, Jason McCaig, Alan Bryson, Brian Woods, James Forster, Mathew Burton, Kirk Woods, Coach N. Woods.

Photo: Valerie Farrell

CVR Juvenile Boys' team wins SSIAA league basketball title

The CVR Juvenile Boys basketball team clinched first place in the SSIAA last Wednesday beating MacDonald Cartier Hawks 45-39. This was the second consecutive year that CVR's boys' squad won the league title, although this year proved to be a little more difficult. Losing two games earlier in the year to St-Paul-de-Varennes, the Spartans knew that they could not lose another game during the second half of the season, and so they held on without further losses, ending their season at 10 wins and two losses.

Final game
In Wednesday's game, Alan Bryson, playing a steady game, went to the hoop for 14 points, while Brian Woods netted 11 points. James Forster, high scorer for the year, dropped in 12 points.

The game was a very defensive one as indicated by the low score (45-39). Most games this year saw the Spartans score anywhere between 10 to 100 points.

"The league was much stronger this year", said Spartan coach Norm Woods.

"The boys had to be up for every game or they knew that they could lose and given game", Woods added.

Visser tournament
The boys however were not quite as lucky in the Visser Championship held in Lennoxville this past weekend. CVR lost in the final to Alexander Galt High School 51-42.

The local team started slowly, allowing Galt to take a 12-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Spartans regained the composure in the second quarter and cut Alexander Galt's lead to six points.

In the fourth quarter the Spartans tied the game up 36-36, only to encounter some very questionable calls by local referees. Jamie Forster, Jason McCaig and Alan Bryson were all fouled out in the dying minutes of the game, erasing any hope of CVR taking the lead.

"The refereeing was very inconsistent Coach Woods reported. "Every time CVR began to catch up in the game, the momentum would be subdued by a questionable call by the referees."

The CVR boys never let

up and played with lots of heart right to the final buzzer.

"I was very proud of their effort and behavior under the circumstances" coach Woods added.

To get to the final, CVR trounced Quebec High 89-35 and D'Arcy McGee from Hull 67-41.

The season continues with the Richelieu Championships in Longueuil on March 28. If the CVR boys win this, they go on to the Provincials later in April.

Boys on the SSIAA Championship team:
Scott Forster, James Forster, Brian Woods, Alan Bryson, Allan Brooks, Mathew Burton, Kirk Watt, Chris Botosan, Tim Carrigan, Jason McCaig, Mathew Shewchuk, Norm Woods.

Juvenile Girls basketball squad wins first-ever McLeod Trophy

For the first time in CVR history, the Juvenile girls' basketball team will see "Chateauguay Valley Spartans" engraved on the coveted McLeod Trophy.

This past weekend the girls travelled to Lennoxville to play in this elite tournament. They were named favorites going into the event, a label that adds extra pressure but this did not bother the girls, who had come to Lennoxville with a single purpose: to win.

CVR started the tournament playing Quebec City and it did not take too long into the game to see which was the strongest team.

Final score was 69 to 21 for CVR. High scorers were Tracey Marshall with 17 pts, Jennifer Grant with 13 pts and Megan Woods also with 13.

Saturday morning, CVR once again had to play arch-rival Centennial H.S. Last year at this time Centennial had eliminated CVR from the finals. This year the girls were able to turn the tables, with a powerful win over CRHS. The team came out flying, and didn't stop until the final buzzer. The score was 60 to 33.

High-scorers were Jennifer Grant with 15 pts., Megan Woods with 11 pts and Wendy Brunet with 10 pts.

The final game was against a team CVR had never played this year: Alexander Galt from Lennoxville. However the girls were not going to let any team stand between them and the trophy.

Galt never knew what hit them and when the final buzzer went, CVR was celebrating while Galt was trying to figure out what happens. The final score was 64 to 29.

High scorers were Jennifer Grant with 20, Megan Woods with 16; and Tracey Marshall with 12.

Well done to all players who contributed to this weekend victory.

Tracey Marshall, Wendy Brunet, Wendy Ness, Lisa Evans, Jennifer Grant,

Megan Woods, Jaime Pilne, Chavonne Neal, Sharleen Casement, Tanya Chisholm, Jodi Wallace, Emily Triggs; and Manager Faye Tannahill.



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Hemmingford Bowling

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The Hemmingford Wednesday Night Bowling League team standings after Mar. 3, are as follows:

Team	Points
Jean Gagné	68
Les Thompson	66-1/2
Bev. Bechard	65-1/2
Raymond Barrière	54
Lila Holmes	51
Glenn Bickes	51
Ben Rodrigue	48-1/2
Roger Malenfant	43
John Rankine	41
Dwayne Leboeuf	33-1/2

High Scores of the week:

Ladies	Sim.	Tri.
Ann Lapierre	175	506
Men's:		
Glenn Bickes	193	531
Ben Rodrigue	188	526
Bill Melver	186	524
Raymond Barrière	202	523

Huntingdon Legion Dart League

Wednesday Night Darts League

Feb. 24, 1993

Teams	Games Played	Won	Lost	Points
Shooting Stars	108	72	36	72
Misfits	108	68	40	68
Black Cats	108	63	45	63
Bombers	108	57	51	57
Gypsies	108	53	55	53
Shangra-la	108	51	57	51
Lucky 7	108	48	60	48
Blue Birds	108	47	63	47
Happy Gang	108	44	64	44
Rocketeers	108	41	67	41

High Scores

Men	Women
Tim Hersey 180	Helen Roberts 140
C. Parsons 143	H. Aubertin 138

Local volleyball tourney

On Saturday, March 6 the first annual Huntingdon Volleyball League tournament at Arthur Pigeon school was a "smashing" success.

Two teams from Howick and four from Huntingdon took part and provided some very intense competition.

After the smoke from the round-robin cleared, the four surviving teams battled it out in the semi-finals.

In the first match-up Arthur Pigeon #1 defeated the Monday night Academy group two games to 0. The second semi-final found Arthur Pigeon #2 defeating the Thursday night Old-Timers two games to one. In the final, Arthur Pigeon #1 came out victorious despite a valiant effort by the #2 team.

Special thanks to Jean-Luc Crete B.Sc., C.G.A., one of our biggest supporters, for his generous donation; also, to Wayne McDowell and Jim McIntyre of the Brasserie du Village for their sponsorship and for providing some much needed "refreshments" after the tournament. They were greatly appreciated, especially by the Old-Timers who somehow managed to get their "second wind" around 8 p.m. Unfortunately the tournament had finished at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to Vicky Hamilton of CVR who provided the scoreboard and to Bruce Yando, Randy Maitner, and especially Bobby "Back-hand" Morgan for their hours of organizing to insure the success of this fun-filled tournament.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants. "Hope to see you all again next year," Bruce said.

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Little Green Library under repair after fire

The Little Green Library suffered damage from an unfortunate fire at 1.30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. The library committee would like to thank the concerned couple who notified Russell Fournier, who lives next door to the library. Russell called the Fire Department, and, with the help of the tenant who lives in the building, shovelled snow on the fire until firemen arrived. Without their quick thinking there could have been much more damage.

The fire department soon had the fire under control, but the front display window and the interior and exterior of the front wall suffered major damage. A Mario Von Brentani painting that was presented to the library in 1980 was a total loss. The painting showed Ann Brewer and Cheryl Roy in 19th century dress for Huntingdon's 150th anniversary celebration.

After the building was checked out by the Q.P.P. Arson Squad on Thursday morning, the insurance adjuster gave the go ahead to start cleaning and repairs.

The only books destroyed by the fire were the selection of books in the front entrance. The library was open to the public on Thursday afternoon, but for the next couple of weeks, users will have to enter by the side entrance, while repairs to the front of the building are carried out.

The following donations have been received:

Rotary Club \$200; Huntingdon Caisse Populaire \$100; Ruth Taylor \$40; Huntingdon Fire Dept. (raised from the hockey game with the CFCF "No-Stars") \$725.

Municipalities:
Godmanchester \$300, Elgin \$100, United Church Women \$300, Optimist Club \$200, Town of Huntingdon \$1,000 (half the annual donation).

Memorials:

Myrtle McGerrigle from the Nussey Family; Mrs. Ethel McDonald from Isabelle Smythe; Bruno DeRepenigny from Jeanne Smith, Madeleine Cartier from Jon & Ola Proudfoot; Grace Cappiello from Mr. & Mrs. Leon Robidoux, C.J. Kyle, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Proudfoot; Lionel Deschambeault from Mr. & Mrs. Leon Robidoux, Ryan & Suzanne

Poole, Mr. & Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Scott, Nancy & John Lukassen, Mr. & Mrs. Denis Pilon, Robert & Thérèse Proulx, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Smith, Staff of Textile Gilder, Volunteers of the Little Green Library.

The book "All My Best Friends" by George Burns has been received in memory of Henry Older from his daughter Grace Stowell.

CVESPA donated the book "La Traversée du Naparima" by James J. Mangan, a history of the Irish settling in Canada, especially Québec.

A Brunch will be the next fund-raising project, on March 21 at the Huntingdon Canadian Legion from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. We do try to keep the library open by these extra efforts, but also need support from organizations and municipalities. A delegation of the library met with the Huntingdon Town Council at the March meeting to ask for more support in the future.

Many children use the library to do their school projects as the World Book Encyclopedia has been purchased, and CVESPA donated the Junior Canadian Encyclopedia. They are welcome to use the downstairs on Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 2-4:30 p.m.

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Ola Proudfoot

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by Elsie Melanson • 373-7202

The Rev. James Christie, accompanied by his wife Janice and their two younger sons, Stuart and Nicholas, were recent visitors in Valleyfield at the home of Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christie, of St. John's Parish in Huntingdon.

Rev. Christie, a graduate of C.V.R., is currently senior Minister of St. James-Bond United Church in Toronto, and Resident-designate of the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada.

He was in the Montreal area as the representative of the Right Reverend Dr. Stan Mackay, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and of the General Council of the Church, at the 49th James D. Raymond Institute on Judaism at Temple-Emanuel-Beth Shalom.

The institute, founded by the late Rabbi Harry Joshua Stern, seeks to foster understanding between Jews and Christians through education.

The speaker this year was Sister Dr. Eileen Schuller of McMaster University, who lectured on "The Dead Sea Scrolls: New Light on Two Faiths."

Dr. Mackay, as Moderator, is one of many religious leaders sponsoring the Institute. Rev. Christie was asked to represent the Moderator because of his extensive ecumenical work.

Rev. Christie chairs the Toronto Conference Interchurch/Interfaith Committee; is a member of the General Council (National) Interchurch/Interfaith Committee; and is a Director of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

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About half of the regular players of the Sunday Night Broomball League in Dewittville turned out for a mid-week game last Wednesday. Those playing under a noticeable snowfall included (front): Glenn Mason, Luc Leger, Richard Mason, Robert Mason; (back): Bill Martin, Ken Thompson, William Mason, Patrick Lambertson, David Mason.

Photo: Valerie Furcall

30 years of fresh-air fun at Dewittville's own rink

Valerie Furcall
THE GLEANER

In pickup truck, by car and on snowmobile, they wheel into the village Sunday night, ready for another night of action under the spotlights.

Broomball Night in Dewittville, a 31-year tradition, continues to be played with good-natured vengeance by the 30 to 40 guys and gals who show up all winter long. No night was too cold for them, though a warmer plastic ball had to be brought into play in the -30 C temperatures. "A frozen plastic ball really stings, when it hits the body," explains one seasoned player.

The point is to have a get-together and get some exercise, caretaker and present-day property-owner Bill Martin said. Everyone spends a few minutes catching up on the top news happenings of the week, the brooms are thrown into a pile and divided equally, then a lively two hours of play begins.

On the busiest days of the season at the skating rink, some 110 people, moms, dads and kids whirled around on skates, taking advantage of the free ice time in the grand outdoors. Aside from public skating, and broomball, hockey is also played with vigor.

The skating rink project was initiated by the Dewittville Women's Institute three decades ago. To raise money for its upkeep, members produce much-praised meals in the Huntingdon Fair dining hall. W.I. member Lois McCaig says this past year was their last one at the fair.

"It's a big undertaking. None of us are getting any younger, so we'll have to think of another type of fundraiser," she said.

Donations from Hinchinbrooke and Godmanchester municipalities, plus funding from MNA André Chenail, help off-set annual operating costs of \$1,000 to \$1,200. Rink users shovel off the snow before they skate, and this helps to keep costs down, explained Bill Martin. He and his wife, Patricia, also donate their lawn for the community's use. "We enjoy having it here, and our two little girls have learned to skate here. So, that is another reward for us," Bill said. In the spring the boards come down and are stored away. Over the summer, neighborhood children play softball on the lawn.

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An old Green Giant way station serves as the skating rink's replacement warm-up shack. The first building met an untimely end 24 years ago when the pot-bellied stove, which was being used to boil off some maple sap, caught fire. "That was the end of that shack," Bill chuckles.

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Club draws, Branch Colts keep local curlers busy

The Mixed League of the Huntingdon Curling Club completed their second draw competing for the Club's Valentine Trophy on February 20. The draw had begun the first week of January with a week's break before the finals due to hosting the Quebec Firefighters' Association provincial championships.

After the final four-end games, the winning team with 83 points was: Alain Racine (Skip), Claude Letourneau, Denis Faubert and Karl Wilkens. In second place team with 80.5 points was Gerry Nieuwenhof, (skip), Shirley Smith, Ken Erskine and Michael Krause; and taking third place was Luc Racine's team with George Monique, John Feeny and Melba Powley.

The Mixed League players are now participating in the St. Patrick's draw and a different format (actually a return format) is scheduled for the March 27 finals when the teams will play a full eight-end game during the day beginning at 10 a.m. and the six top teams will play off for the A, B and C divisions on Saturday evening. A supper will be served before these games at 8 p.m.

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Men's Invitational: March 18, 19 and 20.
St. Patrick's Mixed Finals: March 27.
Rosebowl Bonspiel: April 1, 2 and 3.
Eileen Feeny

and all members are welcome.

Colts District Competition
The Huntingdon Curling Club hosted the Royal Caledonia Branch Colts competition on March 7 and 8. This competition is open to men curlers with five years' experience and under and the winners of this district in A and B divisions advance to the provincials which are being held this year in Valleyfield. The competition is a two-game knockout event and the teams either advance or are eliminated as they play throughout the day.

Teams came from Bedford, Lacolle, Ormstown and Valleyfield and Huntingdon entered two teams as well. One team consisted of John Soesbergen skip, John VanderHyden third, Denis Faubert second and Marc Villeneuve lead. The other team was Gerry Nieuwenhof skip, Titus Duheime third, William Soesbergen second and Cio Muelleur lead.

John's team played exceptionally well on Sunday, winning both games and earning the right to play off for the A division on Monday night.

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H'ford Village passes financial statement

Hemmingford Village Council held its regular meeting on March 2 in the Town Hall with councillors Edwin Keddy and Robert Petch absent.
The 1992 financial report

was presented by the firm Leocompte, Boisvenue Daoust&associés. It showed revenues of \$346,478, and expenses of \$304,943; appropriations expenses: \$14,804; and reserves for community projects: \$7,850. A reserve was made to reimburse By Law 167 to the Industrial Park Project of \$8,656, leaving a surplus of \$10,225. The financial report was accepted as presented. By law 184 was adopted, to join with the Bibliothèque Centrale de Prêt de la Montérégie (BCP) and to help to maintain and estab-

lish a public library in our region.
Requests were made by the Chamber of Commerce for permission to install a tent in the municipal parking lot, and to get the necessary permits for Old Home Week activities.

A \$350. donation to the Old Convent and a \$100. donation went to Shoestring Theatre.
Accounts payable totalling \$24,619.79 were approved. The meeting closed at 10:48 p.m.
Florence Ellerton

Hemmingford Township

Hemmingford Township's February meeting dealt largely with routine matters.
Notice of motion was made, for a future by-law to impose an additional tax rate on tourist operations, to cover

surplus garbage collected. The Hemmingford Environment Committee was given \$500. for 1993, to continue working on a joint recycling program with both municipal councils.

Donations were also made towards a student exchange program with Regina, Sask. and for a junior hockey tournament. The First Hemmingford Scouts were given \$500. towards their 1993 activities.

The council congratulated Joe Ruzzi and Mrs. Carol Petch for the Governor General's Awards presented for their important contribution to the community through their volunteer work, Ruzzi with Meals-On-Wheels and Mrs. Petch with the Hemmingford Community Library.

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