



"Boy, he must have some great connections."

Famine may hurt 500,000 permanently

ADDIS ABABA (CP) — A top UN official predicts that half a million children will emerge from Ethiopia's famine permanently impaired by mental and physical handicaps.

James Grant, an American who serves as director of the UN Children's Fund, told a news conference Wednesday his calculation was based on what he saw during a tour of drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia, one of the world's poorest countries.

Meanwhile, the military officer who heads Marxist-ruled Ethiopia's relief agency said shiploads of grain diverted to his country in recent days will not satisfy a serious shortfall in emergency rations during the next few weeks.

Canada provides from one-quarter to one-third of all food aid received by Ethiopia and is the largest single food aid donor to the African country. During the 1984-85 fiscal year, more than \$25 million worth of food is being sent by the Canadian government, Chris Liebich, a spokesman for the Canadian International Development agency, has said.

Last year, \$16.4 million worth of food aid was provided, Liebich said. The total amounts to about 75,000 tonnes.

He added that Canada will not increase its food shipments to Ethiopia because the Ethiopians lack facilities to unload and distribute large quantities of food.

MILLIONS AFFECTED

Grant, who estimated that 6.3 million Ethiopians had been affected by the drought, said that when visiting refugee camps, "one observes that 75 to 80 per cent or more of the deaths are among the small children."

"Clearly there will be a generation of Ethiopian children who will be stunted both physically and mentally by the effects of the drought," he said, adding that the handicaps would result from deprivation suffered by children as fetuses and babies.

No official statistics are available. One western estimate predicted 900,000 Ethiopians will die of drought-related causes in 1984.

Grant said 86 children died the day before his visit to Bati, site of an emergency feeding camp about 320 kilometres northeast of Addis Ababa. A camera crew from the Globo television network of Brazil said 91 died at Bati on Tuesday.

Dr. R. Padmini of India, who is the Children's fund representative in Ethiopia, said those recuperating from the illnesses require at least 1,000 calories of food. Those without the disease need 700 calories to get by, but because of shortages, only 500 calories a day are being distributed to each person.

Grant noted that even in the absence of famine the odds against Ethiopian infants surviving childhood are not good.

"If there had been no drought this year, 1,000 small children would die every day and another 1,000 would be disabled" because of poor health conditions and poverty, he said. The population of Ethiopia is about 30 million.

Legislation passes, Colin Thatcher loses house seat

REGINA (CP) — Flamboyant millionaire rancher Colin Thatcher, convicted Nov. 6 of the first-degree murder of his former wife, JoAnn Wilson, is no longer a member of the Saskatchewan legislature.

The son of former Liberal premier Ross Thatcher was expelled late Wednesday and the Thunder Creek riding surrounding Moose Jaw, which Thatcher had represented since 1975, was declared vacant.

"He made a long contribution, and many times a controversial one, to this province and its history," Justice Minister Gary Lane said when he introduced the motion to expel Thatcher from the 64-seat assembly.

"I don't expect this too be easy for any members to deal with," Lane said.

Lane's motion followed passage of amendments to the Legislative As-

Pierre Paradis reveals car phone scans: Hello, René?

By Joyce Napier

MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec Liberals have been using simple radio scanners and car telephones to eavesdrop on calls placed by Parti Québécois cabinet ministers from their limousines, a Liberal member of the national assembly said Wednesday.

Pierre Paradis (Brome-Missisquoi) said in a telephone interview from Quebec City that he has known about the eavesdropping since he was elected in 1981.

"It's perfectly legal," Paradis said. "There is nothing special about it,

anyone can do it.

"Just sit in a car which has a telephone and you can pick up hundreds of conversations. Anyone who has a telephone in his car knows that...the PQ ministers are the only ones who don't know it.

"This is an era of great technological advancement but our ministers don't know how to use phones."

He refused to say who listens in on the conversations and would not provide details of what was heard.

However, Paradis said some recently monitored conversations gave the

Liberals an indication last week which PQ cabinet ministers would resign over Premier René Lévesque's position that independence should be dropped from the party platform in the next election.

Paradis said that when Lévesque told the National Assembly last Thursday that he was not aware of any resignations, "we knew his pockets were full of letters of resignation."

Six ministers have resigned their portfolios in the last week.

Paradis explained that car telephones operate on 13 channels on pu-

blic airwaves, which can be monitored by radios used normally to listen in on police and fire departments.

People with a telephone in their car can also listen in by simply pushing a button. This is done by people who want to make a call and want to determine whether one of the 13 channels is free or in use, he said.

"There will be a memo on each minister's desk in the morning asking them not to make sensitive calls from their car phones," he said. "That's something they should have been told when they first started using the

phones."

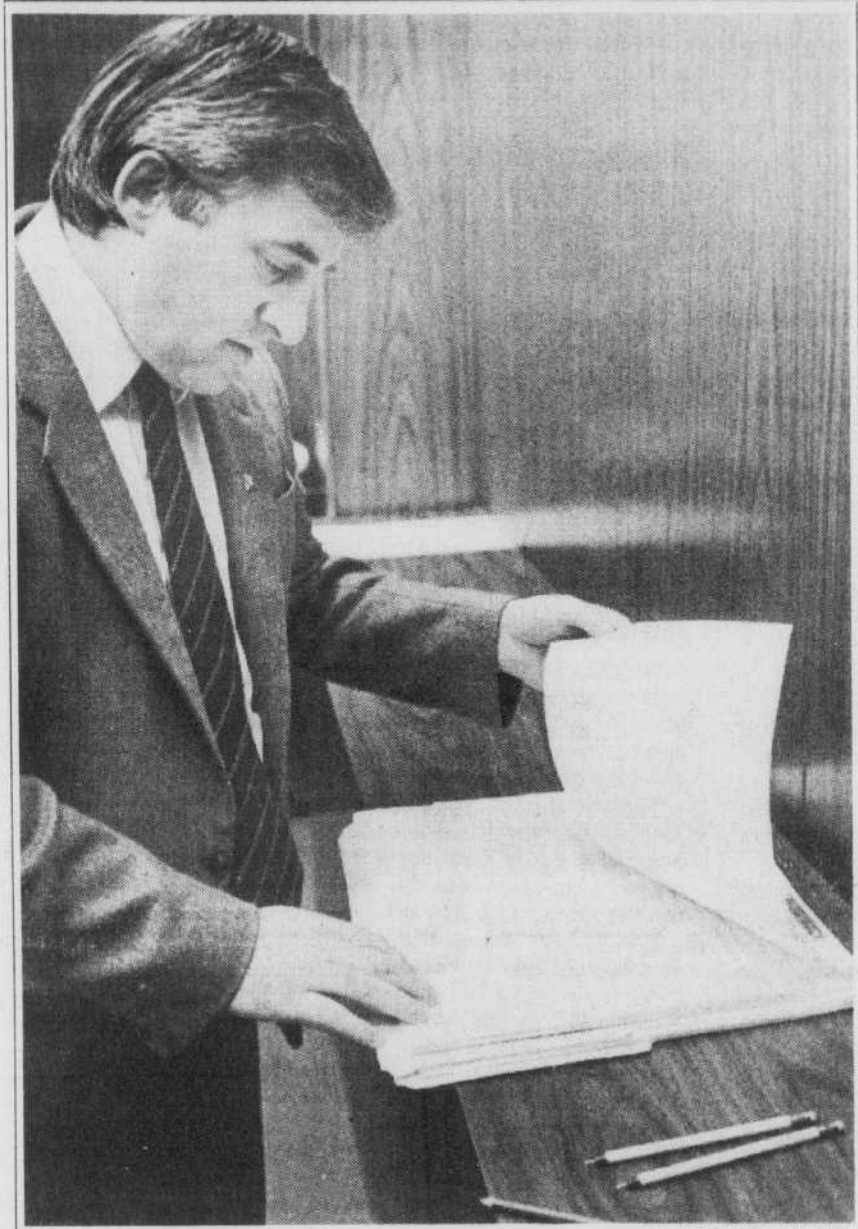
Justice Minister Pierre-Marc Johnson refused comment when told of the eavesdropping.

"This is the first time I hear of this," Labor Minister Raynald Fréchette said, adding he was skeptical that anyone could listen in on calls.

Gerald Godin, minister of linguistic affairs, said it showed the Liberals lack imagination.

"It's a shame they have to do that," Godin said. "They don't have enough ideas of their own so they have to take them from us."

768 sign up



Councillor André Côté looked over the list Wednesday after 768 taxpayers forced a referendum on the Gabr building purchase. Story, page 3.

Round One goes to Lévesque as sovereignty position gets support

QUEBEC (CP) — The battle for the hearts and votes of Parti Québécois rank and file on the question of independence has begun in earnest with Premier René Lévesque winning an early round.

At one of the first PQ riding association meetings leading up to a special Jan. 19 policy convention, party members in Charlebourg voted 51-5 Wednesday night to support Lévesque's efforts to shelve sovereignty in the next Quebec election.

The premier's retreat on independence — made public last Monday — triggered a rash of defections from his cabinet and caucus. Six ministers fled the cabinet in as many days, while two PQ back-benchers quit the caucus to sit as Independents.

But with the flood of resignations apparently staunching and a shuffled cabinet in place, the battle has shifted to the meetings that must be held by Dec. 20 in 122 PQ riding associations.

The 1,500 policy convention delegates will either endorse or repudiate Lévesque's position — and both factions view the riding meetings as crucial.

PUSHING SLATES

If forces loyal to Lévesque get their local slates elected, they feel confident the convention will fall into line and jettison independence from the platform for the next election, expected next year.

If the dissidents are successful at the riding level and sovereignty remains a key PQ policy plank, Lévesque risks losing control of the party. One of the premier's staunchest

supporters, Communications Minister Jean-François Bertrand, was on hand at to sell Lévesque's viewpoint in Charlebourg.

But there were no dissidents present to defend independence — a factor which led to a confusing 80-minute debate about whether Bertrand should be allowed to speak.

Earlier Wednesday, Bertrand told reporters a committee has been formed to dispatch ministers to the delegate selection meetings "to maintain a democratic climate."

When Bertrand was finally allowed to speak, he argued that dissidents and moderates alike are all sovereignists — and Lévesque himself is not throwing out the idea of sovereignty.

NOT A SECOND TIME

"But the best way to weaken the option is to submit it a second time in five years," he said, referring to the 1980 referendum in which Quebecers voted 60 per cent against giving the PQ a mandate to negotiate political sovereignty with Ottawa.

While Charlebourg riding members were meeting, the PQ executive council gathered for the first time since Lévesque outlined his position to them Nov. 23.

Lévesque has indicated in recent months that the next Quebec election will be next fall — but there has been speculation this past week that the mutiny will force Lévesque to call a spring election, particularly if he loses at the convention.

When the premier, who is also PQ party president, emerged from the

meeting Wednesday night he brushed off the speculation, saying cryptically: "If we have a beautiful spring, who knows?"

Lévesque said the council was "no less united" than it was at its last meeting, when it voted unanimously against the idea of a "referendum election" — yet narrowly endorsed keeping independence alive as an electoral theme.

QPF gets gov't-forced contract

QUEBEC (CP) — The Quebec government imposed a new contract on 4,500 unionized provincial policemen Wednesday, standing by its position that recommendations by a Labor Department arbitrator are too costly.

Justice Minister Pierre-Marc Johnson announced in the national assembly that cabinet has adopted an order giving the policemen increases which will bring the top annual salary of a constable by 1986 to \$36,500 from the current \$34,149.

The increases fall an average of about \$2,000 short of those recommended by the arbitrator last month.

"The government has taken its responsibilities," said Johnson. "The law is written in such a way that in the absence of an agreement the government must make a decision."

The minister said he imposed the contract now so the officers can receive cheques for retroactive pay by Christmas.

The policemen, who have been without a contract since Dec. 31, have been staging pressure tactics since Johnson announced two weeks ago that the government would ignore the arbitrator's report. More than 2,500 officers from across the province demonstrated in front of the national assembly last week and they have been refusing to issue traffic tickets and wear uniforms.

Provincial law prohibits policemen from striking.

Raymond Richard, president of the Quebec Provincial Policemen's Association, which represents the officers, could not be reached for comment.

Gov'ts leaving farmers out in cold — Proulx

By Robert Lefebvre

QUEBEC (CP) — Neither Ottawa nor the Quebec government are doing anything to alleviate the financial burden squeezing some Quebec farmers off their land, says the head of Quebec's farm union.

Jacques Proulx, president of the *Union des producteurs agricoles*, cited figures Tuesday indicating that in real terms, producers' net 1983 revenue was 31 per cent less than it was 10 years earlier.

While 13 per cent of Quebec agricultural producers now are on the edge, thousands more have been forced to declare bankruptcy or simply abandon their farms, Proulx told the union's annual convention.

Farmers who want to expand must borrow heavily at high interest rates and their debt load eats into their income, said Proulx, who blamed politicians for letting the crisis drag on.

"They haven't come up with one damn penny to help," he said — although several million dollars have been "thrown out the window" on the Constitution, national holidays and other events.

Proulx accused Quebec Agriculture Minister Jean Garon of doing little in the past few years. "He's been promising a rebal of farm credit for at least two years."

Quebec producers' pleas for support measures fell on deaf ears in Ottawa under the Liberals, he said, but he has yet to see improvement with the Conservatives.

"They could show their good faith immediately by giving us the \$12 million to \$15 million we've been expecting in stabilization payments and by signing an agreement with Quebec regarding aid to disaster areas — like those already signed with the other provinces."

Quebec farmers are also still waiting for about \$60 million in compensation for unprecedented crop losses in four regions last year, Proulx said. The *Union des producteurs agricoles* represents all Quebec farmers, who are obliged by law to join.

wasn't even angry that the radio station was broadcasting bits of his memos all day long.

"If you hand them a gift, they're gonna use it," Clark said.

The tape, sent to the station as a government report on United Nations affairs, inadvertently contains a half dozen dictated messages by Clark, which his secretary was to type up and pass on to various departmental officials.

He was smiling when he said it. No, he said, he doesn't think someone in his office is deliberately trying to embarrass him, despite the leaking of an earlier memo in which Clark orders department employees to avoid talking to reporters on the job or at parties.

"This was just a mistake as far as I'm concerned," Clark said. He

member's pay cheque and expense allowance following his arrest May 7. It amounted to about \$13,000.

Bill Sveinsson, the only Liberal member of a legislature in Western Canada, blocked quick action by using a variety of tactics.

He spoke at length about the haste of the Conservative government and even drew parallels between the Saskatchewan government and the "Big Brother" government George Orwell wrote about in the novel 1984.

Thatcher is only the second member to be expelled from the Saskatchewan legislature. The other was removed in 1916 following a liquor-licensing scandal.

After expelling Thatcher, the legislature prorogued. A new session begins this afternoon with the speech from the throne.

Anglophone bilingualism up substantially — study

MONTREAL (CP) — Bilingualism among Quebec anglophones increased substantially during the years from 1971 to 1981, says a demographic study conducted for the anglophone lobby group Alliance Quebec.

The study by demographer Jacques Henripin says that between 1971 and 1981 the number of anglophones who could carry on a conversation in French increased from 36.7 per cent to 53.4 per cent.

During the same period, the number of francophones who could speak English increased from 25.7 per cent to 28.7.

The ability of anglophones to speak French indicates the English population in Quebec constitutes "more and more an important support for the French fact in Quebec and Canada," Alliance Quebec says in the report prepared for an upcoming Quebec parliamentary commission reviewing immigration and migration patterns.

The study also predicts the anglophone population could decline to 10.4 per cent of the total population by the year 2001 — down from 14.7 in 1971 — if economic conditions do not improve enough to encourage anglophones to stay in or move to Quebec.

If economic conditions are right, said Henripin, the English population could remain stable at about 12 per cent by the end of the century with francophones making up about 83 per cent.

The remainder are classified as allophones, those whose maternal language is neither English nor French.

A declining birthrate and an aging population has affected both the number of anglophones and francophones, the study noted.

The Alliance Quebec study noted that migration of manpower from Quebec to other provinces also contributed significantly to a decline in the anglophone population between 1976, when the Parti Québécois came to power, and 1981.

Three-quarters of those who left the province during that period were anglophones. The 106,300 anglophones who left made up one-seventh of the total anglophone population at the time.

Canada may follow U.S. tax changes to draw investment — Wilson

OTTAWA (CP) — If the U.S. tax system is changed to make it more attractive to businessmen, Canada may have to follow suit in order to prevent job-creating investment from leaving the country, Finance Minister Michael Wilson said Wednesday.

170 million children in prostitution, drug rings?

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — More than 170 million children around the world are "unwillingly or unwittingly" involved in child prostitution, trafficking and pornography, an international children's organization said today.

"It took the combined efforts of the Anti-Slavery Society and the British navy to end the slave trade," said Kenneth Herrmann, board member of the American branch of Defence for Children International.

"The same combination of public and private action may serve to stop this devastating trade in children," he told the Senate government affairs investigations subcommittee.

The privately funded organization, founded in 1979 and based in Geneva, has consultant status with the United Nations and works closely with UNICEF, the world organization's Children's Fund.

Herrmann told the subcommittee there is "strong evidence that the incidence of all four categories of child exploitation is on the rise."

He cited child prostitution, trafficking, pornography and pedophilia — a desire by adults to have sex with pre-pubescent children — and said

"If someone is looking at establishing a plant in Canada or the United States, if the tax regime in the States is more attractive it's one element they look at," Wilson said following his appearance at a meeting of the Commons finance committee.

"the children who enter this marketplace, usually unwillingly or unwittingly, are most commonly street children."

"Of the estimated 170 million such children the world over," Herrmann said, "only about 500,000 receive support and services from professional (public or private) agencies."

He told the subcommittee results of investigations carried out by the organization over the last few years showed as examples of child exploitation:

— An international sex syndicate in Melbourne, Australia, that "has been deeply involved in a systematic program of child pornography with young Filipino boys, and had actually taken some of the boys to Australia for illicit sexual purposes under the banner of foreign foster parent support groups."

— "Children are bought and sold in actual auctions in Amsterdam," the Netherlands.

— "Child sex 'tours' were being offered in West Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and the United States and took participants to Sri Lanka, Thailand, the Philippines and elsewhere."

"They may well go the States if we don't have as attractive a tax system," he said prior to leaving for today's talks with U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

Wilson said he plans to discuss tax change proposals unveiled by the U.S. government this week.

Stressing that it's all very preliminary at this stage, he said if the changes make the U.S. system attractive to investors "we might have to do some of the same things in Canada."

"Investment means jobs and if jobs are drawn away to the U.S. because of tax policy there we must look seriously at making some changes here."

The U.S. proposals could make the tax system there simpler, something which has wide support in Canada, Wilson added.

He also said he thought the U.S. government was trying to introduce greater flexibility into the tax system to increase the incentive for economic growth.

POTENTIAL INVESTMENT
However, if initial business reaction to the tax proposals is any indication, just the opposite could happen and Canada may be the recipient of U.S. business investment.

While the U.S. proposals would lower tax rates for both individuals and corporations, they would eliminate many tax breaks for businesses and

individuals and would in effect increase corporate taxes by 37 per cent, while lowering personal taxes by 8.5 per cent.

Many business groups have reacted negatively, though some say feelings could change when all the ramifications have been worked out by business.

"We want to be aware of what they're doing because of the competitive nature of tax systems," Wilson said, adding it's especially important because of the close integration of the two countries' markets and economies.

Meanwhile, Wilson suggested the billions of dollars in tax incentives enjoyed by some individuals and busi-

nesses in Canada are safe for another year at least.

The government has said it wants to review the numerous tax incentives but has promised they won't be touched until those affected have a chance to discuss any changes.

Wilson said Wednesday he doesn't expect the discussion papers on the incentives will be issued until after the April budget with action coming in the following budget.

Generally, government's present one budget a year, usually in the spring, and that suggests unless the government presents an early second budget the tax loopholes will stay in place at least until 1986.

News-in-brief

Blocked ships complain

MONTREAL (CP) — The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority said Wednesday it doesn't consider itself legally responsible for the millions of dollars shipping companies say they're losing because of a week-old blockage in the waterway.

"Our official stand is that unless gross negligence can be proven against us, we can't be held responsible for any losses by the shipping companies," spokesman Richard Juteau said in an interview.

At least one shipping firm, Canada Steamship Lines Inc., has formally advised the authority it intends to sue for damages because of a stuck lift bridge at Valleyfield, Que., blocking the passage to ships.

Mount Royal liquidating

MONTREAL (CP) — Just about everything from bedspreads to Polynesian canoes went up for grabs Tuesday at the Mount Royal Hotel, which closed its doors earlier this month after 62 years in business.

Liquidators have 74 days to clear out \$1.5 million worth of furniture, fixtures, carpets and bric-a-brac which filled the once-ritzy 1,046-room Peel Street establishment.

Prices ranged from a pair of water glasses for \$1 to \$275 color TV sets and a ballroom's worth of pine panelling for \$11,000.

Top specialty item was the entire contents of the Kon-Tiki Polynesian restaurant and bar — a mere \$78,000, with six carved outrigger canoes included.

Settlement may be out-of-court

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government will consider a request to negotiate an out-of-court settlement with victims of urea formaldehyde foam insulation living in Quebec, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Michel Côté said Wednesday.

"It's always more favorable than continuing (legal) procedures that are often very costly," Côté said outside the Commons.

He said it will be up to federal lawyers to recommend whether or not to settle the cases out of court.

Ottawa banned the foam in 1980 after previously approving grants for its use. The foam has been linked to health hazards including eye and nose irritation and respiratory problems.

Mulroney chooses chairman

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Mulroney consolidated his power over the Conservative caucus Wednesday, in effect abandoning the system forced on his predecessor, Joe Clark, which allowed MPs to elect their own chairman.

Mulroney announced in a statement that Gerry St. Germain, MP for Mission-Port Moody in British Columbia, has been appointed to the job.

Mulroney spokesman Michel Gratton added later that while caucus officially ratified the appointment, the nomination was made by the prime minister.

Joe Clark, facing a fractious party and a divided caucus, was forced in 1982 to allow caucus to choose its own chairman.

Director of PCs named

OTTAWA (CP) — Jerry Lampert, campaign manager for the British Columbia Social Credit party in the province's 1983 election and a top strategist in the national Conservative election campaign last summer, has been named national director of the Conservative party.

Prime Minister Mulroney and party president Peter Elzinga said Wednesday that Lampert, also a former field organizer for the Ontario Conservative party's Big Blue Machine, replaces Janis Johnson, a long-time Tory activist in Manitoba.

Lampert, 39, said he intends to maintain the party network that was built during the summer campaign and start preparing now for the next election.

"Everything I do now...is geared toward the next time we go to the polls," Lampert said in an interview.

Job loss estimation decreases

OTTAWA (CP) — One economic research firm has drastically lowered its estimate of the number of jobs that will be lost as a result of the federal government's spending cuts.

But another has said it's hard to find any evidence to support the government's claim that cutting the deficit will lead to an increase in job-creating investment.

Infometrics Ltd. of Ottawa, which initially predicted the cuts and revenue recovery programs announced Nov. 8 could cost the economy 50,000 jobs, now says a more detailed analysis shows the loss will only be 12,000 to 31,200 jobs.

Trudeau back to journalism?

TORONTO (CP) — Pierre Trudeau and Gerard Pelletier are considering turning back the clock more than 40 years and resuming careers in journalism, Pelletier says.

"We have plans together," he said Wednesday in an interview. "We might revert to our old writing habits — a magazine maybe."

Pelletier said he "hardly saw" Trudeau after his former colleague from student days became prime minister in 1968, but the pair met two weeks ago and will probably see each other again this weekend when Trudeau is to return from a trip to Europe.

Two heads are better than one

LISTOWEL, Ont. (CP) — A local farmer and his son are still getting over their surprise this week after they helped a Holstein cow deliver her calf and found themselves staring at an animal with two heads.

John Toth said he and his 18-year-old son, Donald, assisted in the birth Tuesday of a 45-kilogram bull calf whose heads were joined at the jaw and shared a common neck. The creature had four eyes and two mouths but only two ears.

He said the calf is unlikely to survive more than a couple of weeks and will likely be sent to the University of Guelph for observation.

Masse to look into satellite dishes

REGINA (CP) — Residents of remote communities who enjoy television signals pirated via community-owned satellite receiving dishes will soon find out whether the Ottawa plans to pull the plug on such operations.

Federal Communications Minister Marcel Masse, after meeting with Saskatchewan Communications Minister Gary Lane on Wednesday, said he hopes to bring in a new policy for telecommunications.

The policy review will result in a green or white paper before any legislative changes are made, said Masse, adding that more immediately he hopes to establish new policies on the use of satellite dishes in remote communities.

Anti-abortion group to send cards

WINNIPEG (CP) — Prime Minister Mulroney will receive one million signed postcards in the next 10 days demanding legal protection for the unborn, a spokesman for a new, national anti-abortion group said Wednesday.

The postcard campaign is in response to a decision earlier this month by an Ontario jury to acquit Dr. Henry Morgentaler and two doctors on abortion charges, said Pat Soenen, a spokesman for the group Jury For Life.

The group is an ad hoc committee of 245 anti-abortion groups across the country with a collective membership of between 300,000 and 400,000, Soenen told a news conference.

It was formed because the groups involved don't believe the jury that acquitted Morgentaler and his two associates on charges of conspiring to procure a miscarriage was representative of a majority of Canadians, she added.

Drug proposal rejected

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — A senior State Department official Wednesday rejected proposals that the United States threaten to cut off foreign aid to major drug-producing countries. Assistant State Secretary John Thomas said the administration preferred "positive" steps in international narcotics control "rather than look at the negative side to bludgeon countries when not necessary."

Ink and paper may be traded in

MIAMI (AP) — Newspapers of the future may trade ink and paper for computer terminals that allow readers to select news instantly instead of having to leaf through bulky papers, a media analyst said Wednesday.

Walter Bender of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology predicted that in the future "computers will reach in and grab individual aspects of news" to be flashed on a reader's screen.

He told the 50th convention of Associated Press Managing Editors that the process will allow for more "personalization" of stories as people scan for just the items they are interested in.

Stripper breaks customer's ribs

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A woman has filed a lawsuit against a nightclub, alleging that a male stripper fell on her during a show.

Audrey Hartke of Fort Lauderdale sued the Crazy Horse saloon, saying three of her ribs were broken, causing her pain, suffering and "ridicule and embarrassment" when the stripper fell on her July 4.

"I imagine it might be considered humorous, but it wasn't to her," said her lawyer, Steven Feren.

Mickey Torres, a representative of the Crazy Horse's insurance company, said Mrs. Hartke and her husband have been offered a settlement in the case.

Plane lands on busy street

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A troubled plane wriggled through Christmas decorations strung across a busy downtown street, tipping wings to avoid cars but landing safely, as one onlooker said, like "Santa Claus in a sleigh."

"I thought I was dead," said Bob Ettleman, driver of one car narrowly missed by the descending plane.

"I thought I'd be an inferno. Then I couldn't believe it. He just parked it like he was parking a car."

Pilot Jonathan Crawford, 35, of Riverside, received unanimous praise Tuesday from Christmas shoppers on Brand Boulevard, Glendale's main thoroughfare.

"It was just like he was Santa Claus in a sleigh. I thought it was a promotion," said Irene Blone, another motorist who watched Crawford zoom underneath Christmas lights strung 15 metres high across the busy street.

Prison camp guard to be deported

CHICAGO (AP) — A 63-year-old man accused of hiding his past as a former guard at a Nazi death camp where at least 50,000 people were said to have died has been ordered deported to West Germany.

The deportation of Reinhold Kulle was ordered by Immigration Judge Olga Springer, who ruled that the former guard assisted in persecuting civilians during the Second World War.

While Kulle "did nothing more than guard prisoners" he should be regarded as one of their persecutors and deported, Springer said.

Robert Korenkiewicz, Kulle's lawyer, said Wednesday his client was not surprised by the decision and added that an appeal will be filed.

New bill issued

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — A 5,000 peso note worth about \$36 is being issued to trim the bulge of billfolds, bank drawers and cash registers in Argentina, where the annual inflation rate is now 700 per cent. The new bill will be five times more valuable than the largest now in circulation. A year ago, the peso traded at 19 to the U.S. dollar in official markets. The rate now is 140 to the dollar.

U.S.-Soviet talks reopen

MOSCOW (Reuter) — The fourth round in a series of U.S.-Soviet talks aimed at curbing the spread of nuclear weapons opened at the Foreign Ministry in Moscow Wednesday. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the U.S. team was led by Richard and the Soviet group by Andronik Petrosyants, chairman of the State Committee on Atomic Energy. He said the talks were expected to cover a whole range of issues.

Fighting leaves hundreds dead

RABAT (Reuter) — Morocco and its Polisario guerrilla foes reported Wednesday that fierce fighting in the western Sahara left scores dead and wounded. The Moroccan news agency MAP said 114 guerrillas were slain and eight Russian-made T-55 tanks were destroyed Sunday. It said Morocco suffered 14 dead and 38 wounded. Polisario guerrillas said they killed 72 Moroccan soldiers and wounded 140.

Jewish activist sent to camp

MOSCOW (Reuter) — Human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky, sentenced to 13 years' jail and hard labor, has been transferred from prison to a work camp, relatives said today. The Jewish activist was sentenced to three years in jail and 10 years of labor in 1977 on charges of spying for the United States, which he has always denied.

Thousands protest corruption

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — As many as 200,000 people staged a march through Panama City, protesting alleged government corruption and tough austerity measures proposed by President Nicolas Ardito Barletta. A spokesman for the National Civic Coordinating Council, which organized the demonstration, called it the largest protest march ever in the city of 700,000 people.

Censorship lifted

NEW DELHI (AP) — News organization no longer have to submit their articles for pre-publication censorship in Chandigarh, capital of Sikh-dominated Punjab state, officials announced there Wednesday. The ban on public assembly and processions in the city also were lifted because of the national elections scheduled to be held Dec. 24 and 27.

Party leader voted out

WELLINGTON (Reuter) — Sir Robert Muldoon, New Zealand's prime minister for nine years until he was swept from power in an election last July, was ousted Wednesday as leader of the National party, party officials said.

Sir Robert, 63, whose autocratic style was blamed for a landslide Labor party victory, was defeated in a vote by his parliamentary colleagues.

He will be succeeded by Jim McLay, 39, a former lawyer and Muldoon protégé, who was appointed deputy leader early this year before Muldoon called a snap election July 14.

Former labor minister Jim Bolger, 49, was elected McLay's deputy.

Muldoon, who had put himself forward as one of the candidates in the leadership ballot, told reporters he will continue as a member of parliament.

20 arrested for plot to kill

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Haitian authorities have arrested more than 20 people in connection with an alleged plot to kill President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier, a well-informed source close to the government said Wednesday.

The government has neither confirmed nor denied the arrests. The source, who spoke on condition his name not be used, said they took place in the last two weeks and the organizer of the alleged plot "is a Haitian exile residing in Florida."

The source said the attempt on the lives of Duvalier, his wife Michele, and her father, millionaire Ernest Bennett, was set for Nov. 4 at Gonaives, a port north of the capital, during a celebration for the city's patron saint.

Weather

Cloudy today with a chance of showers this afternoon and tonight. Outlook for Friday — variable skies. high today 8-9, low tonight -1 and high tomorrow 1-3.

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The Townships

768 force referendum on Pelletier plans for 101 Frontenac Street

By Charles Bury

SHERBROOKE — The city will now have to hold a referendum if it still wants to buy the Gabr building at 101 Frontenac after 768 property owners in two days signed a register demanding a binding vote.

The referendum book was open Tuesday and Wednesday. The referendum itself must be held before Dec. 21, when the abandoned grocery store will be sold to the highest bidder at a sheriff's auction, with the money going to pay off some of Saad Gabr's unpaid bills.

City councillors are now asking themselves and each other if it worth the estimated \$25,000 price of a referendum — and the possible embarrass-

sment of losing it — to spend \$1.5 million on the former Steinberg store.

The councillors also have to deal with the safety of the structure, which is built on concrete posts over the Magog River, just below a waterfall. When Gabr bought the building from Steinberg Inc. March 4, 1982, the sales contract specifically warned that the foundation presented "an urgent danger" to public safety. No adequate repairs have apparently been made since.

Some councillors blamed the "negative attitude" of the press for the taxpayers' preliminary refusal of the project. Others said they were glad the safety question had been raised.

SOME FAVORED PROJECT

Antonio Pinard, almost a historic

monument and dean of the council, has been an alderman over 30 years. He said the pro-referendum decision by taxpayers "was to be expected, with the (media) campaign against the project."

But even Pinard isn't sure about the project any more. "I was sure the building was safe, but what is the real situation? No one seems to be able to say right now. In any case, this won't be the end of it."

Councillor Roméo Quintal said he wasn't surprised by the taxpayers' initial rejection of the Gabr "with all the negative publicity which was made. It couldn't have been otherwise; the people were frightened by it."

Yet Quintal too is unsure of the building's condition. "Me, I was told that

the building was solid," Quintal said, "but I can't swear it; I'm not an engineer. It is also possible that the people didn't have enough information."

Councillor Roger Gingues says he's "not afraid at all" of the 30-year-old building. Gingues also criticized press coverage of the project. He blamed "the negative attitude of those who look for bugs everywhere. It's easier to start a negative campaign than to go forward positively, coolly."

OTHERS OPPOSED IT

When council was asked to pass the \$1.5-million borrowing bylaw for the purchase, six councillors voted for it, six against. Mayor Jean-Paul Pelletier had to use his rare tie-breaking vote to push the project forward.

Among those opposed to the Gabr purchase, maverick councillor André Côté was the leader. "The people felt badly informed on all aspects of the project, and rightly so," Côté said. "They showed clearly by the result of the consultation that council will have to reconsider the question."

Councillor Jean Perrault said the project was "very badly put together and very badly presented. There was a shortage of information and what happened was normal. I am very happy with the outcome," he said.

"Too many questions went unanswered and the whole project

was badly put forward," added councillor Jean-Yves Laflamme. "Nothing to do with the project was handled normally and the people showed it."

For Bernard Tanguay, "The people showed they weren't in favor of the project as certain councillors tried to make us think, and they showed it. The further we got into it, the more ambiguous the project became."

Only councillor Hilaire Béliveau admitted any surprise at the 768 signatures of taxpayers wanting a referendum. Only 500 were needed to force the issue to a binding plebiscite. "I'm surprised in the sense that I never thought so many people would come out. But the results are the fruit of ambiguity and uncertainty which marked the project."

Robert Dandurand said he finds the result "proves that the population looks after its business." He added that the mayor's secretive ways helped defeat — or at least delay — his treasured project. "The whole thing could have been avoided if the people had been better informed instead of (council) discussing it for more than two months in closed meetings," he said.

Mayor Pelletier and councillors Françoise Dunn and Léonard T. Laflamme, two of his strongest backers, were apparently out of town Wednesday.



André Côté... Led the battle.

Councillors wonder if vote is worth it

SHERBROOKE — City councillors are hesitant about holding a referendum on the controversial plan to buy 101 Frontenac now that 768 opponents of the project have blocked the \$1.5 million borrowing bylaw needed to finance it.

Only 500 signatures were needed during the two-day consultation in

order to force a binding referendum if the bylaw is to remain in force, allowing the \$1.3-million purchase plus interest payments over 15 years.

Now council must decide either to go ahead with the referendum or to put the whole project in the garbage can.

City officials estimate the cost of holding a referendum at \$25,000 or more. The last one, in 1979, came when then-mayor Jacques O'Bready wanted to raise his salary to over \$50,000 a year plus expenses.

The O'Bready referendum was badly beaten and councillors don't want the embarrassment of a repeat defeat. Of ten councillors reached Wednesday after the outcome of the Gabr purchase consultation became clear, only two want to pursue the project — Antonio Pinard and Hilaire Béliveau. For Béliveau, if the project is defeated, "we should have no illusions; the people will never another such project, let alone a project like Place Hôtel de Ville, which would cost \$6- or \$8-million."

"As long as the building is shown to be in good condition, we should go ahead with it to see what the whole population thinks," added Béliveau. "If it isn't safe, we should throw the whole thing in the waste basket. It would be useless to spend \$25,000 on a referendum."

Bernard Tanguay was opposed to the project all along. He says the planned purchase "should be dropped as soon as possible, once and for all."

"A referendum would serve no purpose because there is too much division on council and a project as big as this should be based on a consensus."



RECORD/PERY BEATON

Sherbrooke city clerk Robert Belisle spent a lot of time on the phone Wednesday telling callers 768 taxpayers signed up to force a referendum on the city purchase of the Gabr building.

\$25,000 for tax-weighted vote on plan

SHERBROOKE — A referendum on the Gabr purchase would put new strains on the ancient concept of municipal democracy.

Mayor Jean-Paul Pelletier's plan is to buy the Frontenac Street building before it is sold to the highest bidder at a sheriff's auction Dec. 21.

Pelletier's price is \$1.3 million plus interest. The "reserve" auction price — below which the sheriff will not sell — is \$454,522.

Council must decide at its meeting Monday, Dec. 3, whether to go ahead.

If a referendum gets the green light, a legal minimum of two weeks must be allowed for those for and against the project to rally their side to the vote. So the earliest the referendum could be held is Dec. 18.

But a municipal referendum doesn't give every citizen a chance to vote, and not every vote has the same value at counting time. Only Sherbrooke's estimated 13,000 tax-paying property owners have the right to cast a ballot. Tenants and others not on the evaluation role (wives and children, for example), don't vote.

And the winning side must win a majority not only in the number of votes cast but also in comparison to the evaluation role. Thus, say, Saad Gabr's vote is worth the \$2 million the controversial building is evaluated at. The owner of a \$200,000 mansion would have only one-tenth the power on referendum day. If you own a \$20,000 cottage within city limits, you get one-one-hundredth of Mr. Gabr's vote.

Fortunately for democracy, Mr. Gabr is out of the country.

Firemen fight for municipal service

By Robert Palmer

SHERBROOKE — Rock Forest town council will be presented with a 1,550-signature petition at its meeting Monday from a group of citizens who feel a human life is worth a lot more than \$3.45.

That \$3.45 is the per-person difference between what a private fire protection service and the city of Sherbrooke are asking Rock Forest citizens to pay for fire protection when the current contract between the two municipalities ends Feb. 5, 1985.

The two have been at odds since Sherbrooke, which provides fire protection to Rock Forest, St-Elie d'Orford, Fleurimont and parts of Ascot Township, came out with its new rates earlier this fall.

Fleurimont has signed the new offer and Ascot has hinted it will this week or next.

St-Elie and Rock Forest say they will go with a private service next year. It would be provided under contract by a private company — the lowest bidder and likely the only one, Sécurité 77.

'INFERIOR' SERVICE

Along with a few colleagues, Sherbrooke fireman Douglas Jones, who lives in Rock Forest, organized the petition opposing the council move toward a private service after Feb. 5. He says the difference between the prices offered by the private service and the city of Sherbrooke — \$3.45 per capita — isn't worth the risk of changing to fire protection he says would be "inferior."

"We know it's going to be a bit more but isn't a human life worth more than \$3.45?" he asks. "I think it is."

Jones, who has spent 19 of his 42 years as a Sherbrooke firefighter,

says a private service wouldn't have the manpower or equipment to provide services comparable to those of Sherbrooke.

"The newspapers have been talking about Sécurité 77 but I don't want to single out any one company," he said.

MEN AND EQUIPMENT

One of seven firefighters who man the Jacques Cartier-Portland station (no. 2) every shift year round, Jones says the city has 125 men and \$10 to \$12 million in equipment, including ten trucks: six pumpers, three ladders and one rescue unit.

Jones says there are 24 firefighters on duty on the day and night shifts, 48 men in total. He says the city will guarantee Rock Forest exactly the same protection it provides for itself.

That means two pumpers, one ladder, six men and one officer on the first alarm, Jones says. If reinforcements are needed, the officer who rides in the first vehicle will sound a second, third or general alarm.

Jones says the private security companies can't promise that many men or that much equipment.

"The private company says they have two men on duty and 40 volunteers," he said. "That's all very well if you can get the 40 volunteers."

Jones also says the private company is ill-equipped. He says it doesn't have any trucks and just one 45-foot aluminum extension ladder, but says it will buy a "cherry picker" (like those used by hydro and telephone repairmen) in the new year.

NO TICKET, NO LAUNDRY!

However deliveries are slow in the fire truck business — a year or more — and Sherbrooke officials have indicated the city won't respond to calls after Feb. 5 if no new deal is in force.

Another element of the conflict Jones doesn't mention is fire insurance rates.

Fire underwriters are well-known for measuring rates according to statistical records and the quality of service provided. Neither Sécurité 77 nor any other private fire service has ever operated in the region; thus there is no track record at all. The Sherbrooke department has a superior reputation but a private company would be rated at the novice level at best. Citizens can expect to lose their \$3.45 pretty quickly the next time the premium comes due.

Despite pointing out equipment and manpower differences, Jones maintains he and his colleagues are not out to discredit private fire protection companies. He says he is genuinely concerned for human life and wants to make sure Rock Forest citizens are well aware of their options.

'TO SAVE LIVES'

It's not just the \$3.45. "My concern is to save lives," he said. "That's the most important thing in this whole damned story."

"When I walked into the fire station nearly 20 years ago, my officer told me my job was to save lives. Material is second on the list."

Jones says he can't speak for St. Elie d'Orford because he doesn't live there. But he says he does intend to speak for Rock Forest, where he and nine other Sherbrooke firemen pay their taxes, very strongly at the council meeting Monday at 8 p.m.

If the council ignores his petition, he adds, he won't stop there.

"I'm going to present it and if they reject it, I'm going straight to the minister of municipal affairs. I'll go straight to the top with this."



RECORD/PERY BEATON

UN party chief Jean-Marc Béliveau (right) named former Rock Forest mayor Laurent Boudreau (left) as the party's candidate in Orford for the next provincial general election.

The Union Nationale is back

By Peter Scowen

MAGOG — The Eastern Townships is a "terre bleue" ready to vote for the Union Nationale, the party's leader said here Wednesday.

Jean-Marc Béliveau pointed to a strong history of UN support in the Townships as evidence that his party will be revived in the region in the next general provincial election, expected some time next year.

Béliveau named former Rock Forest Mayor Laurent Boudreau as UN candidate in the Orford electoral district and made him responsible for promoting the party in the Sherbrooke/Orford region.

Boudreau, a real estate agent, was mayor of Rock Forest from 1979 to 1983.

GOOD TIMES

During the glory years of the Union Nationale under founding leader Maurice Duplessis, the Eastern Townships was well represented in the government with members in Sherbrooke, Brome, Missisquoi, Richmond, Stanstead, Frontenac and Shefford.

Some electoral districts stayed with the UN longer than others. Brome-Missisquoi and Richmond went with Béliveau's party as late as 1976, while the others usually had the UN in a close second or third place.

Béliveau, UN leader since October, 1982, is planning on the UN making a comeback in the next election, and sees the Townships as a key area, much as the federal Conservative

party saw the region in its successful bid to pick up Quebec seats in the Sept. 4 general election.

"It's a 'terre bleue'" Béliveau said, adding he was naming Boudreau candidate in Orford instead of holding a convention because of "his quality."

FEW YOUNG

Some 60 UN party faithful attended a rally in a local hotel after Béliveau spoke with the two journalists who came to his press conference. There were very few young people at the rally and many looked like they were getting ready for their last general election.

Béliveau openly admits he is a PC supporter. "I hope to imitate the Conservatives," he said, claiming that means staying in the centre while other Quebec parties move to the left. It also means forming the next government, something he is sure he will do.

"I am confident of forming the next government," said the Arthabaska lawyer. "The PQ will drop off the map." If elected, he promised less government intervention in business and said he would outlaw strikes in the public sector because "people want it."

"It's the traditional UN stand adapted to the '80s," Béliveau said. He mocked the notion that Liberal party leader Robert Bourassa was taking the same non-intervention stand, saying that he was all for *état-providence* when he was premier from 1970-76.

JUST PUNISHMENT

Béliveau claimed his party can also take advantage of the "confusion" now reigning in Quebec as Premier René Lévesque changes his party's position on independence. "Lévesque is leading by the polls," he said. "He'll get the punishment he deserves."

"Mulroney can't support Lévesque because he might change his mind once again," Béliveau added.

Liberal voters aren't altogether pleased Bourassa is back as their leader, which further adds to the UN's chances, says their leader. "We are the party of clarity," said Béliveau.

Although he is an ardent supporter of the new federal government, Béliveau insists the UN would never be a branch of the PC party. As premier he would be willing to negotiate signing the constitution as long as Quebec were allowed a veto and other "fundamental rights".

HIGH RIDERS

Riding higher in the polls that it has in nearly 10 years, the UN will field candidates in every electoral district in Quebec this time, Béliveau said. In the last general election the UN had 122 candidates but won only four per cent of the popular vote, and failed to pick up a seat in the National Assembly.

As if to prove the UN is really back on the Quebec political map, Béliveau followed party tradition and promised a new road for the Eastern Townships — an expressway from Sherbrooke to Quebec City through Thetford Mines.

Fines and jail terms for illegal strikers

QUEBEC — It doesn't pay to walk off the job illegally.

A Quebec Superior Court judge imposed \$90,000 in fines Wednesday against a union and 23 of its members who staged a month-long illegal strike at a psychiatric hospital in St-Ferdinand-d'Halifax.

Mr. Justice René Dionne fined the union — an affiliate of the Confederation of National Trade Unions (CSN) — \$30,000 for contempt-of-court for defying a return-to-work injunction in October.

Union president Lucille Poirier was fined \$6,000 and sentenced to 15 days in jail while 22 other union members got lesser sentences.

The 710 orderlies, nurses and nurses aides at the St-Julien hospital, the major employer in St-Ferdinand, near Thetford Mines, walked out Oct. 15 to protest the elimination of 10 jobs. They also criticized what they described as the high-handed methods of the hospital's general manager.

The 706 patients were cared for by management, professionals and outside help.

The union said it plans to appeal the ruling, which it termed "unacceptable and excessive."

HIGHWAY BLOCKED

When promised support from members of other unions failed to materialize, workers and sympathizers blocked the sole highway leading to the village for about 10 hours Nov. 13 to draw attention to themselves.

Earlier that day, then-Social Affairs Minister Camille Laurin had summoned officials of both sides to his Quebec City office, where a settlement was hammered out hours after

the blockade was broken up by police. Last week, a patient at the hospital asked Superior Court for permission to launch a \$14-million class action suit on behalf of the patients.

Patient Carole Lacroix, 22, says she was unable to sleep, eat, wash or move around during the 29-day walkout. Lacroix is blind. She says many other patients suffered the same conditions she did.

Among those named as defendants in the suit are the labor federation, its social affairs wing, the local union, 10 of its officers and a union counsellor.

Ascot barn fire kills 700 hogs

ASCOT — A fire of yet undetermined origin completely destroyed a pig farm on Corriverton Road near here Wednesday night.

About 700 pigs died in the blaze at the Jacques Thibault farm. The fire began around 10:30 and caused damages estimated in the neighbourhood of \$100,000.

The animals died of asphyxiation and burns, reports said.

About 30 volunteer firemen, led by Lennoxville fire chief John Nichol, attempted to bring the blaze under control but arrived too late and were hampered by strong winds which fueled flames.

No one was at the farm when the fire began.

Robert Simard and Maurice King, dom of the Metro Police are handling the case.

A fact, Jacques

The UPA is full of cow manure. Jacques Proulx, president of the farmers union, yesterday blasted the federal and provincial governments, both past and present, for allowing the newly-discovered farm debt crisis drag on for years.

Proulx made his accusations in his pre-election speech at the UPA's annual meeting in Quebec City, and they are typical of the union's arrogant and self-serving use of facts. Net farm wages are down, 13 per cent of Quebec farmers face bankruptcy or foreclosure, thousands more are in serious financial trouble — these are the facts that have been brought to light in the last year, according to Proulx.

And now Proulx, president of a union you have to join whether you want to or not, is angry that politicians have let this debt crisis drag on for years.

Well Jacques, no one really knew there was a crisis until the hunger strike in St. Cyrille de Wendover this summer forced the public to take a look at the situation. There had been some media attention given to the problem before the strike, but none of it really dates back before 1982, and no one knew how serious it really had become until now.

The thing is we could have known, if the UPA had listened to its members when they began having financial difficulties two or three years ago. But the union ignored their problems. Ask any of the hunger strikers how much help they got from the union they are forced to pay dues to. They'll tell you they didn't get any, although they were promised the world.

If the government has been dragging its feet over the farm debt crisis, it's because it's been allowed to move slowly by the union organized to keep farm issues a priority among politicians. The UPA hasn't ever done a damn thing for farmers with financial problems, mostly because it refused to believe there was a problem.

The UPA has now been shamed by seven hunger strikers who forced the government to hold a public inquiry into their situation. All the UPA ever promised was a "socio-economic" summit on farm debt sometime in the spring. Talk about dragging your feet.

Proulx denounced the public hearing as a "dirty laundry washing" because he was embarrassed seven renegade farmers could get things done while his union was left in the dust. Now he is blaming the government for not responding to the farm debt problem the strikers exposed. But if the UPA had listened to its members two years ago, the government might have been forced to move under pressure from the union.

The UPA never listened, though, which means it is as much at fault as the government that the farm debt crisis in Quebec is so serious today.

Which means it is accusing government on grounds upon which it can't stand perpendicular itself.

And that's a fact, Jacques.

PETER SCOWEN

Bruce Levett

Madame Butterfly

Ah — the way we were.

Remember the good old days? When Sky Masterson crooned to the little doll from the Save-a-Soul mission: "I'll know, when my love comes along — I'll know at a glance...."

The secret, as he had it figured, was chemistry. Well, not any more. At least, not in Japan. A recent story from the outskirts of Tokyo has it that young probationary lovers have taken to assessing mate material by blood type.

Holding hands has, it appears, given way to pricking fingers.

The scientific community there is reported appalled, calling the fad, if fad it be, anti-social and nonsense. Still — wouldn't it save a great deal of emotion, promotion, comotion and time if only there was something to it?

For instance, in olden times there was a belief in Japan that out of the four blood types — A, B, AB and O — only the Os were fit for the diplomatic service.

THINK OF USES

Let's say, for sake of argument, that in Canada A was decreed as the best possible designation for politicians. "What would you think of Smithwick as prime-ministerial material?"

"Impossible. Are you mad? Man's a dedicated B. Something of a clot. Won't do at all."

Or, out there on the hustings:

"... And, in addition to being a wick-trimmer and a timble-rigger, my worthy opponent belongs to a subversive O group!"

(Might be superior to the current system at that.) However, let's stay with Japan.

Had the match-the-blood-type belief been current at the time, Madame Butterfly might never have been written. Can you picture Puccini cursing and erasing as he tries to do something with Cio-Cio San's solo:

"Lieutenant Pinkerton you must go, For you are doubtless an A, while I, on the other hand, am merely an O."

Would Ko-Ko have become the Mikado's lord high executioner had word leaked out that he was, in reality, a closet AB-negative, and not the straight-arrow A as called for in the job description?

The portfolio would undoubtedly have fallen to Poo-Bah.

And not only that....

"What's that, my dear? You think it might be fun to get blood-typed to prove our compatibility? After all this time?"

"You know how sensitive I am. I have a very low pain threshold. Not only that, but I simply cannot stand the sight of blood. Especially mine."

Whew! That was close. Where DO they get these notions?

Don't buy that Christmas toy—without checking

BOSTON (AP) — A stuffed bunny is on the list, so is New Born Baby and the Get Along Gang. They are among items a consumer advocate has put on his worst toys list, warning parents that injury and death can lurk in the cute and cuddly this Christmas.

The list released by Edward Swartz at a news conference this week marks the 14th Christmas season the Boston lawyer has warned the public of dangers in children's toy boxes — dangers that include sharp spikes, suffocating parts and strangling cords.

"The toys are different, but the risks are the same," said Swartz, a personal injury lawyer and author of the 1971 book, *Toys That Don't Care*.

Swartz has taken a new step this year, circulating a "wanted poster" for the Play Family, small plastic figurines sold by Fisher-Price Toys. Swartz contends the toys are being sold even though they have been linked to the deaths of three children who swallowed them and the near-suffocation and brain damage of a fourth. The lawyer has brought suit against Fisher-Price on behalf of the parents in one of the cases.

Carol Blackley, a spokesman for Fisher-Price, said the toys "meet all standards set by the industry as well as the federal government," adding that 45 million of the figures have been sold.

The toys on this year's 10 Worst List are: —Technic Mobilo Starter Pack, produced by Playground Supplies Ltd., an Australian company. Swartz said the small plastic building set contains parts that a child could swallow and choke on.

—Straight Kick, a padded plastic foot that can be propelled forward on an accordion-like device. Swartz said the toy serves no other purpose than "to encourage hitting each other."

—Rabbit Plush Toy, made by Well-Made Toy Manufacturing Co. The stuffed rabbit's 76-centimetre (30-inch) scarf and easily removable nose and mouth present the threat of strangulation and suffocation, Swartz said.

NO LONGER SELLS
A company spokesman, who would not identify himself, said the rabbit has not

been sold by the company since 1982. He said there have been no reports of injuries.

—New Born Baby, made by Portoplay Inc. Swartz said the infant doll comes with a tiny pacifier that can be swallowed.

—Ronnie's Musical Rocker, sold by Lovee Doll and Toy Co., is a small plastic rocking horse that comes with a drinking and wetting doll. Swartz said the rocking horse has severe "stability problems."

Lenny Roth, president of Lovee Doll, said: "We've been selling this for three years and I haven't gotten any complaints yet."

—Get Along Gang Play Figures, sold by American Greeting Corp. Swartz said the heads of the small, stuffed figures can be easily removed, exposing a sharp metal spike.

Larry Gonick, a sales manager for American Greetings, said 60 pounds of effort is needed to remove the head, twice the force listed in government regulations. "No child could ever, ever take it apart," he said.

—Bloodsuckers from Marchon Inc. The pen resembles a flying insect and gives

the appearance you are drawing blood from someone's arm. Swartz said children may throw the sharp object through the air. Then there is the moral question.

—Dungeon and Dragons Poseable Player Characters. The toys come with a pointed plastic spear that presents a danger to children's eyes, Swartz said.

"It's the first time I've heard any criticism of the product which has been on the market for several years," said Anthony Gatto, senior vice-president with L.J.N. Co. of New York.

—Missile Tank. Swartz said the rubber tips on missiles fired by the toy tank can be easily removed and swallowed. Swartz could not name the manufacturer.

—Soft Triplets Crib Gym, manufactured by Johnson and Johnson. Swartz said this and other toys strung across the top of cribs with elastic presents the threat of strangulation. "More than two million have been sold without serious accident or without consumer complaint concerning entanglement," said Bob Niffen, a spokesman for the company.

Letters Protect tradition of tolerance in this province

An Open Letter:

To the Chairman and members of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Education

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHS) is an independent volunteer parent organization which has existed as a provincial body for the past 40 years. During that time, one of the major objectives of the organization has been to assist in forming public opinion favorable to reform

and advancement of the education of the child. Therefore, QFHS, through its task force on school reorganization, has formulated a response to the recently proposed legislation, Bill 3 — An Act Respecting Public Elementary and Secondary Education.

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is clear on its position regarding changes in educational structures. Resolution 83/13 *Confessional School Boards* was passed

by delegates to the 39th Annual General Meeting, May 6, 1983.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations take the stand that any changes in our present education structures must in no way affect the present status of *Confessional School Boards* until there are Canadian constitutional guarantees for elected English language school board systems with administrative and pedagogical English language support systems.

Consequently, we recommend that the legal validity of Bill 3 be established before its passage into law. We ask that Bill 3 be referred to the Quebec Court of Appeal for an opinion on the constitutionality of those sections relating to confessional and dissentient schools. If that is not done before Bill 3 becomes law, there could be a long period of disruption that will in-

jure the whole educational system of Quebec.

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has always supported reforms in the educational system that are aimed at improving the educational, economic or social welfare of the child. We will continue to support all sincere efforts at real educational reform; reform whose chief goals are the enhancement of the quality of education and the rationalization of educational services.

We urge the Standing Committee on Education and the National Assembly to protect the tradition of tolerance in this province and to restore tranquility and a sense of unity and common purpose in Education.

Sincerely,
MARION DAIGLE,
President
Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
Montreal

Extend thanks

Dear Editor:
The organization of the North Ward citizens wishes to thank all our neighbors who have gone to the trouble of going out to vote. Together we have sent a clear message to our representative, Mrs. Françoise Dunn. The citizens were under the impression that our representative at the city hall should act with the interests of the voters first and foremost, and not for a few promoters who have only one goal — making money, regardless of the wishes of the citizens in general.

We wish to extend our thanks to all the workers who have made countless sacrifices in order to see

the day of victory.

Sincerely,
John Lacroix
The North Ward Citizens Committee
Sherbrooke

Would miss your paper

Editor:
Enclosed is a cheque for renewal to *The Record*. I would miss your paper very much, if I did not receive it each day. I have been a subscriber for over 60 years, and at one time, was correspondent for Barnston local news items.

EDITH PARSONS,
Barnston

'Moderates' want control at crucial PQ convention

CP NEWS ANALYSIS
By Linda Drouin

QUEBEC (CP) — As René Lévesque's forces begin to regroup after a harrowing wave of defections from his cabinet and caucus, the battle for control of the Parti Québécois will soon shift to another front.

The premier's opponents and backers will square off in 122 riding associations which must meet before Dec. 20 to choose delegates to a special convention slated for Jan. 19 in Montreal.

Both factions consider the selection of the 1,500 delegates as crucial. If forces loyal to Lévesque get their local slates of delegates elected, they feel confident the Montreal convention will fall into line and jettison independence from the platform for the next election.

If the dissidents — including the six ministers who have left the cabinet and the two backbenchers who have bolted the caucus — are successful at the riding level, Lévesque will lose control of the party.

One of the premier's most loyal lieutenants, Communications Minister Jean-François Bertrand, said Wednesday a committee has been formed to dispatch ministers to the delegate selection meetings "to maintain a democratic climate."

"We have to make sure that the delegates represent the position already taken at recent riding meetings," Bertrand said in an interview. "We can't have delegates that go in the opposite direction. Those results were largely in favor of the moderate position."

Bertrand was referring to riding meetings that debated the premier's position that Quebec independence should not be at stake in the election expected next year.

REPLACE ARTICLE

Delegates to the January convention will be voting on a motion by the PQ executive to replace Article 1 of the party's program, which states that in the next election a vote for the PQ will be a vote for independence. The new section would refer to the next election and would simply state: "The Parti Québécois' fundamental objective is to achieve the sovereignty of Quebec."

Lévesque's opponents will try to add a

clause saying sovereignty must be part of the "political discourse" during the election campaign.

The difference seems slight, but Lévesque says he will not bend on this point. He insists that the independence issue should not be mentioned in the campaign, "either in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly."

The premier believes that is the only way he can win a third term in office with a party whose support has fallen to 23 per cent in recent polls.

But the dissidents say they won't be sitting on the sidelines during the delegate selection meetings.

Gilbert Paquette, former science minister and one of Lévesque's most vocal in-party opponents, said after his resignation that he decided to stay on the PQ benches to hold onto his position on the party's executive committee where he would have more influence in the convention organization.

Louise Harel, former immigration minister, plans to attend riding meetings across Quebec to mobilize support.

'ALL POSSIBLE MEANS'

Camille Laurin, who resigned as social affairs minister but decided to stay on the government benches, said he would "take all possible means to defend my position and have the convention adopt a resolution that will conform to my beliefs."

Regardless of the outcome, the PQ will not be the same party after the Montreal convention. And a provincial election will likely follow within months.

If Lévesque wins, his opponents will have few choices. Those still on the PQ benches will have to leave the caucus and sit as Independents. They may form another party to fight the PQ in the election that would follow.

"If the convention endorses Lévesque I see no need for the continued existence of the party," Laurin said Tuesday.

Six ministers resigned in the last week

over Premier René Lévesque's declaration that independence should "not in whole, not in part" be an issue in the next provincial election. Lévesque plugged the holes in his cabinet Tuesday, elevating two backbenchers, shifting some ministers and giving some extra duties.

CAUSES DELAY

Because of the changes, the National Assembly has had to delay dealing with amendments to the Quebec Highway Code, a bill giving the auditor-general more power and legislation to set up an advisory council on cultural communities.

Government spokesmen say the bills have been put on hold until the new ministers are briefed on the contents.

Among major departures from cabinet were heavyweights Jacques Parizeau, finance minister since 1976, and Camille Laurin, minister of social affairs, the highest-spending department in the Quebec government.

Gratton said Lévesque's decision to name Treasury Board President Michel Clair as interim minister of social affairs

"After two elections where we put independence on the back burner it corresponds to the PQ becoming a provincial party like all the others and its *raison d'être* is lost."

A non-confidence vote defeating the government likely would not take place until March 12, when a new National Assembly session is scheduled to open. But Lévesque may choose to give the defectors less time to organize an opposition party by calling an election right after the January convention.

If the convention rejects the premier's position, a leadership race will be inevitable. With Lévesque's option sidelined, his heir apparent, Justice Minister Pierre-Marc Johnson, would face a tough battle against a high profile hardliner like Jacques Parizeau. Many observers say the former finance minister is biding his time for a possible return to political life after Lévesque's departure.

Quebec government hit by Jan. 19 haze?

By Paul Mooney

QUEBEC (CP) — Uncertainty surrounding the crisis-racked Parti Québécois government is preventing senior public servants from carrying out their duties, Opposition House Leader Michel Gratton charged Wednesday.

"When you don't know who your minister is, or if he'll be among those who resign or are promoted, it has to be a wait-and-see attitude for most of them," Gratton said of the recent spate of resignations and promotions in the PQ cabinet.

"Before these people make basic decisions, they have to know who's minding the store," Gratton said. "The morale in the public service can't be very good when they don't know from one day to the next who their boss will be."

Because of the political turmoil, Gratton said legislative work has slowed down, top public servants appear uncertain about the future and some ministers have been burdened with more than one department.

Six ministers resigned in the last week

would lead to neglect of the department since "Clair is already very busy, or should be, with Treasury Board."

"Civil servants won't even be able to talk to him on the phone, much less have a policy discussion with him."

Justice Minister Pierre-Marc Johnson has been handed the immigration ministry while Education Minister Yves Bérubé has been given responsibility for the Ministry of Science and Technology.

And if the multiple portfolios and the political infighting were not enough, cabinet members will spend the next weeks preparing for the crucial PQ policy convention on Jan. 19 in Montreal which will endorse or repudiate Lévesque's born-again federalism.

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Farm and business

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Shermag continues growth and government money rolls in to help

By Charles Bury

SHERBROOKE — The Eastern Townships' most vigorous new business keeps on expanding, with a little help from its friends in Quebec City.

Shermag Inc., a furniture-making company, began operations in an abandoned trailer factory in 1977. The company now employs over 450 workers in six plants in two countries, and annual sales this year will exceed \$25 million — and that doesn't count sales of specialized truck bodies made by Shermag's Lennoxvan division.

Labor Minister Raynald Fréchette visited Shermag's King Street West head office Monday to pay his respects and talk about the latest installment of the Quebec government's assistance for the company — a cheque for \$225,000.

Monday's money will go to Thurso, Que., where Shermag is the biggest hero in town since hockey player Guy Lafleur, who hung up his skates this week. The Shermag operation there is housed in the giant former Singer furniture plant, and the cheque will go to pay for new machinery. Shermag expects to employ 135 workers in the formerly-abandoned plant.

EXCELLENT RELATIONS

Shermag president Serge Racine told reporters the company's relations with Quebec have been "excellent" and he hoped they would continue.

So did Fréchette. "Shermag now goes beyond the Eastern Townships," said the labor minister. "The Lennox-

van division is doubling its capacity in six months. The labor force has quadrupled to 450 in four years. It has grown by 70 employees in 1984."

"That's a long way from the little factory they began in 1977."

"In 1984," Fréchette added, "Shermag is the biggest furniture manufacturer in Quebec and a leader in all of North America."

Shermag has won the prestigious province-wide *Mercuriades* prize for job creation two years in a row. Fréchette pointed out. "The six factories form an enviable whole."

As well as the former Lionel trailer plant on Route 108 near Lennoxville, Shermag now makes furniture in Scotstown, Disraeli and Thurso, Quebec, and Athol, Mass. The Lennoxvan truck shop is next to the Route 108 plant.

"All our plants are now running at full capacity and we are currently expanding the former Marius Ouellette plant in Disraeli by about 10,000 square feet," Racine said. "With that, the Thurso expansion and the increase in capacity of Lennoxvan, we will have our plates full."

Asked if the company has any further expansion plans, Racine said there is a possibility Shermag and one of its main parts suppliers will form a joint subsidiary to assure the flow of raw materials. "After that though," he added, "We will all have to spend a year or so getting back to earth before we go too far again."

It's a pretty special team but we have to get our breath back."

Apart from the "special" team, Shermag's huge success hinges on

what Racine calls "opportunism" but which the envious business community knows better as "smarts". Shermag has been able to benefit from the sloppy management of others and buy factories at bargain-basement prices. While other furniture manufacturers have suffered through the economic crisis of the '80s, Shermag has followed behind, performing two services at once: picking up the pieces as competitors go broke, and picking up the production capacity essential to maintaining — and increasing — the company's share of the Canadian furniture market.

Lionel, Scotstown, Disraeli, Athol, Lennoxvan and Thurso: in every case Shermag was able to buy production capacity at prices far below the cost of building its own plants.

And in every case but the original Lionel buy, the plant came complete with a more-or-less captive, unemployed, loyal, small-town labor force anxious to work and already skilled in the furniture trades.

Racine treads lightly when it comes to future expansion of the existing plants. He says current plans are focused on Thurso, and that the tiny Scotstown plant is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. "We are expanding in Thurso right now. We might have trouble finding 140 workers or so in Scotstown (pop. 800)," he said.

GRATEFUL

Racine said Shermag is grateful for all the financial help the provincial government has provided through the years, starting with St-François MNA Rancourt and going right up

through the ranks to cabinet ministers Fréchette and Rodrigue Biron, Minister of Industry. But the soft-spoken executive is critical of the province's soon-to-be-revised labor code.

Labor Minister Fréchette "must be the busiest minister in the province," says Racine. "Labor relations are very important to us, with five unions to deal with. We have very good relations with our employees, but we are very interested in getting some changes in the labor code."

Racine says the company is ready to expand the Disraeli plant but is not allowed to by the labor code, because another company carried out similar business there before. "There were 146 people working there before," he says. "We hired all but 15, but we can't go above that, according to Article 46 of the Quebec Labor Code."

"It's not a labor problem we face but a legal problem."

"It's people who don't even work here who are stopping us."



Serge Racine... Excellent relations.

Raynald Fréchette... Beyond E.T.



Shermag president Serge Racine (left), Labor Minister and Sherbrooke MNA Raynald Fréchette and St-François MNA Rancourt enjoyed a laugh at Monday's announcement that the furniture manufacturing company would be getting some provincial government money.

A rags-to-riches story for Lennoxvan

By Charles Bury

SHERBROOKE — The tiny, perfect truck company is producing full-blast, doubling its capacity and going after the big-ticket fleet market.

Until it was reborn, Lennoxvan was a moribund truck-body shop making custom camper-vans, located next to the Shermag plant on Route 108 near Lennoxville. Then last year the fast-growing furniture company bought it, set it back on its feet and started looking for new markets.

Now Lennoxvan has broken into the delivery van market and is supplying such big buyers as Purolator Courier

with replacement trucks for their big fleets.

"We are making a unique fibre-glass-body delivery truck, and selling it to people with big fleets," says Shermag president Serge Racine. "For example," he told reporters at a press conference Monday, "we are supplying Purolator with its whole fleet for Quebec, and we are going to go after their Ontario fleet."

With provincial assistance, Lennoxvan is currently expanding to double its production capacity.

It has also launched the "R-26", an insulated companion van for buyers

needing refrigeration service, such as milk deliverymen or artificial inseminators.

The Lennoxvan truck bodies are built on GMC, Ford and Chryco frames. Company officials say they last "forever", needing only a new frame and drive-train every few years.

But the small Lennoxvan label goes on the side, not up front.

"We leave the Detroit emblem on the front," says one company man.

"Why give up all that free advertising?"

Farm equipment giant International Harvester takes steps to save itself

CHICAGO (AP-CP) — International Harvester Co., which traces its history to Cyrus McCormick and the invention of the mechanical reaper in 1831, is selling its farm equipment business in a \$430-million U.S. deal aimed at salvaging a company tattered in the United States and Canada by labor troubles, the recession and billions of dollars in debts.

Tenneco Inc., a Houston-based company, will pay \$260 million in cash and \$170 million in preference shares in a transaction announced this week and expected to be completed next year. Harvester's farm operations will be joined with Tenneco's J.I. Case Co. affiliate, headquartered in Racine, Wis.

Meantime, Bill McConnachie, director of technical services at Har-

vester's Hamilton, Ont., plant, where 1,800 are employed making tillage and seeding equipment, said the new owners will offer jobs to all existing employees. For the moment, it's business as usual.

"From what we understand at this stage of the game, they plan to maintain a manufacturing operation in Hamilton," he said. "However I must state that they have not defined themselves what the exact size and scope of the entire organization is going to be. So it's always conditional to what Tenneco's plans are."

1,000 MAKING TRUCKS

Another 1,000 other Canadians are employed at a truck plant in Chatham, Ont., which would be unaffected by the announcement because Harvester is keeping its truck busi-

ness.

Tenneco has interests in gas, oil, insurance and manufacturing. It posted \$14.5 billion in sales in 1983. Case, which produces construction equipment and farm tractors, lost \$68 million on sales of \$1.7 billion in fiscal 1983.

Some analysts predicted that Harvester, which has been fighting to stave off bankruptcy for five years, will return to the profit side of the ledger for the first time since 1980 as a result of the deal.

Analysts also said the combination of Case and Harvester will pose a stiff challenge to the other multinationals in the farm implements field, U.S.-owned Deere and Co. and Canadian-owned Massey-Ferguson Ltd., both of which had hit by a shrinking market.

The sale affects about 3,000 Harvester workers in Canada and the United States who will become Case employees when the transaction is completed. However, Harvester's Rock Island, Ill., plant employees are not included in Monday's agreement and more than 2,500 employees there — either employed or on layoff — will lose their jobs when that plant is shut down.

OUT OF WORK

Another 1,425 employees at Harvester's Memphis plant also will be out of work next May when that plant is closed, said Bill Greenhill, a Harvester spokesman. The decision to close that plant was made two months ago.

Harvester, a pioneer in the mechanization of the world's farmland, will now only manufacture medium and heavy trucks.

The company has been fighting back from near financial collapse and continues to struggle under a \$4.1-billion debt package arranged to keep it afloat.

Donald Lennox, Harvester's chairman and chief executive officer, said the sale was "the only decision possible if International Harvester was to continue its recovery."

"You have a degree of emotion when you see the passing of the facet of the business on which the company was founded," Lennox said at a news conference. But, he added: "You can only pay so much for tradition and history. To try and hang in there would have been (to risk) total collapse."

Lennox said the farm equipment division has been losing about \$300 million annually for several years. He said that division accounts for about 30 per cent of Harvester's business.

THOSE INCLUDED

Included in the sales agreement will be Harvester's combine plant in East Moline, Ill.; the Hamilton plant;

an engineering operation in Hinsdale, Ill.; machine tools from its plants in Rock Island and Memphis, Tenn.; North American farm implement dealerships; and Harvester's subsidiary in the United Kingdom.

Greenhill said that in August there were about 1,600 workers employed at Rock Island and about 950 on indefinite layoff. He said that plant, which now employs about 500 people because tractor production was suspended, will be scaled down gradually with no definite closing date.

In Memphis, there are about 600 people working and 825 on indefinite layoff, Greenhill said.

Tenneco also agreed to acquire other Harvester agricultural operations in Germany, France and Denmark, subject to further study and negotiations.

Red Waddles bring more for the money

REGINA (CP) — For consumers who want more meat in their bacon, Jack Schwitzer of Stockholm, Sask., hopes he has the pig that will trim the fat.

The animal that Schwitzer and his brothers, Leo and Don, are betting on is a big hog from Texas, the Red Waddle. It is a breed believed to be extinct less than 10 years ago.

"My brother first saw it in an American magazine, *The Farm Show*," Schwitzer said. "We read the article, thought they might do real well here and ordered."

That was in 1981. It took two years before two Red Waddle boars and six sows arrived from H.C. Wenglar's Jacksonville, Tex., farm.

Wenglar is credited with reviving the distinctive red hog with the flap of skin hanging from the jaw line.

Once common in Texas, the Red Waddle's popularity declined rapidly after introduction of the Poland China pig in 1915, a breed that produced the large amounts of lard necessary for preserving meat before the days of refrigerators.

Wenglar spent years searching the wild country of Texas for Red Waddles before finding several eight years ago. He turned the discovery into a lucrative breeding operation.

EARMARKS PRODUCTION

Red Waddles now sell for \$5,000 a pair in the United States. The last time Schwitzer checked, Wenglar's production was booked until 1989.

"We could wait until we were old men before we got any more from the United States," Schwitzer said.

Since their two boars and six sows arrived on the farm a year ago, the

As a result of the sale, "Harvester will probably become profitable immediately," said Eli Lustgarten, an analyst at Paine Webber Mitchell Hutchins in New York. "Harvester was hemorrhaging in the farm equipment market. At least this way the hemorrhaging has stopped."

Lustgarten also said "Deere now has a viable competitor" and the company may now "back off a little in pricing." He said Deere has about 42 per cent of the tractor market, but that he doesn't expect Case and Harvester together will surpass Deere.

In recent years, Harvester has been struggling with the effects of a worldwide recession, high interest rates and a six-month strike by the United Auto Workers in 1979-80.

To address those problems, which contributed to a staggering \$1.74 bil-

lion loss in 1982, Harvester closed plants, sold some of its divisions and pared its worldwide work force by about two-thirds.

In 1979, when the company had peak sales of \$7 billion with earnings of \$427 million, there were 93,35 workers. Now it has 32,000.

Harvester, which last recorded a profit in the fourth quarter of 1980, hoped to restore its farm implement and truck business. But while truck sales turned up, the agricultural economy remained depressed.

In fiscal 1983, Harvester posted a \$485-million net loss.

The company, however, was making progress. It posted a \$7-million loss in the quarter ended July 31, a huge improvement from its record quarterly loss of \$1.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 1982.

the Red Waddles' meat will be a crucial marketing quality.

"Put it this way," Schwitzer said. "If you can produce a lean hog in this country there is a bonus for you."

The pig has the reputation for another peculiarity. In Texas, the Schwitzers were told a sow would prefer to make its nest out of sticks instead of straw.

Schwitzer said one sow did steal away before giving birth. When found, it had uprooted bushes to make a nest.

Attack of the grasshoppers returns to prairies next year

By Clyde Graham

WINNIPEG (CP) — Farmers are being warned to prepare for a return visit next summer by one of the most unwanted and destructive dinner guests ever to hit the Prairie provinces — the grasshopper.

Surveys by agriculture departments in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba suggest vast areas of cropland could be hit by severe grasshopper infestations. They are considered Canada's most costly insect pest.

"If we get a hot, dry summer, it could be awful," David Smith, an insect specialist with Manitoba Agriculture, said in an interview earlier this week.

Since early this decade, Prairie farmers have been battling regular outbreaks of grasshoppers, which have caused millions of dollars in damage to cereal crops.

Last summer, drought and grasshoppers combined to reduce yields across the southern Prairies. Combined losses were estimated at \$1.5 billion.

Mukul Mukerji, a research scientist at Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon, said Saskatchewan now is facing an even heavier outbreak.

He said it could be the worst since 1934, when swarms of hoppers darkened the sky and stripped many fields bare.

Mukerji said 150,000 square kilometres of Saskatchewan farmland face severe infestations — about two-thirds of the land surveyed.

MEASURE OUTBREAK

A severe outbreak in Saskatchewan

fields is considered 13 to 24 adult grasshoppers per square metre.

During an average year, grasshoppers can eat \$5 million worth of wheat in Saskatchewan alone. But the large infestation of grasshoppers last summer, coupled by ideal, dry weather for laying eggs, means next summer will likely be worse.

"In terms of money, it could be very serious for farmers," said Mukerji.

He said the damage won't be as severe as in 1934 because farmers have more effective chemical sprays to battle grasshopper infestations. However, insecticide is also an added cost for farmers.

The grasshopper forecasts are based on counts of adult populations in fields and grassy areas last summer by provincial Agriculture Department staff. Researchers used those numbers, along with the weather conditions, to calculate the number of eggs that were laid in the soil.

"The key is hot, dry weather in August that allows them to lay more eggs," said Smith.

He said the accuracy of the forecasts will depend somewhat on weather conditions next summer when the eggs hatch. Cool, damp weather might reduce the problem.

In Saskatchewan, most of the southern grain belt faces severe infestations. In Manitoba, the worst problem is expected in the southwest, while the most serious outbreaks in Alberta are expected in the south, around Lethbridge and southwest of Drumheller.

Smith said serious infestations usually occur every 10 to 12 years.

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Living



B-M-P Hospital not giving up its status yet

The Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital is still fighting to retain its status as a general hospital and the troops are rallying around. Pierre Paradis, MNA for the riding, is working hard on the dossier and at least as of last Sunday, can be described as cautiously optimistic.

A protective association is forming as well, sort of a 'Friends of BMP' organization. Once they are set up, details will be provided. In the meantime, anyone wanting to help in the foundation can phone Peter Turner in Cowansville.

A project that has been discussed for years, is finally coming to fruition, probably thanks to the current situation. The Ladies Auxiliary is now recruiting volunteers to work in the hospital. This will reduce the work load on the staff, improve patient care and save money. That is 'save' in the modern sense, of course. Actually, it will only s-t-r-e-t-c-h the budget, not actually save money. People interested in working as volunteers can phone Mrs. George Eden in Knowlton. She is President of the Ladies Auxiliary and chief organizer of the new volunteer group.

One step has been suggested to help the hospital survive. Concerned citizens should put pressure on their town and county councils to write the ministry of health in Quebec City. The letter should inform the department that a resolution of support for the hospital has been passed by the council and that they hope the government will allow BMP to continue as a general hospital, serving the region as it has done for so many years.

A couple of weeks ago I promised a car story. This isn't it, but here goes anyway. Police around

Down the Pike

By Ashley Sheltus

Bedford are watching for a home-built car. In the last few weeks, a battery, a radiator and a gas tank have been stolen from operating vehicles. If your car fails to start some crisp morn, check to see if you still have an engine.

The Stanbridge East Women's Institute is holding their annual food sale, November 29th. In the past, delectable goodies assembled by the famous amateur cooks of the town were only sold in Stanbridge East. Not so this year. Seeking a bigger pond (and market) the Stanbridge East Food Sale will take place in Cowansville.

As announced last week, the sale will be in the Cowansville Mall. The rush starts at 9:30 and the closing time is dictated by when the last crumb is wrapped.

Other social notes. St. James Anglican Women are sponsoring a Bridge & 500 card party in the Bedford Church Hall next Tuesday, starting at 1:30. Prizes and the usual light refreshments after.

The Missisquoi Society's third annual Chris-

mas Concert is coming up this weekend. Again, the locale is the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church in Freligsbury, Sunday, 7:30 p.m., December 2nd. Admission is free but a collection will be taken. There are some great singing voices in this area (talented musicians too), now you can hear them all together.

The Bedford Social Club Flea Market and Craft Sale takes place at the Masonic Hall on Academy Street this Saturday, December 1. To reserve a table for the flea market, call Fred Gilman, 248-3341. Doors open at 11 a.m., the auction sale starts at 1 p.m. The range or articles sold is from junk to antique. I'm assured that should anyone wish a real flea, several cats are standing by, offering a wide selection to the discriminating buyer.

It's a bit early, after all, we're just getting used to the idea of Christmas bearing down on us, but the Legion will hold a New Year's dance in Philippsburg. Tickets are on sale at the Legion Hall. The date? Oh come now.

Finally, the Women's Institute of Canada is holding an essay contest. This is open to all children 12-14 years of age. There are two themes to choose from: 'Water For a Thirsty World' and 'My Dream for Peace'. More details next week after I find out if those age limits are physical or mental. There are several cash prizes and entries (250-1000 words long) must be in by the end of January. In 1985, that will be the 31st. Send finished masterpieces to Thelma Rhicard in Stanbridge East who will pass them on to the proper judging authorities.

Red Cross wants Quebec to donate lunch money

SHERBROOKE — On Friday, November 30th, the Red Cross asks the population to experience a day of fast and put the cost of their lunch in the boxes which will be placed in all the Banque Nationale Branches across the province, or send their contribution to the Canadian Red Cross Society, 2170, Dorchester Blvd. West, Montreal, H3H 1R6. The Banquet Nationale collects the public's contributions on behalf of the Red Cross.

The International Red Cross is present in Ethiopia since 1979. In a joint relief operation with the Ethiopian Red Cross, it distributes relief supplies and monitors supplementary food programs in six of the most affected areas: Wollo, Eritrea,

Tigray, Gondar, Hararghe and Bati. In Mekele, capital of the Tigray region, there have been no rains for the past five years.

Those who live in isolated valleys or lateaux are the most affected populations. Some don't hesitate to walk up to 100 miles to reach a distribution point. But the famine situation increases day by day. As cold weather is starting in Ethiopia, other supplies are badly needed.

The International Red Cross currently has 40 delegates in Ethiopia working with a hundred representatives of the Ethiopian Red Cross. The Red Cross trucks carry tons of food and medical supplies every day. In Mekele, a feeding centre for children, originally planned to cope with 350 children, feeds

over 600 and more are arriving every day.

In Ethiopia alone, 6.4 million people are seriously affected by the drought and 500,000 of them are presently in imminent danger of starvation. The most vulnerable ones are the children, the elderly and the pregnant women. Red Cross expects to be providing assistance to 350,000 people in Ethiopia by the beginning of 1985 rising to 700,000 people by mid 1985. In some areas, like the Tigray, the Red Cross is the only International Humanitarian organization involved except for a Catholic relief services feeding centre.

The sahél drought in Africa does not only affect Ethiopia, but 24 other countries also, which represents approximately 150 million people.

The International Red Cross estimates that more than 166 million dollars will be needed to pursue its African relief operations in 1985.

CRC professor organizing student trip to Greece

There exists a flag covered with light blue stripes, except for a white cross on a blue square in the top left corner. It belongs to a Mediterranean country only 30 square miles larger than England. And Dr. Peter Rahn, professor of Humanities, Classical Languages, and Ancient Civilization at Champlain, wants to go there. That country is Greece.

Rahn wants to go there with a bunch of Champlain students, more specifically, students of a special two-week course offered only in May and only in Greece; Study of Athenian Democracy. This course has been taught several times before and is back due to popular demand. Participants will be able to see museums, pristine cities, a Greek island, and archaeological locations, as well as learn about the Athenian Assembly, the Agora, life in ancient Athens, and more. All expenses are included in the \$1300 price for the trip. The course can be taken as a concentration by Social Science students, but may of course be

Champlain news

By Jennifer Epps

used for complementary credit in other programs as well. Two Ancient Civilization courses have been recommended in the past as assets — "The Discovery of the Greek World I" and "The Discovery of the Greek World II" — but are not prerequisites. Rahn would like those eager to sign up or seeking further details to see him in Old Lodge 22.

Remember, remember, the 6th of December, because that is when the Christmas Fair begins stirring all over the Outside Inn, which is also called the Good Food Parlour when it's not going under the alias of the Quiet Bar. Social Animation is in charge of this gathering of gift possibilities

exhibited by several different merchants and a couple of clubs. The fair will be open between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. both Thursday and Friday.

The Yearbook is searching for, as its Bulletin notice claims, "even semi-publishable" literary and fine art *œuvres*. It wants them and the creator's name and box number sent to Box 1835 by the last day of the second month of the New Year.

Half of the Centennial Theatre Bob Fosse Festival is over — "Sweet Charity" and "Cabaret" having been shown on Tuesday — but Thursday the remaining two of his films will be shown; "Lenny" at 7:00 p.m. and "All That Jazz" at 9:00. Dustin Hoffman plays the American comedian Lenny Bruce in the first movie. Roy Scheider is the choreographer-director in the latter, an autobiographical piece Fosse made with the help of the cinematographer his icon Federico Fellini usually worked with. Jessica Lange also has an important role in the musical extravaganza, "All That Jazz". Tickets for the double-feature are \$2 for students, \$3 for others.

About 85 scholars now at Champlain have picked up their Winter semester registration packages from the Records Office but for some reason have not filled out the necessary forms and returned them. Some are planning on coming back next term, yet have not even gone to the office and gotten the package. Anyone trying to hand in their registration documents after December 19 will be out of luck — they will be refused.

And there may be only 23 shopping days left until you-know-when, but there are even less days — eight, in fact — left of you-know-what.

social notes



Forthcoming marriage

Jill Persechino of Montreal and Roland Frances Dewar of Richmond announce with pleasure the forthcoming marriage of their children, Gina and Craig. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on Dec. 29 at St. Bibiane's Catholic Church in Richmond.

Living Page Submissions

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Ascot Women's Institute members hold regular meeting

On November 15 the Ascot W.I. met in Sand Hill at the home of Mrs. H. Little. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses Mrs. Little, Mrs. McVetty and Mrs. R. Rothney. Following the luncheon Neil Burns of Island Brook was introduced by Mrs. Little as the guest speaker. Mr. Burns gave a very interesting account

of his six months spent in New Zealand as part of the International Exchange Association. This association enables participants the opportunity to learn the farming techniques of other countries. He accompanied his talk with beautiful slides of the host farm, where he lived and worked, the trips he took on his holiday

time in the country. Mt. Cooke, The Glaciers and glacier lakes, Mt. Keet where the Canadian Ski Team practices, the Maeraki Boulders on the beach near Christ Church the 32 mile hike on foot through the mountains on the Milford Track and MacKinnon Pass. The Lady Knox geyser, near Wellington which is activated by its

owner twice a day with four pounds of detergent for the benefit of tourists! He saw the Sulphur Springs and Mananga Lake where the temperature is 122°F, the city of Auckland and "One Tree Hill", kiwi trees and Avocado bushes, and also the very northern tip of N.Z. where the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea meet and

produce 30 foot waves. He described the farm methods in the country, Jerseys are a popular breed and all the Holsteins are Canadian bred. Deer farming is becoming very popular in the flat country. Venison is sold to Germany and the velvet to Korea. Mrs. Marlin thanked the speaker for his excellent presentation.

Education— Mrs. J. Sims spoke of the E. Townshippers Assoc. reaction to Bill 3. A benefit to the Country Schools, but still no constitutional guarantee for linguistic boards and the local Regional boards declining enrollment from 11,350 pupils in 1972-73 to 5,970 in 1984-85. Tot Janna Bohine is the Ascot W.I. scholarship winner.

Publicity— Mrs. M. Pharo read an article concerning the present A.C.W.W. president who lives in Eureka, N.S. and travels all over the world in this capacity showing, the concern of 9.5 million members for home family and community.

Mrs. Marlin agreed to be delegate to the County meeting to be held Nov. 21 with Lennoxville W.I. as hostesses. Mrs. Hutchison announced that the next meeting will be held in the form of a dinner at the Paysanne Motel at 6 p.m. Each member will pay for her own supper and exchange of gifts and meeting will follow.

To close the meeting Mrs. Hutchison read the poem "High Flight" in observance of Remembrance Day.

St. Paul's Church News

KNOWLTON (KT) — News from St. Paul's Church — November 18. Readers at the 10 a.m. service: Maureen Johnston — Main and Steve Morson. Sidesfolk: Frank and Maureen Johnston — Main. Servers: Linda Martin (8 a.m.); Zip Johnston-

Main (10 a.m.). Communion Helper — Lloyd Herman. Prayer needs included special prayers for the sick (Ken Miller, Amy Devlin); for the Anglican Women's Cursillo taking place the following weekend and especially those

from this parish attending: Elsie Royea, Phyllis Ladd, Maisie Quigley, Vicky Dyball and Evie Johnston-Main. Following the service at 10, a presentation was made to Mr. George Donald at the coffee hour in the church hall, in recognition of his contribution to St. Paul's over the past years in the area of music.

Thanks was extended to all those who worked for and supported the annual A.C.W. Christmas sale. The annual Lasagna supper and fun night at Knowlton Academy on Saturday, November 24 was noted.

There was an Open House at C.L.S.C. (Centre local de services communautaires) Sunday, November 25 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Personnel were happy to answer all questions regarding their different programs.

Almost \$400 has been given so far by members of the parish since Sunday, November 11 for drought-stricken Africa. That money has been forwarded. To help, put your cheque in a plain envelope, offer it on the collection plate, or bring it to the church office. Make cheque to Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and mark either (a) Ethiopia; or (b) Africa Drought. The latter will go to one of the other African countries afflicted with drought and famine.

Christian Education Activities: Saint's Alive! Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Church Hall; Intercessory Prayer Time: Wednesday 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Choir; Eucharist and Bible Study Thursday 9-11 a.m.; House Church Thursday 7:30 p.m. (See Pepler's for location); Cursillo Groups: meet at various times. See Frank Main, jr.

Card party in the Anglican Church Hall, Hatley, on Friday evening, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women. All welcome.

Christmas Tea and Sale, home-cooking, handicrafts, etc. St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Saturday, Dec. 1, from 3 - 5 p.m. Sponsored by St. John's A.C.W.



HATLEY Card party in the Anglican Church Hall, Hatley, on Friday evening, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women. All welcome.

WATERVILLE Christmas Tea and Sale, home-cooking, handicrafts, etc. St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Saturday, Dec. 1, from 3 - 5 p.m. Sponsored by St. John's A.C.W.

YAMASKA VALLEY Lucille Brains internationally known harpist will perform at the December meeting of the Canadian Club of Yamaska Valley. The concert will take place at the Cowansville Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, December 5 at 2 p.m. Reception following the concert. No admission charge. Everyone is welcome.

WATERVILLE Card party at St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Prizes, raffle, lunch. Sponsored by St. John's A.C.W.

SUTTON Bazaar and Christmas sale, Sutton Foyer, Western Ave., December 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHERBROOKE St. Peter's A.C.W. Thrift Shop will be open on Wednesday, December 5 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A good stock of clothing, household articles and books for sale.

RICHMOND St. Anne's Anglican Church, Richmond will hold its annual Christmas Tea, Saturday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. There will be sale tables, home baked food and fancy articles. Sales from 2:30 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE The St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club presents Wendy Datham of MacDonald College with a program on "Seals at the Grand Manan Island" on Tuesday Dec. 4 at 7:45 p.m. in room 4 Nicolls, Bishops.

SHERBROOKE The Ladies Aux. of Royal Canadian Legion Col. J.S. Bourque Br. 10, 470 Bowen St. South, will be holding their Annual Fall Turkey Supper on Sat. Dec. 1st from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be sale tables of Fancy items and Food table. Admission charged. Everyone is welcome.

RICHMOND St. Patrick's Society of Richmond and vicinity will be holding a general meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mastine.

LENNOXVILLE The IVCF — Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship invite students, parents and interested Townshippers to attend their meeting Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville. A chance to meet our new staff worker — and be "Partners in Prayer".

STANSTEAD Christ Church Christmas Tea and Sale, Christ Church Hall, Stanstead, Sat. December 1 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sales tables, decorations, wreaths, fancywork, food, candy, candles.

COWANSVILLE The Ladies Auxiliary of B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville, Que. would like to invite the public to their annual Tea and Bake Sale in aid of the Hospital. There will also be handicrafts and a "White elephant table" as added attractions. December 4th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cafeteria B.M.P.H. Admission charged. Your attendance would be most welcome.

WATERVILLE Waterville Optimist Club annual Christmas Bingo, Tues. December 4 at the Waterville Catholic Parish Hall. Prizes Turkeys and dollars! Bring a friend!

This column accepts items free of charge announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to THE RECORD, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number of person forwarding the notice. Telephone requests cannot be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. The Townships Crier will not accept notices of dances.

From the pens of E.T. writers

THOU SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME
Old Bartimaeus sat
By the side of the road
He had been blind
And could not see.
When he heard Jesus passing by
He lifted up his voice to cry
"Lord, thou son of David
Have mercy on me".

His ragged old cloak
He cast it away
The sign of his past
And misery.
His sight was restored
When he called out to the Lord,
"Lord, thou son of David,
Have mercy on me."

Like old Bartimaeus
I have stumbled along
And long from my sin
To be free.
Lord, hear me today
Take my burdens away
"Lord thou son of David,
Have mercy on me."

Chorus:
Lord, thou son of David
Have mercy on me
Open my eyes
That I may see.
Lord, touch me I pray
Let me see you today
Lord, thou son of David,
Have mercy on me.

R.H. COATES,
Songs of Praise,
South Bolton, Que.

A COMPARISON

A human life is a drop in the ocean less than a second in what nature calls time
I was born just yesterday now it's the end of the line

We think our gods are made just like we are,
But their women of course all have wings
Living in a place we call heaven, among
All our past earthly kings

If we compare our brief life with nature
Even our earth is nothing at all
Our star the sun will burn itself out
And our history will mean nothing at all

Our inventions will have all been for nothing
Who will care about the car that you drove
It will be like that handful of garbage
That you threw in that long ago stove

What will care about how we were governed
On a planet that is long ago dead
The speech from the throne and all
Such like might just as well never been said

This earth we all know isn't forever
It depends on our star called the Sun
It rolls around there in outer space
And one day its life will be done
Our trails and our loves will be passed
Things, while the heaven we dreamed of is
Dead, mankind are perpetual dreamers not
One thing more can be said

How long was it before I was born dear and how
Long will I truly be dead? The answer to both of
these is forever no more need be said.

TED WRIGHT,
Dunham, Que.

Obituaries

LOUISE G. ROBINSON

of Ayer's Cliff, Quebec

The death of Louise Robinson occurred at the Sherbrooke Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1984, after several weeks of failing health.

Louise was born at Massawippi, Que. on August 22, 1902, the fourth daughter of Oliver Raymond and his wife Virginia Berard.

She attended school in North Hatley, and taught school for a short time, before being employed by Rugg-Ball of Ayer's Cliff.

On Sept. 25, 1935 she was married to William Robinson, and spent the rest of her life in Ayer's Cliff.

She was a devoted member of the Women's Institute, and never missed a meeting in 49 years. For many years she acted as Treasurer.

Left to mourn her loss are sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by three sisters, Laura (Mrs. Will Davis), Ida (Mrs. Glen Little), Mary (Mrs. Charles Frost) and two brothers, Albert and Wilfred.

The funeral service was held on November 8 in Beulah United Church with Heather Kinkaid officiating.

Bearers were John Brus, Herbert Colt, Claude Dupuis, Wellington Raymond, James Walker and Ivan Wood. Interment in Ayer's Cliff Cemetery.

VERNON GEORGE BOOTH

of Melbourne Ridge, Quebec

Vernon Booth passed away at the Sherbrooke Hospital on November 15, 1984. Vernon was born in Melbourne Ridge, November 9, 1900, son of the late Duncan Booth and his wife Alice Brown.

He attended Melbourne Ridge School, went on several occasions out west to work during the harvest season. He also worked in the Cotton Mills until the depression, then returned to Melbourne Ridge to the home farm.

He married Jean Lillian Davies in 1929. They had two sons and two daughters.

He entered the Sherbrooke Hospital for surgery in April. On his return home in July, he took up residence in Richmond, until he returned to hospital in November.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, daughters Marion and Winnifred and son David; a son-in-law Allan Gray, a daughter-in-law Denise Booth, four grandchildren, Darlene Dunn, Terry Gray, Debra and Daryl Booth; three great-grandchildren, a brother Oswald of Saskatchewan, numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Eric, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral was held on November 18 at J.H. Fleury Funeral Home. William Bryant and Wayne Hutchison conducted the funeral service. Two of Vernon's favourite hymns were sung by W. Bryant, W. Hutchison, Susan Cobb and Betty Pratt.

The numerous floral tributes bore silent testimony from his family, relatives and friends. Pall bearers were Lorimer Willey, Ronald Miles, Jim Miles, Desmond Hornet, Wayne Pibus and Clem Willis. Interment in Melbourne Ridge Cemetery.

Out of town friends and relatives were from Brampton, Vermont, Brockville, Montreal, Waterloo, Sherbrooke and North Hatley.

After the funeral, refreshments, provided by many friends and relatives were served at the home of Allan Gray, daughter and son-in-law.

Deaths

PELLERIN, Emilien — At the Hotel Dieu Hospital, November 28, 1984, Emilien Pellerin, at the age of 65. Beloved husband of Gisele Gervais. Dear father of Madeleine and Marcel Laliberte, Pierrette and Raymond Grenier, Francine and Jean-Claude Dupuis, Paul and Ginette Pellerin, Marie-Andree and Denis Charbonneau. Survived by his 12 grandchildren, sisters and brothers, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. No visitation by request of the deceased. Cremation will be held at the Cooperative funeraria de l'Estrie, 530 Prospect St., Sherbrooke, 565-7646. Funeral service will be held at the Assomption de la V. Marie de Waterville at 2:00 on Saturday, December 1. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Deaths

CAW, Croft — At his residence in Warden on Wednesday, November 28, 1984, Croft Caw in his 59th year. Beloved husband of Lila Ashton. Dear father of the late Keith, Sheila (Daniel Hoege) of Warden, and Cindy of Warden. Grandfather of Keith and Heidi. Dear son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ashton of St. Joachim. Dear brother of Mrs. Rena Brunelle. Dear brother-in-law of Stanley and Maureen Ashton, Sam and Muriel Graham, Damien and Marjorie De Vito, Lawrence and Catherine Wilson and Clayton and Eunice Westover. Survived by nieces and nephews. Resting at the Leo Paul Ledoux Funeral Home Inc., G.A. Bessette, director, 5034 Foster St., Waterloo. Funeral service will be held at the St. Luke's Anglican Church on Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. Rev. W. Davidson officiating. Interment at the Warden Cemetery. Donations to the CHU Foundation.

STANDISH, Mabel (Whipple) — At her home, Way's Mills, Que., on November 27, 1984, in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Timothy Standish. Dear mother of Ruth Boivin, Vera Houle and Eunice Wheeler. Predeceased by a son Howard. Also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 900 Clough St., Ayer's Cliff. Funeral service on Friday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. at Way's Mills Union Church, Mr. Stan Beerworth officiating, followed by interment in Way's Mills Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

LEAVITT, George — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Wednesday, November 28, 1984, George J. Leavitt in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Eva Matheson. Dear brother of Lee Leavitt and Lillian Nile, and cousin of Ruth Whitehill. Resting at Webster Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where funeral service will be held Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Blake Walker officiating. Interment Eaton Cemetery. Visitation Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by G.A. Boynton and Son, tel. 872-3360.

Card of Thanks

BELIVEAU — To all those who were so kind and thoughtful, in so many ways, following the recent death of our dear mother and grandmother, we offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks. The expressions of sympathy, and your many acts of help and assistance, will long be remembered.

ALBERT & MURIEL BELIVEAU AND FAMILY

HYATT — I wish to express my sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of the I.C.U. and 3rd floor, also the Doctors, for the wonderful care I received at the Sherbrooke Hospital for several weeks. To all who visited me and for all the lovely cards I received, many thanks. It was all very much appreciated. Sincerely, BLANCH HYATT

Card of Thanks

ASTBURY — We would like to express our sincere thanks to Jeanie and Gary Goddard who held "Open House" for us on the occasion of our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. As to Jack and Diana Astbury and Susie and Terry Boutin for all they did to assist. To our friends and relatives who came to greet us, for the lovely gifts, cards and money we received and good wishes from all. This was very much appreciated and made us very happy. STEWART & MADELINE ASTBURY

In Memoriam

MacLEOD — In memory of my dear husband, Ebenezer (Ebbie) MacLeod, who passed away November 29, 1983. There is someone who misses you sadly In the house where you used to be Someone who wanted to keep you But that was not to be. A heartache, a tear, a memory so dear Each day of my life I wish you were here. Always remembered. Your loving wife EDIE and SON GEORGE

Brieflet

STANSTEAD Christ Church Christmas Tea & Sale, Christ Church Hall, Stanstead, Sat. Dec. 1, 2:30 - 5 p.m. Admission: \$2.50. Sales tables, decorations, wreaths, fancywork, food, candy, candles.

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Sports

Given a chance, Turcotte shines for Habs

DETROIT (AP) — The retirement of Guy Lafleur left Montreal Canadiens with a huge gap to fill. For one night, at least, they found someone to fill it.

Alfie Turcotte, a 19-year-old Michigan native appearing in just his eighth game, scored his first two goals of the season Wednesday night to help the Canadiens to a 3-3 National Hockey League tie with Detroit Red Wings.

"The retirement of Guy Lafleur gives me a chance to play regularly," said Turcotte, whose power-play goal midway through the second period gave Montreal a 3-2 lead. "It was a good feeling."

"I was getting pretty frustrated. I haven't been playing much until the

last week. It gave me some confidence."

Turcotte, who grew up in Milford, Mich., about 50 kilometres northwest of Detroit, enjoyed his two-goal performance before a contingent of family and friends. But the extra attention didn't bother him.

"I wasn't nervous," he said. "I played here before."

"The first time I played here (last season) was when I was nervous."

Turcotte's performance was offset by two Danny Gare goals. Gare beat Montreal netminder Steve Penney on a backhand early in the first period for a 1-0 Detroit lead and knotted the count 3-3 on another backhand shot 2:03 after Turcotte's second-period

goal.

'GOOD POINT'

"My backhand isn't usually my forte, but they were in the right spot," Gare said. "It was a good point for us."

"Everybody worked hard. I thought the second period was one of the best periods I've seen in a long time."

Gare's tying goal came when Montreal netminder Steve Penney partially fanned on a clearing pass. Gare picked up the loose puck, skated around defenceman Petr Svoboda and slid a soft shot along the ice past the unsteady netminder.

"It was the only play I had," said Penney. "But I didn't shoot it hard enough."

Expos add two homebrew coaches and one outsider

By Terry Scott

MONTREAL (CP) — Deciding to keep it in the family, Montreal Expos stayed within their own organization in filling two of three coaching vacancies on the National League baseball team Wednesday.

The Expos announced that Rick Renick, who managed their Class AA af-

filiate in Jacksonville last season, will replace Billy DeMars as batting instructor. DeMars left the Expos at the end of the season to assume similar duties with Cincinnati Reds.

Meanwhile, Larry Bearnarth, a coach in the Montreal organization since 1971, was named the pitching coach, replacing Galen Cisco, who

told the Expos two weeks ago that he was not interested in returning. He hopes to land a coaching job with San Diego Padres.

Bearnarth, 44, has been a roving pitching coach with the Expos' minor-league affiliates for the last three years. Previously, he had four years of managerial experience with various Expos' farm teams. He also served as Expos pitching coach in 1976.

The third addition to the staff of field manager Buck Rodgers is Ron Hansen, hired as first-base coach and infield instructor. Felipe Alou, the Expos first-base coach last year, was named by the club Wednesday as manager of its Class AAA affiliate in Indianapolis.

The holdovers in the coaching ranks are third-base coach Russ Nixon and bullpen coach Joe Kerrigan.

NEW APPROACH

"It's a new tact," said Expos general manager Murray Cook of the decision to stay within the organization for the team's batting and pitching instructors. "We still have a lot of our players who are home grown and these are two people who've worked with young people as they were coming up in our organization."

"Their credentials with the players

is good. You like to develop your own people in the coaching ranks, too."

Of the 16 pitchers on the Montreal roster, for example, 13 have, at some point, been tutored by Bearnarth, who is currently working as a pitching coach in the Puerto Rican winter leagues.

The fact the Expos did not hire Rodgers as their manager until mid-November reduced the number of outside people available to fill the coaching vacancies.

"But we looked at everybody who was available," said Cook. "We explored all the avenues and we felt it would be a real shot in the arm for our organization to do it this way."

Hansen, 46, is a personal choice of Rodgers. The former infielder, who is the last player to have executed an unassisted triple play in the majors, was the first-base coach with Milwaukee Brewers from 1980-83, a period when Rodgers was either a coach or the field manager of the American League team.

"He's very highly regarded," Cook said of Hansen. "When I was general manager of the (New York) Yankees, I talked with him last year about coming there, but we couldn't get him."

CMR just what the doctor ordered for sagging Cougs

By Scott Coates

LENNOXVILLE — The Royal Military College (CMR) Ramparts rolled into town at precisely the right time as far as the Champlain Cougars are concerned.

The Cougars, although they had come close, had not won a game in over two weeks and were in need of a victory so as not to fall too far below the .500 mark.

CMR, bearers of the worst record in the Quebec Collegial AA league having given up an average of more than 10 goals per game, lived up to advance billing and surrendered a baker's dozen Wednesday night as the Cougars skated to an easy 13-1 victory.

Captain Peter Thorne again led the Champlain attack with four goals and an assist. Just about everybody got on the scoresheet for the Cougars including the defencemen who made a big offensive contribution accounting for five of the 13 markers.

Kevin Carrier blasted two power play goals from the left point while Dennis Hogg, Scott Patrick and Jeff Marshall each found the target once. Veteran defenceman Dino Asselin pitched in with three assists.

Daryl Paris, with two, Pat Shanahan and Donald Drouin rounded out the scoring for Champlain which outshot its opponents 52-16.

CMR's Tom Davis spoiled the shutout bid when he beat Cougar netminder Clement Boivin with a slapshot between the legs on a delayed penalty call. That came with just 1:30 left in the game. Boivin had replaced starter Tom Wharry after two periods after the latter had faced but nine shots in his 40 minutes.

Champlain had basically put the game out of reach in the first period, scoring five times, including two in a six-second span late in the period.

Thorne had three of those, one of which came while the Cougars were short-handed.

The game turned into a rout in the middle period as Champlain scored five more times, two coming 24 seconds apart. Three more in the third and the Cougars had their fourth win of the season to improve their won-lost-tied record to 4-8-1.

Coach Rod McKell, who knows that beating the weak CMR squad is no great accomplishment, was happy to get the win and said he was pleased with the way his team played.

"We've worked hard in the past seven or eight games and I think we deserved to have more than three wins heading into tonight so I was glad to see the guys go out and have some fun," he said. "They played real unselfish hockey and headmanned the puck all night long."

Cougar Pause: The Cougars skated and hit hard for most of the 60 minutes. Defencemen Jeff Marshall and Scott Patrick, who started the year at forward but was forced back to the blueline because of injuries, dished out some great bodychecks... and clean ones too! Patrick, on two separate occasions, caught a CMR player with his head down and both times the victim got up a little dazed and confused afterwards...

Thorne once again got the nod as the Cougars' player-of-the-game while Davis was CMR's only bright light with the lone goal... The Cougars have received good news in that last year's captain, Phil Huckins, will be returning to the team after the Christmas break... McKell is hoping that Saint Nick has a few other goodies for his team...

Champlain will host the McGill Junior Varsity team in an exhibition game Friday night at 8:30 while the next home league game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 when Sorel will be in town.

Football star Bell dead at 29

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — John McKay, who coached Ricky Bell at Southern Cal and made him the No. 1 pick in the 1977 NFL draft, says the running back was "one of the finest football players" he ever coached.

Bell, a standout running back at the University of Southern California from 1974-76 who later played six years in the National Football League, died Wednesday in hospital from cardiac arrest after a two-year illness. He was 29.

He had suffered from dermatomyositis, an inflammation of the skin and muscles, and a severe muscular disease of the heart called cardiomyopathy related to the dermatomyositis. His physician, Dr. Allan Metzger of Beverly Hills, said the cardiac arrest was a result of the diseases.

"Dermatomyositis is a chronic, inflammatory muscle disease felt to be due to abnormalities of the human immune system," Metzger said. "Less than five per cent of patients with this disease have associated heart disease of this severity."

"This is a helluva shock," McKay said. "He was one of the finest football players I've ever had the pleasure of coaching and even a finer man."

Reaction to Bell's death was a tribute to the memories he left behind. "He was a great player," said coach John Robinson of Los Angeles Rams, who succeeded McKay as the head coach at Southern Cal in 1976, Bell's senior year. "He had two years where he was one of the best runners of all time."

"He was a very strong human being. He exuded strength. Probably the thing that was most memorable to me was that somehow he was a very aggressive football player and yet a very kind man."

"Everybody kind of loved him. He was just a marvelous leader for our first team at USC. It's just a terrible loss."

Bell, who was the first player chosen in the 1977 NFL college draft, played for Tampa Bay Buccaneers, under McKay, and San Diego Chargers in the NFL from 1977-82.

Bell played two games for the Char-

gers before the NFL players' strike in 1982. He came down with his illnesses during the strike and never played again.

Bell, who grew up in Houston before moving to Los Angeles at age 11, attended Fremont High and later earned All-America honors in his junior and senior seasons at Southern Cal.

As a junior, he led American college players in rushing with 1,875 yards and as a senior he was second to Tony Dorsett in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

His career totals at Southern Cal were 710 carries, 3,689 yards rushing and 28 touchdowns.

Among Bell's survivors are his wife Natalia, a three-year-old daughter Noell and his mother Ruth.

Lafleur will be remembered by opponents for dazzling ability

By Barry Wilner

The Associated Press

Guy Lafleur was the embodiment of everything grand about Montreal Canadiens.

He carried the torch passed down by such greats as Howie Morenz, Aurel Joliat, Maurice Richard, Bernie Geoffrion and Jean Beliveau. Speed, moves, creativity, shooting accuracy and clutch performances were only part of the Lafleur mystique.

Like his star predecessors on Les Habitants, Lafleur played with a majestic air.

"There weren't many players who you feared going against, but he was one," said Gerry Cheevers, a long-time National Hockey League goaltender and now coach of Boston Bruins. "He was the most dangerous player in the league and when you had them in a close game he became even tougher to stop."

What finally stopped him were his own body and mind. He is 33 and he says he has lost his insatiable drive. When he announced his retirement Monday, he left the torch for someone else to bear — though there is no heir apparent.

PROLIFIC SCORER

Lafleur scored 518 goals and 1,246

points in 961 games. He had 57 goals and 133 points in Stanley Cup play and was a member of five NHL champions.

In 1976, '77 and '78, Lafleur won the league's scoring title and was the Most Valuable Player in 1977 and '78. All those numbers and honors don't begin to tell the tale of Lafleur.

The Canadiens went through all kinds of machinations to acquire the rights to the top draft pick in 1971 in order to get Lafleur. They traded with California Seals, who looked like they'd have the worst record in the league, and sent veteran centre Ralph Backstrom to Los Angeles to help keep the Kings ahead of the Seals in the standings.

It took Lafleur three pro seasons before he got untracked. His 165 points for those three years would be about 1½ seasons worth of production when he hit his stride.

DOMINATED AN ERA

In the mid 1970s, with Bobby Orr's knees forcing him into spot duty and Wayne Gretzky not yet on the horizon, Lafleur was predominant. The Canadiens won four successive titles (1976-79) and Lafleur was the centrepiece of that dynasty.

"Everyone on the team would look to Guy," said former linemate Jac-

ques Lemaire, now the Canadiens' coach. "And he would always come through."

"But he never acted like he was someone special. Guy was one of us, one of the players, not a star who looked down at people or was spoiled."

Hockey fans became spoiled by Lafleur. When he took to the Montreal Forum ice, the building shook with chants of "Guy! Guy!" And he usually responded with a rink-length rush or an improbable pass that set up a goal.

In the 1979 Stanley Cup semifinals, the Canadiens were trailing Boston by a goal in the final moments of the seventh game. But the Bruins had taken a foolish penalty — too many men on the ice — and all eyes were on Lafleur as the power play began.

CHINK IN THE ARMOR

The Bruins probably could have assigned all four of their skaters to No. 10 and he still would have scored. Inevitably, Lafleur got loose and blasted a 45-foot slapshot from the right side that zipped past Cheevers, who never moved, never saw the shot.

Montreal won the game in overtime and went on to its 20th Stanley Cup.

Lafleur's decline probably began on March 24, 1981, near the end of an injury-racked season of disappoint-

ment — he missed 29 games, limiting him to 27 goals and 70 points and breaking his six-year streak of at least 50 goals and 100 points.

Lafleur nearly was killed in an auto accident. He fell asleep at the wheel and smashed into a sign post, which missed his head by less than an inch.

"I feel very lucky to be alive," he said after suffering only a cut right ear.

Ever since, Lafleur has been a burned-out, plummeting star. It finally became too much for this proud man and, at 33 — hardly old even by hockey standard — he called it quits.

Ironically, Lafleur's role with the Canadiens hadn't really changed the

last few years. Even when Montreal was winning the Cup under Scotty Bowman with teams built on defence and the goaltending of Ken Dryden, Lafleur was allowed to roam free.

Today, with Lemaire, Lafleur's close friend, behind the bench, the Canadiens employ a conservative, non-gambling style. They no longer are the Flying Frenchmen.

Still, Lemaire was unwilling to bench Lafleur, even when Guy went through all of March and last spring's startling playoff run to the Wales Conference finals without scoring a goal.

Lafleur will not be remembered for that slump.

Scoreboard

HOCKEY										Toronto at NY Rangers St. Louis at Detroit		U.S. College Northwest in St. Annem's 3				
NHL										National Hockey League scoring leaders at Wednesday games						
Northeast Division						G. A. P.				BASKETBALL						
W	L	T	F	A	P					NBA						
Fredrickton	16	5	1	90	72	33					EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Adirondack	11	7	3	84	59	25					Atlantic Division					
Sherbrooke	10	8	3	80	92	23					W	L	T	F	A	P
Quebec	9	13	3	86	68	21					Boston	13	9	29		
Nova Scotia	8	12	3	85	100	19					Philadelphia	11	4	733	27	
Moncton	8	13	3	82	96	19					Washington	10	7	588	41	
										New Jersey	7	8	467	62		
										New York	8	10	444	7		
										Central Division						
										Milwaukee	10	7	588	-		
										Chicago	8	8	500	19		
										Detroit	8	8	500	12		
										Atlanta	7	9	438	25		
										Indiana	5	12	294	5		
										Cleveland	2	13	133	7		
										WESTERN CONFERENCE						
										Midwest Division						
										Denver	12	2	857	-		
										Portland	11	6	688	-		
										Dallas	8	8	500	5		
										Utah	6	9	471	52		
										San Antonio	6	9	400	62		
										Kansas City	9	3	214	9		
										Pacific Division						
										Lakers	11	6	647	-		
										Portland	10	2	588	1		
										Phoenix	9	8	529	2		
										Seattle	6	10	375	42		
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										Boston 115	Houston 100					
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										LA Clippers 116	Seattle 91					
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										Cincinnati	88	Chicago 57				
										St. Louis	81	St. Louis 81				

Brompton Road Women's Institute members hold regular meeting

The November meeting of the Brompton Road branch of Q.W.I. was held at the Community Hall on the 13th at 1 p.m., with the President June Westman in the chair. The Opening Ode was sung, Annie J. Goodfellow at the piano, followed by the Hymn of All Nations. The Salute to the

Flag and Collect was repeated in unison. Motto: Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius. Roll call: Wear a poppy or pay 25 cents fine and name a war song — Only nine members present, due to weather conditions. The minutes were read by the secretary Irene Decoteau. Business arising, reports of

two successful joint card parties were given, one by Eunice Brown and one by Irene Decoteau and each expressed their appreciation to all who donated prizes and food so generously. Annie Goodfellow expressed thanks to all for their efforts in helping

raise funds for the maintenance of the hall. The County meeting to be held at Lennoxville Nov. 21, Betty Emery consented to act as delegate. The treasurer Beth Cullen gave the monthly report and presented bills to be paid. Correspondence included a J & P Coats circular, A stitch in time, also a note of thanks for a card received while ill. Reports of convenors followed:

Agriculture: In the absence of the convenor, Irene Decoteau, secretary of school fair, gave a detailed report. There was a total of 625 entries. This was held at Lennoxville in September. Cdn. Industries: Annie Goodfellow reported settlement in the strike at Ingersoll Rand. Cultural Activity: Dorothy Hadenko listed the articles of sewing and knitting and the President reminded the members to bring in articles as stated on our program. Education, Frances Mackey reported that she would attend Awards Night at Galt Regional and present the \$50 bursary to Joachim Basora. There is to be a debating tournament. She also had

attended Salon International d'Agriculture in Montreal and found this most interesting. International Affairs, Annie Goodfellow, The Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her son Rajiv, was sworn in as head of government by Pres. Zail Singh of India. Also the famine in Ethiopia and Pres. Ron Reagan being re-

lected in U.S.A. Read a poem, Friendship. Sunshine: Betty Emery asked for names of shut-ins to receive gifts at Christmas; Publicity, Eunice Brown had reported the meeting to The Record and to the County convenor, and also drew attention to The Record headline — Townshippers give

new school bill a conditional OK. Home Ec and Health: Edna Hatch being absent, the report was given by those who worked making cancer dressings on Nov. 6, Irene Decoteau, June Westman, Beth Cullen and Eunice Brown worked four hours making 55 pkg. 4x4. Each member was asked to do-

nate one dollar for gifts for cancer patients at Christmas. Pennies for friendship were collected. Following adjournment, two short contests, giving five minutes to list names of veterans on the Honor Roll in the hall. Irene Decoteau and Annie Goodfellow had equal number and had

to draw a number. Irene was the winner of a prize. The other contest, to guess the number of small beans in a container. Jeanne Roarke was the winner of this prize, some heather that Beth had brought from Scotland. The hostesses for this meeting were June Westman and Jeanne Roarke. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and social hour. The next meeting to be held at the hall on December 11 at 2 p.m., and in the evening, husbands and family will join the members for supper and a social evening. Program convenors, Beth Cullen and Eunice Brown.

Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 242 holds regular meeting

NORTH HATLEY — The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary branch 242, held their regular meeting on Monday evening, November 5 at the Community Centre. The president, Mrs. H. Bergeron was in the chair and opened the meeting. The secretary, Mrs. B. Ditchburn called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting; the treasurer, Mrs. E. Woodward, gave a very good financial report.

A report of the rummage sale was given. This proved to be a very successful financial event. The Senior branch held a parade to the Cenotaph on Sunday, November 11, in memory of their comrades who did not return. Wreaths were laid by loved ones. After the parade, a delicious supper was served by the Legion branch to veterans and friends. The president appointed the nominating

committee: Mrs. H. Riley, and Mrs. E. Meigs, the new slate of officers will be brought in to the December meeting. The senior branch extended an invitation to the Ladies Auxiliary for a Christmas party and dinner to be held at the Legion Home on Sunday, December 16. Plans were discussed for the Christmas cheer to be sent to veterans, senior citizens, etc. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served by Mrs. Myrtle Lucas and Mrs. H. Riley. The hostess gifts were won by Mrs. Brenda Danforth and Mrs. H. Riley. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Remembrance Day service held

MANSONVILLE (BN) — Potton Branch No. 154 of the Royal Canadian Legion wish to express sincere appreciation to the many people who participated so generously in this year's Poppy Day Campaign. Funds realized are set aside to aid disabled veterans and their families. The Mansonville and Bolton Centre Armistice Services were well attended. Judith Perry, minister to the Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge officiated at both services. Alex Soucy, trumpeter, played the Last Post.

Rev. John Morris, Anglican Church Minister, gave the benediction at the Bolton Centre Cenotaph. The Brownies and Girl Guides with their leaders also attended at Mansonville. The three groups were present at the morning worship service at the United Church. At the December 5th meeting of this Legion Branch a film will be shown featuring the liberation by the Canadians of the Sheld Peninsula. All members of the Legion branches are welcome to attend.

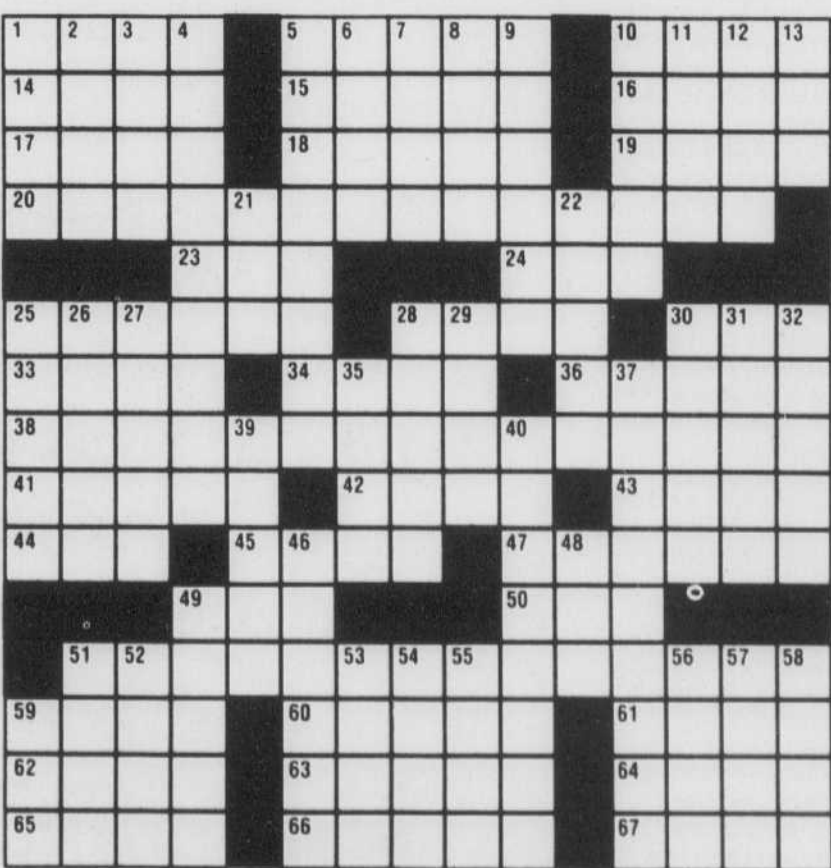
Card party

WATERVILLE — On Nov. 20, a card party was held at St. John's Church Hall, cards were played at seven tables. First prize, John Learmonth; second, Isabel Nelson; third, Bob Sage; fourth, Annie Fletcher; Consolation, Lloyd Johnston. The Ten No Trump prize went to Archie Moulton, and the

Skunk prize to Albino Maracin. The raffle (ten dollars) was claimed by Fred Pessig. Winners of door prizes were Archie Nelson, Jim Hall, Archie Moulton, Huguette Maheux, Mildred Hawes, Clarence Chartier, Dorothy Vachon, Winnie Sylvester and Paul Bergeron. Our next card party on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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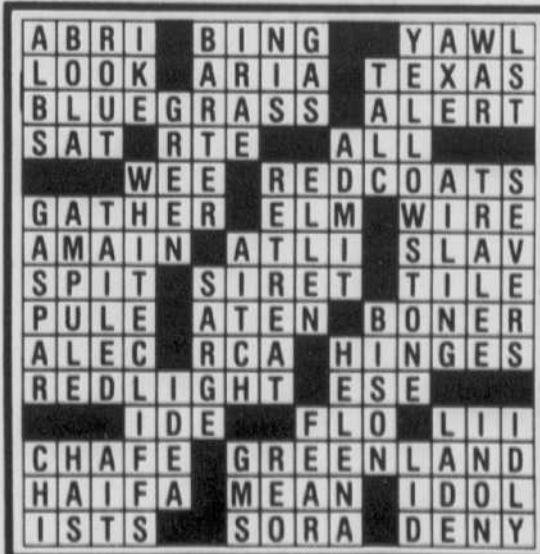
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10 Youth suffix
14 Complete: pref.
15 Habituate
16 Infrequent
17 — Ben Adhem
18 Bobby — (late entertainer)
19 — Minor
20 Home with vegetable patch?
23 Tic—toe
24 Golf ball holder
25 Leave
28 Notion
30 Audit man
33 Fish sauce
34 All: pref.
36 Goddess of agriculture
38 Ground information?
41 Chose
42 Before: pref.
43 Shriill bird sound
44 Fr. marshal
45 Sensible
47 Snares
49 Musician — Paul
50 Gr. letter
51 Open land with brook?
59 — bene
60 Form of witchcraft
61 Irish nobleman
62 Tennis serves
63 Fertilizer
64 Courage
65 Duration measure
66 A — in the wind
67 Lampreys



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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1 Irani title once
2 Timber wolf
3 Baseball family name
4 Hair on upper lip: var.
5 Editor

- 6 United in opinion: abbr.
7 Voiceless
8 Branch of math
9 Council of elders
10 Do business
11 Leisure
12 Ireland
13 Tchrs.' grp.
21 Cup handle
22 Extend the hand
25 Friend of Pythias
26 Run off
27 Trifling
28 Silly
29 Malicious gossip
30 Groups of workers
31 Small marble
32 Fools
35 Average
37 Retinue
39 Ford's folly

- 40 Big top performance
46 "Nor — in the manger" (FDR)
48 Edible grain
49 Rent
51 Points where rays meet

- 52 Bit of news
53 Border upon
54 Close by
55 Actor Andrews
56 See 12D
57 Seed covering
58 Team at Shea
59 King Cole

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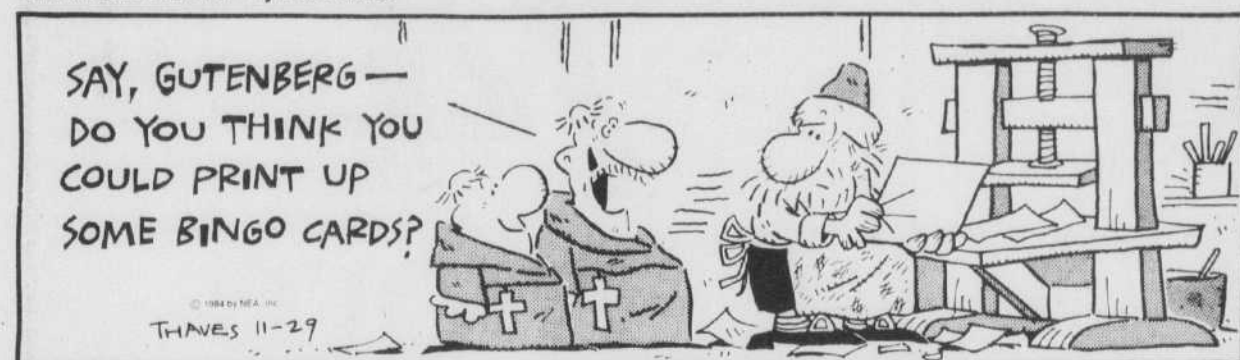
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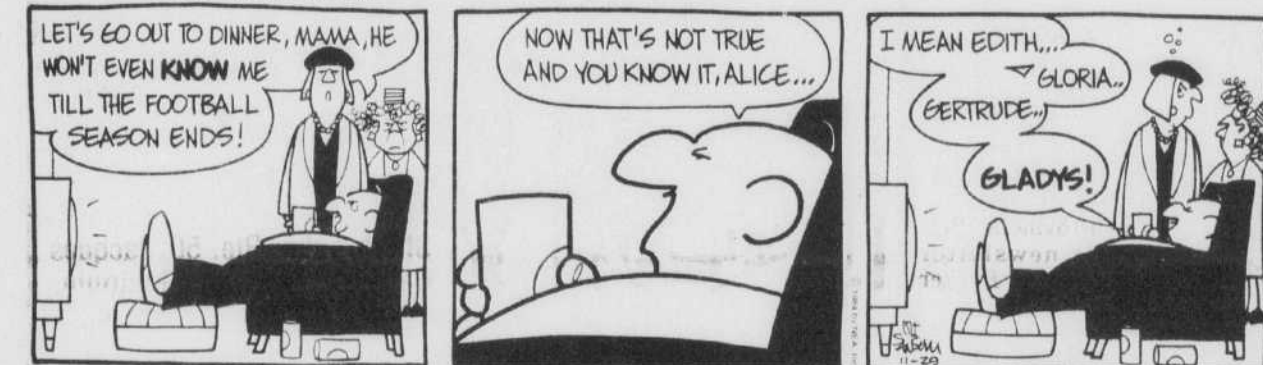
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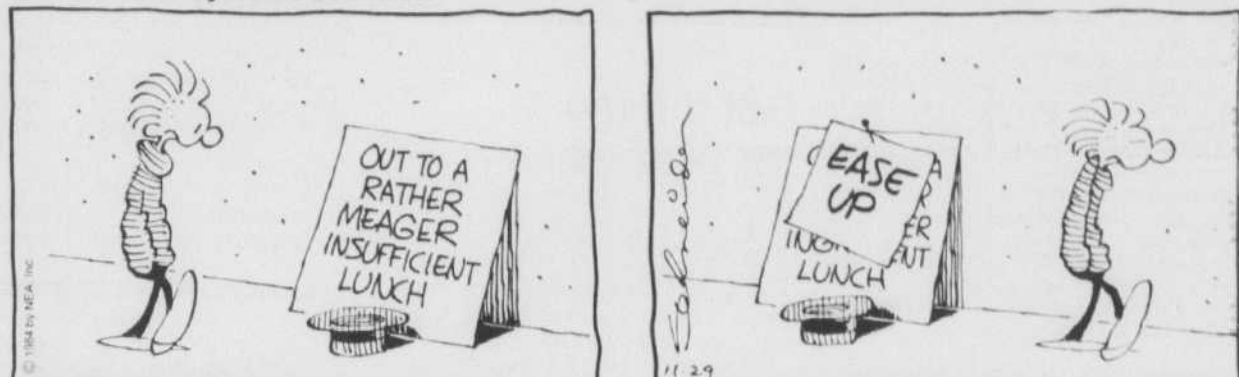
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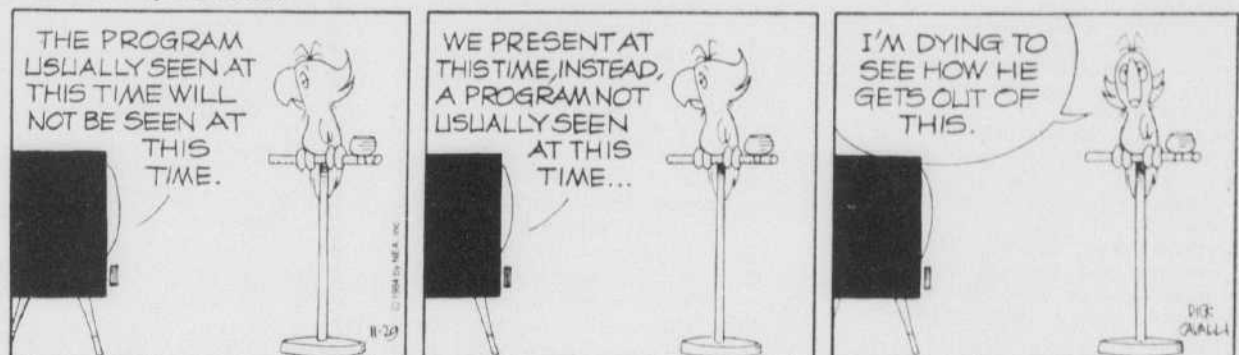
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Ladies Units hold annual luncheon and sale

ROCK ISLAND (IH) — The annual Christmas luncheon and sale was held recently in Stanstead South Church Fellowship Hall and was attended by well over 100 persons from both sides of the International Border.

The sale tables were all well patronized. These were the Ladies Aid where sales ladies were Roberta Sutton, Gladys Hunter, Mabel Whittier, Eva Hovey and Lillian Goodwin. The Canusa Unit items were sold by Bertie Darby and Shirley Davis and the Circle Unit by Madelyn Curtis, Mary Smith, and Geneva Lyons. Most of the items on all three tables were crafts, many for the Christmas season. The food table laden with "home bakes" from the kitchens of all three Unit

members was in charge of Gerry Berber, Wineta Miller and Katie McCune.

The hall was decorated by the Canusa Unit in the Yuletide theme and members of this Unit were assisted by young ladies of the church to serve the guests at the small tables for four, centered with a Christmas centerpiece and

lighted red candle. The kitchen details were in charge of the

Circle Unit and some of the Ladies Aid members assisted. It was a

success both financially and socially. The wool afghan project of

the Circle, sold by tickets, was won by Linda Noel.

Card party

DANVILLE (JE) — A very enjoyable card party was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on November 9 sponsored by the Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge No. 3. Nine tables of 500 and one table of Bridge were enjoyed by all.

Winners were: Gents high, Ray Lampron, Richmond; Low, John Philbrick, Danville; Ladies high, Mrs. Rowena Henderson, Richmond; Low, Annabelle Mastine, Kingsey Falls.

Winners at Bridge were: High, Mrs. Louis Sonneveld; and low, Louis Sonneveld of Asbestos.

A very pleasant evening came to an end, with another party planned for November 30, and everyone welcome.

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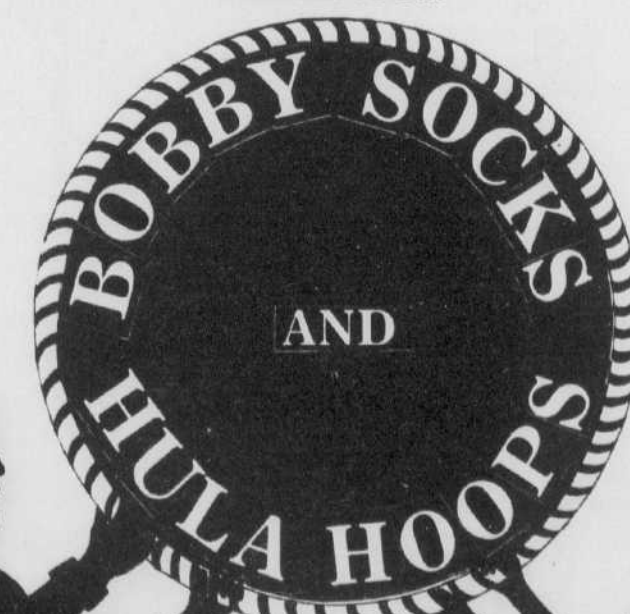
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Nov. 30, 1984

Opportunities that will give you chances to build upon your present holdings may develop this coming year. If executed properly, the returns will be rather large. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Beware of tendencies today to get in your own way. If you don't introduce disruptive elements, you have excellent chances for personal gains. Looking for romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you in your search. Send for it today by mailing \$2 to Astro-graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Shrug off self-doubts today and assume an optimistic, positive attitude. You're capable of remarkable accomplishments, provided you believe you can do so. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** A pleasant switch is in store for you today. You may start out in the role of the giver, but this will turn around to where you are the receiver.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can get amazing mileage from a smile and kind words today. Strive to enrich the lives of others and this will add sparkle to yours. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not be impulsive in important career matters today because your first ideas may not be your best. With further study you'll make the right moves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People who like you will be willing to help you today provided your demands aren't excessive. Don't make requests they can't comply with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Agreements can be worked out to your satisfaction today if you have the fortitude to hang tough until you get your terms. Have patience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you think in petty terms today, you'll only harvest what you sow and do yourself a disservice in the process. Enlarge your vision and perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be helpful to those who require your assistance today. The greater the incidence of service, the greater the benefits you'll ultimately derive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tact and diplomacy are tools you can use to considerable advantage today. Treat others sincerely with a complete absence of guile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not disregard any deep-down feelings you get today that tell you you are lucky. Dame Fortune is in your corner, waiting for you to acknowledge her presence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You require fun diversions today, but avoid participating in those that are too expensive. You can have a good time spending pennies.

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NORTH 11-29-84			
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Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
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Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

Get the most for your money

By James Jacoby

If winning one out of two finesse will bring in a slam contract, then it's worth bidding. It's even better if you can improve those chances.

When South heard his partner bid four clubs, that was enough for him to try a slam, despite the lead-directing double from East. Because of that double, declarer did not even consider taking the club finesse on the opening lead. Instead, he rose with the club ace, played A-K of spades and led a heart to the king. Next he trumped a low spade in his hand, felling the spade queen. South then returned to dummy to discard his losing club on the established spade jack. If the diamond finesse had worked, there would have been an overtrick.

Even without the double of four clubs, declarer should refuse the club finesse. There is always the chance that the queen of spades may fall on the third round. Even if it does not, declarer will be able to ruff out the spades before exiting with a club. Then if West has the club king, he will be forced to lead diamonds into declarer's A-Q. If East has the club king, declarer has lost nothing, since he will still be able to fall back on the diamond finesse.

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Card parties held around the Townships

DUNHAM — A series of four 500 card parties are presently underway, each Friday night, in the Dunham United Church Hall, at 8 p.m.

The following are the results of the winners from the first two, already held.

On Nov. 9, there were seven tables of 500 played and one table of Bridge. The Bridge winners were Olive Palmer and Margaret Ellis.

500 - First, Pixie Rumble and Mathie Nelis; Second, Jane Greig and Calvin Harvey; Consolation, Mary Harvey and Charlie Greig.

The Bingo prize, awarded to the persons who win the most grand slams went to Kelly Rumble and Calvin Harvey.

Door prizes were won by Calvin Harvey, Pixie Rumble and Doris Dougall.

Thanks to the hostesses for delicious refreshments this week

goes to Elizabeth Biggs, Myrtle Selby, Eleanor McCrum and Jane Greig.

On Nov. 16, 500 was played at ten tables.

Winners: First, Pixie Rumble and Jack Pattenden; Second, Grace Short and Roy Monette; Consolation, Irene Symington and Junior Harvey. Bingo prizes went to Mathie Nelis and Juliette Dubois, June Royea and Madeline Dubois won the door prizes.

Thanks to the hostesses Esther Harvey, Edileen Drennan, Lu Staton, Helen McElroy and Millie Martin.

The next two in this series will be held on Nov. 23 and Nov. 30. Though chances of winning the sweepstakes now, would be slim, for those who haven't started coming, why not plan to come for a pleasant social evening with good refreshments and prizes? You will be warmly welcomed.

Bridge players are

asked to bring friends to make up their own tables.

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ROCK ISLAND (DB) — The fourth in the series of card parties was held in the I.O.O.F. hall on Saturday evening Nov. 17. There were ten tables playing 500 and one table of Canasta.

After an enjoyable evening the score cards were added up and Mable Nelson had high score for the ladies. The consolation prize went to Vivian Moulton. High score for the gents was taken by Archie Moulton and the consolation by Rod McLeod.

The 9 No Trump prize, Mary Smith and the Skunk, Murray Gilbert. Mary Chamberlain had high score at the Canasta table. Doris Hartley held the lucky ticket on a cake raffled and Mary Chamberlain, the winning ticket on a dozen rolls.

While refreshments of sweet breads,

pickles and cheese were served tickets were drawn for door prizes, lucky winners being Ann Aldrich, Clifford Curtis, Juliette Keet, Raymond Shephard, Alfred Aldrich, Archie Moulton and Currie Hill.

The next card party will be on Dec. 1st in the I.O.O.F. hall, Rock Island. Everyone is welcome.

KNOWLTON — Another highly enjoyable evening of 500 took place on Saturday, November 17 at the Masonic Hall, Lakeside Road.

There were ten tables of cards with the following prizewinners: Ladies (1) Barbara Tremblay; (2) Hilda Marsh; Consolation - Muriel Miller; Gents (1) Jake Royea; (2) Lawrence Page; Consolation - Elmer

Hastings.

Door prize winners: Hilda Marsh; Paul Davignon; H. Riti; Will Pettes; Elsie Royea; Muriel Miller.

Winners of drawings were (groceries) - Elsie Royea (Syrup) - Allan Chute.

The next card party, Saturday, December 1 at 8 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE — The first in a series of card parties sponsored by the members of Ascot Masonic Lodge was held in the temple on Belvidere Street, Lennoxville, on November 8.

The winners of 500 prizes were: ladies' 1st, Gladys Patton; 2nd, Gertie Hetherington; consolation, Dorothy Montgomery; Men's 1st, Archie Nelson; 2nd, Brian Montgomery; consolation, Lu Picken (playing as a man).

Prizes for bridge won by Norma Beattie, Dorothy Bown, Irene Hadlock, Margaret MacLean, Rena Lackey, Gordon Bown and Katherine Groenewold.

There were four names down for nine diamonds, cards were cut and the lucky winner was Marion Robinson. The door prize was won by Rene Lackey drawn by Chet Squire.

Delicious refreshments were served by the brethren.

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Social notes around the Eastern Townships

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Desrochers and Lynn Campagna of Terrebonne, Que., visited the Davis family, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and family and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lister in Cookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Learned spent a week with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dresdner and family in London, Ont.

Mrs. Thomas Rowland entertained the bridge club on Wednesday evening, when cards were played at two tables, and prizes won by Lizzie Martyn, Kay Labonte and Isabelle Cruickshank. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Margaret.

The community was saddened on Friday morning, Nov. 16 to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Maude Beliveau at a rest home in Bury. She was a former resident of this town for a number of years.

Birchton

On November 18, Sidney Prescott with son Ian spent the afternoon with parents and grandparents respectively.

Weekend guests at

the Moore home were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Robinson of Johnstown, Ont., during which time they visited Mrs. Moore in the Sherbrooke Hospital.

While Wayne Robinson of Thetford Mines supervised his school ballplayers in Lennoxville, Mrs. Robinson spent the day shopping with her mother, Mrs. Charles Robinson in Sherbrooke. The Robinsons stayed with Mrs. Robinson until Sunday afternoon.

When Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers visited at the Rolling Hills Residence, they were pleased to find Miss Eleanor Reed well. She made several comments as to the comfort of her room, the meals and the activities there.

The Rogers joined her sister, Mrs. M. Barter and Mr. Barter in Waterville for supper one weekend and on Sunday, Nov. 18, they did the same with the Logans and Mrs. Pat MacKinnon in Lennoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers were Friday dinner guests of her cousin, Mrs. Edith Belam in Sawyerville.

Quite a number enjoyed the Soup-Supper at the Cookshire United Church, and the Turkey Supper in Lennoxville a bit later.

Birthday greetings were phoned to Mrs. Mary Harbison on November 18 by family

and friends.

Arthur and Hazel Rogers and Mildred Judge helped Marie Nutbrown from the Sherbrooke Hospital back to her room at D'Youville Hospital to continue her therapy. They then called on Maybelle Hodgeman who continues to improve.

Mrs. Ken Moser (Gail Rogers) and daughter Keena, of Fort Francis, Ontario, were afternoon callers of the former's uncle Arthur and Mrs. Rogers.

Joining early shoppers in Coaticook recently were Mildred Judge with the Rogers.

Inverness

Jessie Patterson
453-2342

Miss Monica Patterson celebrated her 11th birthday with a slumber party at her home, with six school children staying overnight. Visitors were Karen Pomerleau, Doreen Cox, Tammy Allen, Nellie and Ruth Ann Chauncy and Shannon Lowry. "Happy Birthday, Monica, Nov. 17."

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Benoit Godbout of Plessisville was a Sunday evening guest of Harold and Jessie Patterson. Paul Landry and Truman Walker were callers at the same home.

Mrs. Lois Patterson and Mrs. Jessie Patterson spent the weekend in Sherbrooke where Lois stayed with her mother Mrs. Irene Gillam and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gillam and son Scott, while Jessie stayed with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Gilles Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Patterson, Miss Sherrie Patterson and friend Luc Turgeon were Saturday supper guests of Miss Phyllis Patterson and son Terry in Danville.

Several from this area attended the service and burial of the late Arthur Nutbrown in Kinnear's Mills. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Patterson and Bob Bul-

lard spent a recent Friday at Danville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Durocher of Richmond were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Patterson and girls.

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My apology to the relatives of the late Ruby Mandigo for misspelling her name in pre-

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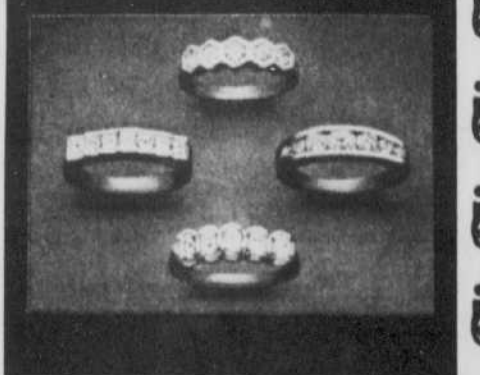
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