

Funding will be used to beef up rural regions

\$90 million to make outlying communities attractive to new residents

By Stephanie Lapointe
SHERBROOKE

The Conseil régional de développement de l'Éstrie (Regional development council -RDC) announced that the Quebec government has allot-

ted \$90 million to the development of its rural regions during a meeting held at the King's Hall Hotel in Compton on May 16.

The funds are to be invested in "innovative plans" that will help rural areas attract more residents. The funds will be used to encourage new projects, develop land, create more employment and improve transportation services in rural regions. Encouraging youths and young families to remain or return to the regions is a main priority.

"The rural policy will not solve our problems," said Solidarité rurale spokesman Jacques Proulx, adding the money will provide the push needed to help development in rural areas.

A panel comprised of representatives from Fédération québécoise des municipalités (Quebec Municipal Federation), l'association des régions du Québec, (Association of the Regions of Quebec) CLD of Estrie, Solidarité rurale, and RDC discussed ways to strengthen regions.

During question period, François

Fréchette, director of Carrefour jeunesse emploi in the MRC of Coaticook, addressed the panel, citing a lack of employment opportunities for youth, which is why he said, more and more young people are moving towards urban centres.

He insisted that more youths have to be part of the development process so that the next generation will not have to put up with the consequences of decisions made by others.

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Children in car with drunk driver are seriously injured

By Stephanie Lapointe
SHERBROOKE

Three children are seriously injured, one in critical condition, after their father, a 33 year-old Sawyerville resident, hit a Jeep Cherokee Sunday afternoon. According to witnesses, the Jeep failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection of New Mexico and Chemin Rivière du Nord in Newport and the two collided.

Officers with the Sûreté du Québec's MRC Haut-Saint-François detachment arrested the father who appeared to be

drunk. He has been detained because he was also driving without a valid license and is to appear in court tomorrow.

The six-year-old boy is in critical condition. The other children are aged three and nine.

The father suffered minor injuries. He was brought to hospital where he refused to take a blood-alcohol test.

The driver of the Jeep Cherokee suffered no injuries, but his wife was brought to hospital to be treated for shock. Both vehicles involved in the accident were towed for mechanical inspection.

Celebrating 103 years



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Gwen Hallam celebrated her 103rd birthday on Sunday. A few friends, neighbours and relatives gathered at the Drew Residence in Lennoxville for cake and coffee.

Carrying On



PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Staff at The Record bid a fond farewell to Velmore Smith Friday as he turns the page on a 44-year stint as paper carrier. For more please see Lennoxville Link inside.

Actor held audience spellbound

Leboeuf's generosity spilled out in actions

It was lunch-time. Several hundred administrators in the packed ball room at the Hilton Hotel were just finishing their first course of boeuf bourguignon, rice, green and yellow beans and onions. A well-dressed man paced slowly back and forth to the right of the podium, obviously concentrating on his soon-to-be-made presentation. At least one member of the audience was full of curiosity.... What

could a well-known theatrical comedian and newspaper columnist have to say that would relate to the profession practised by those at the conference? It seemed a stretch....

Without a note, Marcel Leboeuf held us spell-bound as he related his personal experiences carving out a career. With fervour, intensity, sprinkles of humour and specific examples from his own life - good and bad, he communicated the importance of passion, team work,



SUSAN MASTINE

personal and work relationships, a sense of humour, determination, kind words, the support of those around us, and links with loved ones. Relationships with co-workers, customers, others in the same domain - and most importantly, with family are ever so important this speaker communicated to us. They must not be neglected as we get caught up in the passions of our lives, as Marcel has learned along the way.

It was touching to hear about the actor's close relationship with his grandfather, a lover of nature and of trees, and provider of not-too-tasty spruce gum, and of the closeness Marcel still feels with this man. Their bond is reinforced, Marcel related, whenever he walks the land his grandparent gave him before he died. Scatterings of pieces of broken dishes along the property line, put there generations ago to mark where one man's terrain ended and another's began, bring to the actor a sense that his grandpapa is still with him.

Marcel also spoke of the dedication and support provided to him by members of his theatrical entourage. Sharing burdens, finding solutions together, supporting one another, and expressing compliments are all essential elements of this business man's style of management. His compassion and team work approach have created a working environment so much like a family atmosphere that most of his staff are still at the theatre he launched in Kingsey Falls well more than a decade ago.

There is perhaps a lesson to be learned from this actor's generosity of spirit. On one occasion, a patron was distressed and causing a fuss because he had arrived with previously purchased tickets, but was told there were no seats available. Marcel calmly offered him front row seats at no charge. As the man continued to mutter about incompetence, the theatre owner stood up for his employees, mentioning that, unfortunately, mistakes can happen. He again encouraged the theatregoer to accept the front row seats and a reimbursement of the amount he had paid for the tickets.

A few minutes later, it came to light that the tickets the man had purchased were for a different show in different theatre in another location within the region. Marcel's reaction was somewhat different from what you'd expect - he respected his offer of tickets and a reimbursement, and

added to it - free tickets to the play that the patron was supposed to be seeing that evening in that other theatre for another performance. "It's a good play. You should see it." And Marcel made sure that it happened.

Baa, baa, black sheep. She had lots of wool. And lots of admirers - including one willing to pay \$275 to take the Romney lamb from B.C. home. Although she'll remain in our province, alas her new abode is not located on our farm.

On the bright side, two black-faced, black-legged Suffolk ewe lambs were added to our stable following the auction at the Sheep Classic 2002.

They, along with the flock of miniature goats - Charlie now has black Vanessa and oatmeal-coloured Sweet Pea as companions, will add to the

baas-ful chorus created by the Border Cheviot sheep and their lambs. There was much baaing of sheep, primping of their woolly bodies and shivering of spectators at the show and auction this past weekend. The variety of breeds on site from across Canada, the presence of ovine-related kiosques, and the availability of lamb-burgers made it an unusual event. If only the weather had cooperated....

Congratulations to the ladies who put on the Wales Home Tea and Silent Auction last Saturday. It was impressive to note the blend of generations, guests between the ages of less than one to ninety plus.

What was most striking was the presence of several generations of the same families.

Among the guests, at two tea settings, if not more, there were four generations of women - the older ones from close by, the younger ones from 'away'. And among the volunteers, another rare vision, three generations from the same family helping out a cause. Traditions being passed on.

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TVA, the network of draws		Draw		2002-05-18			
6/6	1	\$2,000,000.00					
5/6+	2	\$290,225.50					
5/6	226	\$2,054.70					
4/6	12,534	\$71.00					
3/6	236,905	\$10.00					
Total sales:		\$13,863,831					
Next grand prize (approx.):		\$2,000,000					

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5/6+	0	\$50,000.00					
5/6	29	\$500.00					
4/6	1,445	\$50.00					
3/6	21,882	\$5.00					
Total sales:		\$571,927.00					

SUPER 7		Results		WINNERS		PRIZES	
TVA, the network of draws		Draw		2002-05-17			
7/7	4	\$9,460,492.60					
6/7+	12	\$157,970.90					
6/7	684	\$2,425.00					
5/7	38,790	\$152.70					
4/7	826,571	\$10.00					
3/7+	774,207	\$10.00					
3/7	6,931,293	Free play					
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Next grand prize:		\$2,500,000					

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Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. Low near 6. High near 20.

Friday: Cloudy with a few showers. Low near 9. High near 17.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Grave digger found guilty of indignity to corpse

Last cases like this were in 19th century' - Judge

By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Grave digger Normand Richer was found guilty Friday of indignity towards a human corpse - a crime Justice Yves Tardif noted is uncommon in the 20th century, much less the 21st.

After a four-day trial and a just few hours of deliberations during which they relistened to statements from the Crown's main witness and Richer's tearful testimony, the jury of seven women and five men came back early Friday morning and declared the part-time cemetery worker guilty of committing

an indignity to a human corpse.

"The last cases of this sort of crime were during the 19th century," the judge commented upon rendering sentence about an hour later.

In past centuries, criminals robbed graves in the middle of the night and sold cadavers to doctors and medical students who performed clandestine autopsies to study the human body.

But Richer's crime, which the judge described as vile and odious, was not a premeditated act. "He just wanted to save time, considering the situation," remarked the judge.

Gruesome testimony revealed that while preparing the grave for Bertha Daniels Kendall at the St-Philippe-de-Windsor parish cemetery in April 2000, Richer and back hoe operator André Garant accidentally dug up her son's

body that was buried in the adjacent plot. The two men tossed Denis Kendall's cadaver into his mother's grave, flattened it with the backhoe, and then placed the mother's coffin on top.

Distraught by what he had witnessed, a third grave digger, who had informed the family of the crime, testified that Richer and Garant were smiling as they mishandled the corpse.

Justice Tardif, who noted the maximum sentence for the crime was five years, acknowledged there was no premeditation and noted that the prosecution and defence agreed that a prison term was not appropriate punishment for the 66-year-old man.

"Nevertheless we must punish such a reprehensible deed," Tardif said as he handed Richer a three-year suspended

sentence. As part of his probation, Richer will be unable to work in a cemetery for the next three years. Richer was also fined \$3000 - money he has been ordered to donate to the Aube Lumière cancer hospice and for which he will receive no tax receipt.

During sentencing arguments Crown prosecutor André Campagna, who admitted that Richer's actions were not premeditated and simply done to save time, said the sentence should reflect the unspeakable crime. He suggested the three-year ban on working in a cemetery and a \$5,000 fine.

Defence Attorney Tom Walsh had suggested community services rather than a fine, noting his client lives on a \$1600-a-month pension from Canada Post and that his monthly expenses total \$1700.

POLICE BRIEFS

Runaway found during burglary

By Stephanie Lapointe
SHERBROOKE

A 14-year-old girl and a 22-year-old man were arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning for breaking and entering a residence on rue de la Station in Compton.

The 14-year-old had run away from a youth centre. Her father had called the police because he heard she was seen in a car at the residence in question.

When police from the MRC of Coaticook arrived on the scene, they saw people running out of the residence from the back. The police chased them and were able to catch the girl and the 22-year-old man. A third suspect got away but she left her coat behind, with her picture in it. Police are investigating to find and arrest her.

At the residence, police found electronic and audiovisual material piled-up near the entrance.

The 14-year-old has been placed in youth protection and is to appear in youth court..

The 22-year-old is to appear in court tomorrow.

Four arrested in Courcelles

A stolen taxi from Montreal, 20 pot plants and the equipment to grow them were seized from a residence on Rang 8 South in Courcelle after a citizen tipped off police over the weekend.

MRC Granit Police arrested four people after obtaining a search warrant. Three men, aged 18, 19 and 44, and one girl aged 15 were arrested. The 44 year-old man was the person living at the residence where there was a cannabis plantation. The other three are from Montreal.

Everyone except the 19-year-old were released on condition they appear in court in Megantic within the next few weeks.

The 19-year-old was detained because he had previous record and was accused of robberies in Montreal.

They will be charged with possession of stolen goods and cannabis production. The investigation continues in collaboration with Montreal police.

Teen used hammer

Citizens helped in the arrest of a minor last Saturday, accused of robbing a jewelry store at Les Galeries Quatre Saisons. Witnesses saw the youth smash the glass counter with a hammer and jumped on him before he got away.

RURAL:

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The panel had no response.

Six MRCs of the Estrie region, Asbestos, Coaticook, Granit, Haut-Saint-Francois, Memphremagog and Val-Saint-François, will be receiving a portion of the \$90 million rural pact. In a budget presented, \$5.7 million will be shared by the six MRCs over the next five years.

"What do we want our region to be tomorrow?" said Émilien Nadeau from the associa-

tions of the regions of Quebec. We need "remedies of today for problems of today."

Marc Latulipe from CLD Estrie, also emphasized that money is there to help projects take off.

The rural pact is part of the Politique nationale de la ruralité (national rural policy). It is a declaration, signed between members of the panel and the Quebec government, that favours the rural regions.

Several hundred people attended the meeting to learn about the national rural policy and many voiced their opinions as to how the funds should be spent.

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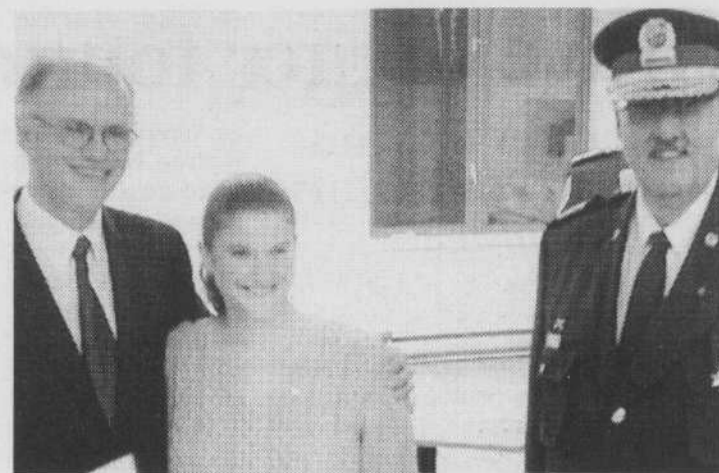


Police officers were saluted by public officials during police week for service to the community.

Recognizing police officers

Local officials were on hand May 16 to pay tribute to veteran police officers who have provided distinguished service to the community for 20 and 30 years.

The Governor General medals were presented during national police week.



Det. Gérard Leblanc with daughter Sgt. Vickie and police chief Michel Carpentier



Officer Michel Martin receives his medal from Mayor Jean Perrault



Officer Martin Roux presents a medal to his father officer Réjean Roulx, a 30-year-veteran of the force.



Jim Perry (centre) receives medal.

BRIEF

Caisse Pops in Brome-Missisquoi plan merger

Clients of four Caisse Populaire's in Brome-Missisquoi may find themselves all under one banner by next fall.

By Sept. 1 the Caisse Populaires of Cowansville, Adamsville, Dunham and Sutton will become the Caisse Populaire Brome-Missisquoi. Not included in the merger plans are the Caisse Populaire de Bedford, which has outlets in St-Armand and Frelighsburg, and the Waterloo Caisse Pop, which has an outlet in Brome Lake.

The new financial co-operative will be based in Cowansville, with the other existing branches turned into service outlets. The new entity will have 49 full time employees and assets in excess of \$153.6 million. No layoffs are expected in the merger.

The agreement to merge was reached after nearly a year of discussions between the four financial institutions. Their membership was recently informed of the move through an information bulletin sent through the mail.

Account holders, who automatically become shareholders in Caisse Populaires, will number 14,266 in the newly merged institution. Those members will be able to learn more about the merger and voice their opinion in a series of public meetings being held early next week.

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Danville stop signs to stay put: Mayor Noble

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
DANVILLE

Three of six stop signs that were supposed to have been removed by the town last month will remain in place, perhaps for good, according to Mayor Charles Noble.

"I have always maintained that we should keep the stop signs up, despite the objections of some people," he said in an interview last week.

"Other towns have more stop signs than we do. It does not kill people to stop their cars on our streets."

The three signs at the intersections of Roy and DuCarmel, Giguere and DuCarmel and Grove and Hamilton

streets were supposed to have been removed by April 24. The removal had been decided on by a four to two vote by the town council at a Feb. 27 meeting.

But at a later meeting on April 22, the council overturned its earlier decision, arguing the opening of a bypass road later this spring could change the driving habits of area motorists.

By a five-to-one decision, they opted to suspend the removal of the signs until Dec. 31.

"We want to see how the bypass road will affect traffic in the town," said Noble. "Will it mean fewer cars coming through town and less business for our merchants? Will the number of stop signs on Grove and DuCarmel make a

difference then?"

Noble said if at the end of 2002 the council hears no further objections to the six stop signs on Grove and DuCarmel, he will consider the matter closed and make no further changes.

He said the council's latest decision was further influenced by an 80-signature petition delivered to it by Grove St. resident Sylvain Martel last month. The petition was signed by residents on Grove and DuCarmel and called for the stop signs to remain in place.

Many residents on these two streets have long feared their children's safety could be jeopardized by increased car and truck traffic, especially with the building of the Magnolia magnesium plant just outside of town.

The decision to suspend the sign removals ignores the recommendations made earlier this year by a six member ad-hoc committee that saw the three signs being removed as a compromise between pro and anti-stop sign factions.

The anti-stop sign faction was led by area merchants who feared too many stop signs will discourage motorists from entering Danville and frequenting their businesses.

One concern voiced by several anti-stop residents was the amount of noise and exhaust fumes created by trucks that would have to stop and start at the signs.

But a notice of motion at the council's May 14 meeting has proposed a bylaw that will ban heavy trucks on Danville streets unless the driver or owner lives in town or has local business to conduct.

The proposed bylaw means all heavy, multi-axle trucks would have to use the bypass road linking highway 116 to highway 255 once it is completed later this spring. The bylaw will also mean trucks can't go past DuCarmel and Pinnacle Road on the town's southwest side, or enter from Craig and Castlebar roads on the northeastern side.

Town manager Michel Lecours said local truckers would not be allowed to park their trucks on the town streets. "They would have to park the trucks



FILE PHOTO

Mayor Charles Noble: "Other towns have more Stop signs than we do."

on their property, and have a letter from their employer stating the need to park the truck at home," he said.

In other council news, a public meeting will be held May 23 at 7 p.m. to introduce a loan bylaw to finance the building of a new water main. The new main will extend from the town's water treatment plant along DuCarmel St. to the town square. The project means the town will have to borrow \$300,000 to help finance construction, the rest of the cost being financed by a federal-provincial infrastructure grant.

An earlier loan bylaw for \$510,900 to finance a sewer and water-line renewal project along Route 255 and Daniel Johnson has been approved after only two residents signed a May 6 register to oppose it.

Lecours also told the council the town is checking its records to make sure residents renew their dog licenses this year.

Lecours said 137 letters have been sent out to residents who did not renew their licenses in 2002. He is reminding residents that they face a fine of between \$50 and \$300 if their dogs do not have the \$10 license.

Lennoxville Leak



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Community Forum

Are we headed for a coalition government?

Not that they hadn't known it all along, but Record readers were reminded by last Wednesday's paper that Jean Charest and the Liberals are urging Bernard Landry to call a general election and forget about byelections this close to the end of the government's mandate. Little wonder, for the PQ is well into the fourth year of a mandate that ends next year anyway. The advice won't be heeded, of course, and everybody knows that a government that holds onto power till the last possible moment is nearly always one that has its days numbered and is hoping for a miracle to save it.

VIEWPOINT

DON HEALY

But is this the Liberals' only reason for impatience?

There is a lot of truth in the saying that parties don't so much win elections as governments lose them, the cynical thinking being that voters choose the least of all evils and that the devils in office are better known than the ones knocking on the door. But it doesn't always follow that the governing gang's loss is the aspiring lot's win and if Jean Charest and his band of followers think that a PQ loss is automatically a Liberal victory - a win by default - they may be in for a rude awakening.

Anyone who has followed recent events like the ADQ upset in the Saguenay by-election and paid any attention to public opinion polls knows that votes not cast next time for the PQ won't automatically help the Liberals. In fact, the polls predict that most stray votes will go in the direction of Mario Dumont's two-man caucus, it being squeezed into that narrow space between the PQ and the Liberals in policy. And that's a darned tight squeeze, with the PQ too scared to mention its foremost option, independence, and the Liberals shivering whenever identified as federalists. Without the sovereignty and federalist options, it takes a might fine comb to separate the threads of policy between two, never mind three parties in the provincial assembly.

With the three parties so close in political philosophy, voters had better start thinking about a scenario the Liberals have to be praying won't develop, especially if a year or more passes before election day finally rolls around. If recent polls mean anything, the three parties are as close in popular support as they are in policy and that means a three-way race lies ahead, not the customary PQ/Liberal split. With the PQ terrified of the word sovereignty and the Liberals just as scared of federalism, the political stage is as

warm blanket on a cold night. Unless either the PQ or the Liberal Party plucks up uncharacteristic courage and campaigns on a platform with real planks in it, this round won't look at all like a federalist/separatist duel, but a lot like a bag race at a company picnic.

Very possibly, no party will garner enough votes to form a viable government alone. Call this a shot in the dark if you like, but Quebec could be governed next by a PQ/ADQ coalition. With the Liberals' support being highly concentrated in mostly urban areas, they need a considerable edge, even in a two-way race, to break even in seats. In a situation like the one taking shape, the ADQ could hold the balance of power. And given the party's track record - always backing the separatists in the crunch - one can almost guarantee that it would accept a PQ invitation of partnership if that would close the door to a Liberal government.

I know this scenario is no prettier to most Record readers than it is to me, but as I see it, it is an entirely avoidable one. If either the PQ or the Liberals would muster the courage to come clean and stand proudly either for or against Quebec's status as a province of Canada, most voters would have no problem deciding which party to support and the ADQ would be disarmed as a spoiler.

I can dream, can't I?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Stan

DEAR EDITOR,
Stan MacDonald worked at LeBaron's Store in North Hatley & Ayer's Cliff for 34 years. He retired in April 2002 and will be missed. This is a poem for him.

For all the steaks and butterflied lamb
For all the roasts, bologna and ham
For fixing slicers and changing fuses
For giving beef a hundred uses

For syrup in the spring and squash in the fall
For pumpkins so big, they amaze us all
For all the good humour, the e-mails and jokes
For stacking the Pepsi, the juices, the cokes

For unloading trucks and slicing ham for the churches
For delivering your wood, the oaks and the birches
For the pepper meatballs that settled a score
For the nickname "Miss Management" when I bought the store

For the turkeys at Christmas and at Easter, the hams

For getting us out of all sorts of jams
For unraveling the string on the bags of seed
For getting the customers the things that they need

For starting the generator when things all go dark
For keeping an eye on the girls in the park
For impressing us all with your feats on the slopes
For driving the tractor pulling the floats

For BBQ chickens, hot dogs and chops
For tying up roasts with neat little knots

For all this and more we can't thank you enough
It'll be a struggle without you but we'll have to be touch

Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it beaucoup
You can chase your cows and Benita too

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Mexican demand for sheep strengthens prices

By Stephen McDougall
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD
RICHMOND

A small group of Mexican sheep breeders were praised by their Canadian counterparts for helping to strengthen prices for purebred sheep at last weekend's Canadian Classic 2002 sheep auction.

The auction, held at the Richmond Fairgrounds on Sunday, saw 307 animals sold at prices as high as \$800 to \$1,000 per animal.

Auction organizers said the highest price paid was \$1,700 for a Texel ram (male sheep) from Ontario.

"The Mexicans helped bring up the prices to acceptable levels," said David Hall, a sheep breeder from Iron Hill, near Brome Lake.

"There were no earth-shattering sales, but the prices were at or above private market sales."

Hall and others were concerned before the auction that cheap imports of animals from Australia into the U.S. market were bringing down the price of lambs (yearling sheep) and could discourage Canadian breeders from investing in better quality sheep for reproduction.

"A decent price for a one or two year old ram is between three and five hundred dollars," he said.

"At the auction, I saw several of them going for between \$500 and \$800. I think the sellers did alright."

The Classic auction is held every year in Canada in a different area of the country. Prices established at the auction are considered a benchmark for Canadian sheep values for the rest of the year.

According to chief organizer Trenholm Nelson, the Richmond auction results "were well above expectations."

He agreed that the Mexican contingent helped rally prices.

"They bought 47 animals in all, that's a substantial chunk of sales," he said after the auction.

"They were interested in the larger, thicker animals. They've also been touring the local farms for private sales, and plan to go to Quebec City next week to look at other animals."

Mauricio Garcia Gallardo, head of a sheep reproduction centre in the central state of Guanajuato, said more breeders from his country are coming to Canada looking for European breeds they cannot



STEPHEN MCDUGALL/SPECIAL

Mexican sheep breeders help drive up prices at Richmond auction.

find in the U.S.

"We are interested in Texels, Charolais and Rideau Arcotts," he said.

"We can't trade with Europe because we have no protocol with the European Union, so we come to Canada, where a lot of these breeds end up."

Another breeder from Guanajuato said he comes to the Canadian auctions because he is dissatisfied with the quality of American sheep.

"This is the fourth year I have been buying sheep from Canada instead of from the U.S.," said Gerardo Somohano, who has over 1,200 animals.

"The quality of the animals in Canada is much better than in the U.S. The Australian animals are also not prime quality for us."

Somohano said Mexican breeders want to improve the quality of their flocks because Mexican consumers want a better quality meat on their supper tables.

"We import about 16,000 tons of Australian lamb meat every year because the Australian dollar is cheap. But Mexican consumers are willing to pay more for better meat if we can produce it at home."

He said Mexican breeders produce only 40 percent of the lamb meat for the Mexican market, the rest coming from Australia, New Zealand and Chile.

"In total, that amounts to some six million animals. If we can buy better breeds from Canada, we can increase

homegrown production and increase our market share."

Somohano said he and 11 other buyers present at the auction hope to return to Mexico with 60 animals from the auction and private sales. He said the transport and customs costs will put the buyers back about \$6,000.

"If we did not have a free trade agreement with Canada, our choices for sheep breeds would have been limited to American Sheep," she said.

"We may have to travel farther and pay more for transportation, but it is worth it if we can improve our flocks."

David Mastine, who raises sheep on his St-Felix-de-Kingsey farm, hopes the Mexicans keep coming to Canada for their sheep.

"We're hoping the Mexican market will grow for us, given the fact that we sell less lamb to the Americans now," he said.

"It shows us that we are doing a good job with our animals and we are improving our local and export markets."

Mastine said demand in Canada for home-grown lamb meat has increased in the past five years from 25 to 50 percent, but added that the price of the meat has slumped because of cheap imports.

"If the Mexican market opens up, then prices may improve for us," he said.

Robert Laberge, a raiser of Hampshire sheep in Danville, said the firm prices created by the Mexican and Canadian breeders shows there is confidence in fu-

ture lamb production and markets.

"The prices were not excessive, they were not unapproachable for the average buyer," he said.

"And at the same time, it showed that breeders want to improve their flocks and produce more meat for the future."

Nelson estimated the confidence among Quebec breeders is strong, even if the number of animals is small.

"Five years ago, there were only about 85,000 breeding ewes (female sheep) in Quebec," he said.

"Now, the number has grown to 140,000 and more farmers are interested in getting into the business."

But some breeders believe the lamb market still needs some work in Canada if production is to continue on a healthy rise.

John Steele, who has a flock of 900 animals in Peterborough County in Ontario, said more marketing is needed to generate interest by the Canadian consumer. "It would be great to export more to Mexico, but Quebec and Ontario are still our bread and butter markets, especially amongst the ethnic groups that prize good lamb," he said.

"Given that the quality is poor in the United States, we should do more to capitalize on our strengths here."

Elisabeth Bzikot, a breeder in Wellington County, Ont., has turned more to private buyers in order to sell her lambs, given the downturn in prices. "We've seen come down at least 30 percent since last summer," she said.

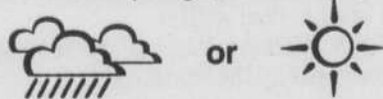
"In Ontario, that is tough because we don't have insurance like they have in Quebec." She said interest in sheep dairy products is still very small, and wool is a non-starter in Canada. "We may be a cold country, but most of our wool is still imported from England and Scotland," she said. "Right now, Canadian wool is going for about 20 cents a pound. That doesn't even cover the cost of shearing the animals."

The three-day Classic 2002 was good for the local economy. Most motels in the area were filled up and restaurants were kept busy feeding the visitors from Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Alberta as well as from the New England States and Mexico. "We need more events like this to keep the local establishments going," said Motel Marquis manager Andre Pouliot. The tourism trade is very slow in rural areas like Richmond."

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Government promises prompt action on pig farms

The accumulating surplus of liquid hog manure has hit the fan in the offices of the Landry government.

After reading the protest signs waved at the recent Union Paysanne demonstration in Quebec City - "PQ, UPA, les plus cochons" and "Vive le Québec libre des grosses cochonneries" - Environment Minister André Boisclair concluded it was time to act.

With the clamor growing louder up and down the St. Lawrence River valley, he decided to confront head-on the environmental, public health, and now the political problem of too many pigs, too much liquid manure, and too many angry citizens. But instead of just presenting new regulations to control agricultural pollution, and letting the chips fall where they may, he realized more visible political ac-

tion was needed.

Hence, a six-week moratorium on approvals of some proposed new hog production projects and a multi-party committee to produce a consensus on new farm environmental rules and an action plan to help producers implement them. It's a risky operation. It not only has to produce concrete pollution controls, especially for pork operations, in order to satisfy rural citizens, but also outline a reasonable timeframe and financial support to producers so as not to cripple an economically important industry.

And it has to happen within a few weeks, a timeframe which the Opposition Liberals say is ridiculously short for a problem so complex.

During National Assembly debate, Liberal environment critic Robert Benoit waved a thick document detailing all the new proposals for hog production.

"There are 188 pages in it, for new projects, expansion projects. And the minister says: we're going to solve that in 30 days, on the 15th of June. He's not going to solve anything the 15th of June, he's going on vacation. He just wants to put a lid on things before this thing explodes."

The Liberals want the BAPE, the Quebec environmental review agency, to hold public hearings and to conduct a detailed study of manure and fertilizer use and the environmental impacts.

They also say that regional municipalities (MRCs) should have the right to impose a moratorium on pork production on their territory until the BAPE reports, and that the government should commit to a 10-year, \$1 billion program to help producers buy equipment and construct facilities necessary to improve manure management.

The upstart agrarian citizens' movement, Union Paysanne, has been trying to mobilize opposition to new and expanded hog operations. Its president, Roméo Bouchard, said Boisclair's consultation is a phony exercise.

The only good thing about the temporary moratorium, he said, is that all the projects on the table awaiting approval will be subject to the new rules.

"But the new regulations overall - we don't expect anything good because the committee is dominated by the industry."

The committee includes officials from the Agriculture, Environment, and Health ministries, the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA), the Pork Producers' Federation, municipalities, and the environmental group, l'Union québécoise pour la conservation de la nature (UQCN).

In many ways, Quebec's pork producers have been caught in the crossfire.

On the one hand, they recognize their industry is the black sheep of the farm world because of the smell. They have taken steps to minimize that, by improving feed, manure-spreading techniques, and manure storage.

They, along with other livestock and crop producers, have embarked on farm-by-farm analyses to help determine where

environmental improvements can be made. And they've accepted the principle of eco-conditionality whereby they must meet certain environmental standards in order to participate in government financing programs.

But they've also been directed by government, as a result of two farm summits, to increase production, increase exports, and increase jobs in the farm sector.

In the pork industry, world prices jumped 33 per cent in 2000 and sales soared by 36 per cent, surpassing the \$1 billion mark. Pork sales accounted for 22 per cent of Quebec's total agri-food exports. That's why the number of pigs has increased and that's why there's been this rush to set up new large hog operations - to catch the bandwagon, just as the government wished.

Now, as it were, the chickens are coming home to roost.

TEACHERS' WORK

Teachers do work 40 hours a week after all. After a decade-long battle over the principle of pay equity, which the government then complicated by claiming teachers only worked 35 hours a week, a deal has finally been reached.

Teachers will now be considered "100 per cent" workers, and over a three-year period beginning with the 2003-2004 year, they will receive salary increases.

It's a major victory for the province's 85,000 elementary and high school teachers, and despite objections from the Montreal union representing teachers with la Commission scolaire de Montréal, they will likely ratify the deal over the next two weeks.

The big winners are students who've lost out on many extra-curricular activities since teachers began a boycott of non-teaching functions earlier in the school year.

The deal also means that elementary school curriculum reform, put on hold because of the teacher boycott, can finally be implemented, albeit a year late.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Environmental eyes are fixed on Charlottetown this week where federal and provincial ministers have been meeting to talk about the Kyoto accord and whether or not Canada should ratify it, and if so, how. Quebec's Environment Minister André Boisclair was already on record favouring ratification, even before Ottawa released last week four options for cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Meanwhile, Boisclair has announced the creation of Ouranos, a research network on climate change funded by both the Quebec and federal governments.

Described as the only research network of its kind in Canada, it will bring together about 250 scientists from various fields not only to study climate change but also develop strategies on a regional and national basis to deal with it.

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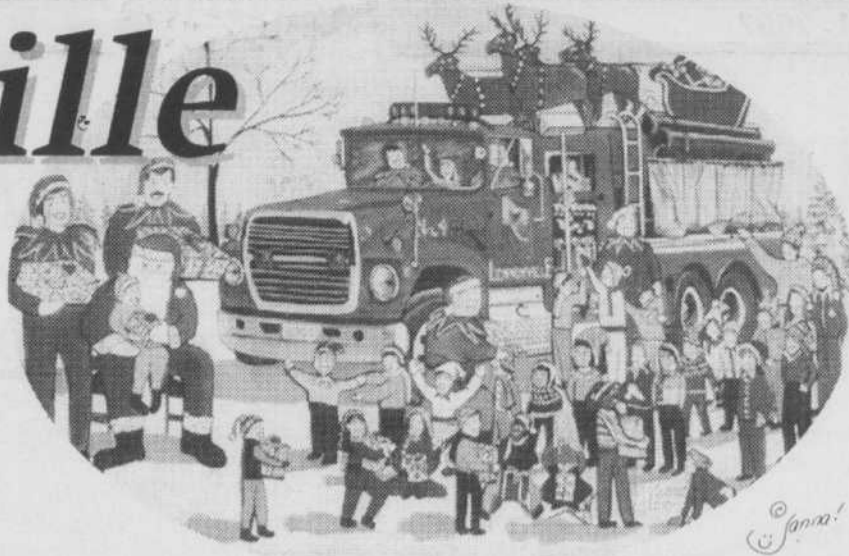
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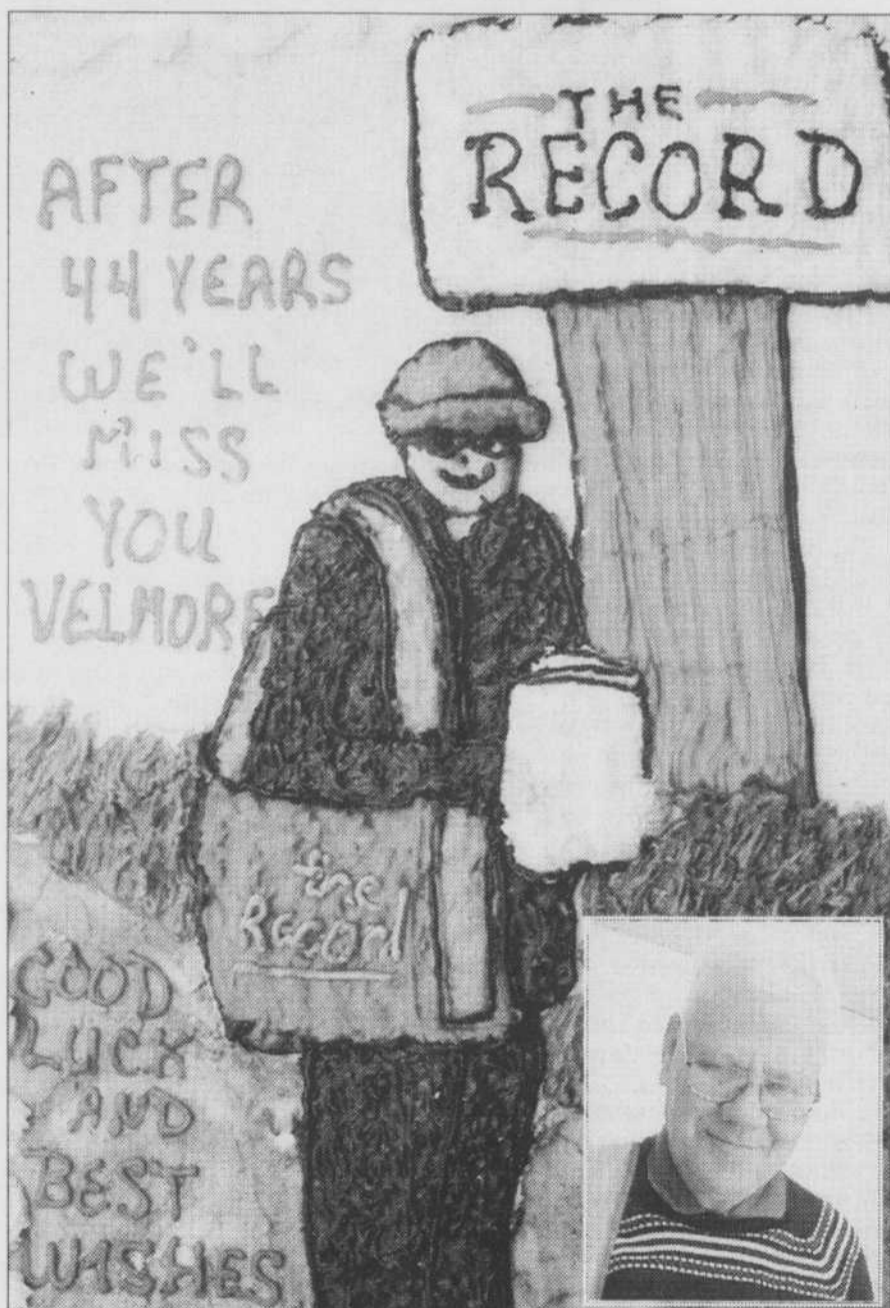


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End of an era at The Record



PHOTOS BY PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

Long time Record carrier Velmore Smith was honoured with a farewell party at the newspaper's office Friday. Above Smith, a 44-year veteran, prepared to cut into the cake made for the man people simply know as 'Velmore'. For more see page 11.

South American adventure is more learning than teaching

*Townships youths
take educating
talents on the road*

By Lewis Evans
Special to The Record

When we left the Eastern Townships for Santiago de Chile, our plans were to come to South America to find work as English teachers. It seemed like a pretty sound plan. We had heard of many people doing it, just not too many who had come to this part of the world.

A good friend for years, Tany Moreland, who was graduating from university at the same time, was also ready to take off on an adventure. South America seemed like an exotic location, and our minds were set. Chile seemed the logical choice, as, at the time, it was more affordable than Argentina, and more stable than any of the other countries in this area of the world. What we did not realize was that all of South America is in a constant state of flux, and no one area is left unaffected by the crises going on elsewhere.

Tany and I left the cold of Montreal winter on Jan. 15, 2002, and arrived in the heat of Santiago's summer the next day. Because the two of us are from small towns in the Eastern Townships — Tany from Knowlton and I from Lennoxville — we had decided early on that we did not want to be stuck in a city.

We had chosen a port on the Pacific called Valparaiso. It made sense to us and we figured there would be plenty of work. Despite the fact that the Santiago is the capital, the Chilean government is there. It was also one of the places Pablo Neruda called home, so there is a growing tourist industry. People living there would want to learn English, and they would want two friendly Canadians to teach it to them, we reasoned.

We could not have been more wrong.

After three days in Santiago, we headed to Valparaiso. Our first impressions of the capital were not positive. They were spent waiting for Tany's bag that was left in New York. Our heads were spinning. Tany had a fair bit of Spanish from school, but I had none. The Spanish that she had, however, did not help when we got to Chile. The Spanish spoken there is full of "Chileismos", ways of pronouncing words, and whole new words, that are foreign to those with a small amount of the language. They do not pronounce the letter 's'. "Mas o manos", which means more or less, is pronounced "mah o mahnoh".

Chileans also speak incredibly fast, so that it sounds like they are only pronouncing half of every word. And, to make things more complicated, as soon as you let on that you understand some Spanish, they go off in machine gun fashion. As far as I could tell, I was in trouble.

SEE ADVENTURE ON PAGE 14

Unearthing treasures in your own backyard

Nature's Way



Part I: Everyone can grow roses

"I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses, or growing roses makes people nice."

—Roland A. Browne

Whatever the case may be, most of us envision the rose as the flower connected to beauty, romance and elegance, everyone wants at least one rose bush in their garden.



ANNA MAY KINNEY

Our roses are just leaving that dormant stage even though people only a few hundred miles south of here have a good deal of their vegetables planted and have begun pruning their roses.

There are a few things you can do now to get ready for your upcoming rose garden spring duties:

- Check the pH level of the soil where you have, or plan on having roses planted. If you have to add lime, do it now, as it takes a couple of months for lime to work.

- Make sure sprayers are in good working order. Replace any broken parts and fix any leaks.

- Sharpen and clean your pruning shears in preparation for the upcoming pruning of your garden. Add 1/4 cup of bleach to two litres of water. This will disinfect cutting edges and

eliminate fungus and mold spores that could be passed onto growing plants.

- Remove the rose bushes you need to replace. You can also replenish the nutrients in the holes you plan on replanting later on, mix thoroughly, giving the soil and nutrients time to mellow before you plant.

- Check to see what organic fertilizers and bug control formulas you have left over from last year and make a list of what you need.

- On a good dry day you can begin weeding your rose garden, I also like to take some of last years garlic crop and plant the sprouting toes around existing rose bushes. Garlic is a good insect repellent, especially for those damaging earwigs.

HOW DO YOU PLANT A ROSE?

Roses will do well in almost all types of soil that has good drainage, they do not like standing in waterlogged soil. If you are putting in a new bush, soak the rose bush in a bucket of water overnight, but there is no need to do this with an already established bush that you are moving to a new area.

Dig the hole 60 cm wide and 60 cm deep. Replace half the soil with compost, aged manure and a little peat moss.

Then add two cups of bone meal and mix it up with the soil and fill the hole with water (Because of the threat of mad cow disease many people are skipping this step. If you insist on using bone meal please wear a facial mask, but do not do this when it is windy or when children and pets are around).

Plant the rose with the bud union at the surface. In my area, where the winters are very cold, the bud union goes about 7.6 cm below the soil surface. Bare root roses can be

planted with the 7.6 cm of canes below the surface in case of cold damage. Then hill up the soil around the base of the rose bush to prevent any drying out if the weather gets cold or very hot.

This can be removed in a few weeks, as the roots will then be established.

Keep new roses well watered until roots are well established. This process usually takes a few months.

When planting more than one rose bush, remember that ramblers require about three metres between them, climbers 2.1 metres, large shrubs 1.5 metres, tree roses 1.2 metres, tall hybrid teas 90 cm, floribundas 60 cm and miniature roses 30 cm.

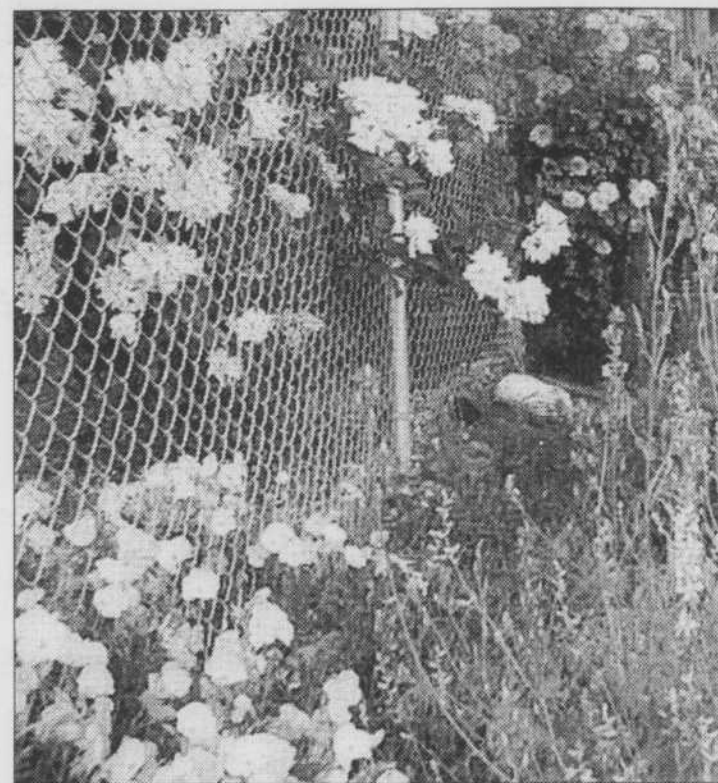
As landscape or ground cover roses tend to grow wide sideways they can be spaced by personal preference.

When creating a rose bed, try to situate the rose bed where it will receive at least six hours of full sun. Dig the space well to a depth of one foot and incorporate some well-rotted manure, compost or peat moss. Keep in mind that you can only stretch comfortably to three feet so a bed of 1.8 m wide can be easily reached from all sides.

Arrange your roses with the tallest ones in the centre (or at the back if one sided), medium ones next and little ones in the front. Tree roses can be used in the center instead of the tall rose bushes.

Remember that all roses are greedy feeders and like a lot of fertilizer. It should be given when the leaves start to break out and after the first flush of flowers is over. You can side dress with rich compost and well-rotted manure. Those gardeners with sandy soil may have to apply fertilizer more often because of their fast draining soil.

No nitrogen rich fertilizers should



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Roses can be a part of everyone's backyard or balcony. Here they grow on fences while on the left you see a close up of a rose in full bloom.

be applied six weeks before the first frost as it encourages growth, which will be killed.

Roses need about 20 litres of water per week during the summer months. That is the equivalent of a bucketful of water or 2.5 cm of rainfall per week.

Heavy watering promotes a deep root system while light sprinkling causes the roots to grow close to the surface, which causes them to bake in the summer and freeze in the winter.


Roses are for everyone, whether you have a back yard or only a few extra feet available on your balcony or patio, roses do very well in containers.

The first step is to choose the right container to plant in. It can be made of any material but size is important. Most bush roses need a space of at least 45 cm for their roots and miniatures need 30 cm.

Soil should be a soil-based compost or if weight is a problem then a peat based one.

The container needs to be raised on bricks to allow free drainage. As a rule the most satisfactory tub roses are small floribundas, landscape or miniatures.

To be continued...



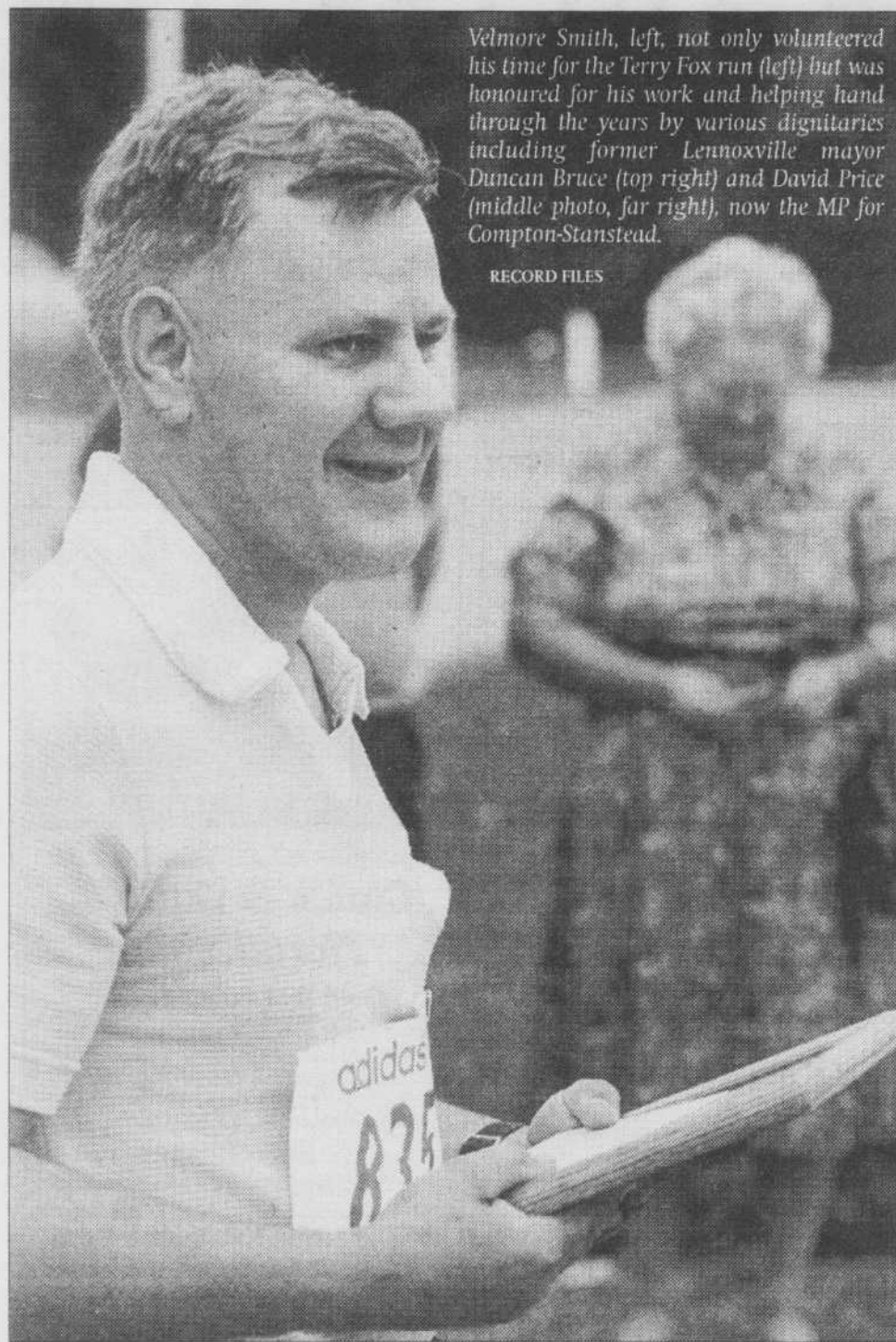
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End of an era at The Record

Long-time newspaper carrier Velmore Smith bids farewell after 44-year career



Velmore Smith, left, not only volunteered his time for the Terry Fox run (left) but was honoured for his work and helping hand through the years by various dignitaries including former Lennoxville mayor Duncan Bruce (top right) and David Price (middle photo, far right), now the MP for Compton-Stanstead.

RECORD FILES



On Friday, *The Record* said goodbye to its longest-standing employee. After a 44-year career as a newspaper carrier, Velmore Smith is hanging up his bag and heading west for a well deserved retirement in Saskatoon.

During a lunch with staff held in his honour, Record publisher Randy Kinnear presented Smith with an engraved watch and a plaque testifying to his unprecedented dedication and commitment to his work.

Smith regaled staff with stories garnered from his many years on the job delivering papers.

"I saved a woman's life once on Speid Street, he recalled. "Her foot was stuck in a manhole behind her house and

when I called for help for her, she said I saved her life."

Smith recounted some of the perks of the job: meeting so many friendly people in the community and working with so many nice people at *The Record*.

And Velmore Smith knows who to thank for his good fortune.

Before celebrating with staff and friends at *The Record*, he asked everyone to bow their heads and thank God—the person who made it possible for him to have such a good life and so many friends.

The following is a glimpse of Smith's career, including the above photo where the volunteer helped raise money for the Terry Fox run for years.

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Borderfest offers something for all

By Nancy Nourse
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

At the press conference held, in Stanstead, on Tuesday, May 14, the organizers of Borderfest 2002 expressed their hopes of making this third annual festival the biggest success ever. The event to take place on May 25 will be their way of celebrating the historical richness and the special flair and energy that life in Stanstead is noted for.

With the help of Chris Kellogg, president of the North Country Chamber of Commerce, a heritage tour has been added that will cross the Canada/U.S. border into Derby Line, Vt. highlighting historical facts from both countries. Residents of the area are anxious to be able to let everyone know about the special friendship and bond that exists between the two communities.

The parade will start at Sunnyside at 11 a.m., will travel up Dufferin Street, turn down Pierce Avenue onto Stanley Street, then Holmes Street and finish at l'École Jardin-des-Frontieres. It is hoped that several regional and state dignitaries will be able to take part in the parade.

This year's festivities will also include the announcement of the winners of the STANSTEAD COOL! project in the late afternoon. There will be a five-km run, a petting zoo and for those who like to see more action, there will be wrestling matches sponsored by the Eastern Townships Wrestling Association.

Visitors taking the heritage tour across the border, will be also be treated to an organ concert at the Unitarian Church of Derby Line as well as a chance to experience the mystical labyrinth behind the Church.

"We have pushed our event back a week this year so as not to conflict with the Music Fest in Ayer's Cliff. In fact, the Music Fest is donating its train to help transport guests on the heritage tour," explained Josiane Caillet, president of the Borderfest.

"The International Buffet will take place at noon, with Magasin Inter-Marche sponsoring a mechoui at suppertime. We hope everyone will stay for the musical entertainment beginning after the supper."

The festival committee is very appreciative of the support that this event has received from the Town of Stanstead and many other businesses in the Stanstead area sponsoring Borderfest.

There will be something for the whole family.

The day will start at 10 a.m. at Sunnyside with the five-km run through picturesque Stanstead streets and continue through until 11:30 p.m. with music shows in the large tent behind the College des Ursulines on Park Street. Outdoor games, 4-H farm animal exhibits, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and booths to visit will be located in the field behind the College des Ursulines.

BORDERFEST 2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY MAY 25: 10 a.m. Marathon (five-km), coffee and muffins at Christ Church; 10:30 a.m. Greeting of the American Delegation at the border; 11 a.m. Parade, coffee and muffins at Christ Church; Noon-2 p.m. Sampling of international gourmet dishes; Noon-11 p.m. Cantine-Bistro; Noon-4 p.m. Guided heritage tour (mini van or wagon) or free exhibits and open house tours in Stanstead (Rock Island, Beebe and Stanstead sectors) and Derby Line; Noon - 5 p.m. Booths, information and services. Crafts of yesteryear and today featuring local homegrown products; 12:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony; 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Inflatable giant childrens games; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Discover the Maze at the Universalist Parish Church in Derby Line; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Get your face on the front page of The Journal (a free souvenir keepsake of Borderfest 2002); 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 4-H Club, farm animal exhibit; 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Wrestling; 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Stanstead Cool Unveiling of the Winners! Tae Kwon Do demonstration; 4:30p.m. Organ concert at the Universalist Church of Derby Line, Vt.; 5:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner sponsored by Inter-Marche Provisions Rock Island; 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Evening of Musical Shows; 7p.m. Jerome Martin; 7:30p.m. Mathieu and Melissa Stevenson & Co.; 8 p.m. 'La Gang'; 9 p.m. 'In-Between'; 10 p.m. 'Fluke'



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South America an eye opener for Townshippers

ADVENTURE:

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My French allowed me to understand some of what people were saying, but I did not know any words, so I remained silent.

We did think that maybe the accent would be less harsh in the smaller towns, especially in a port where tourists come frequently.

We had to get to Valparaiso.

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Valparaiso is the largest port in Chile. It serves as the supply line to and from Santiago. It is also the center of the Chilean navy. The Spanish spoken there is as rough as that in Santiago. This time, however, we had help. We were met at the bus station by a plethora of women, all asking us to stay at their hostels. Most of them flocked to Tany, as she spoke Spanish. Only one knew any English, and she came to me.

My first impression of Kata was of a woman in her mid to late 20s, who was in the process of starting a hostel. Her English was broken at best, but she could tell us what we needed to know. It cost 4,000 pesos a night, which is about \$10, including breakfast, and this was not a bad deal. What we were not expecting is how helpful these people were going to be and what a beautiful family they had.

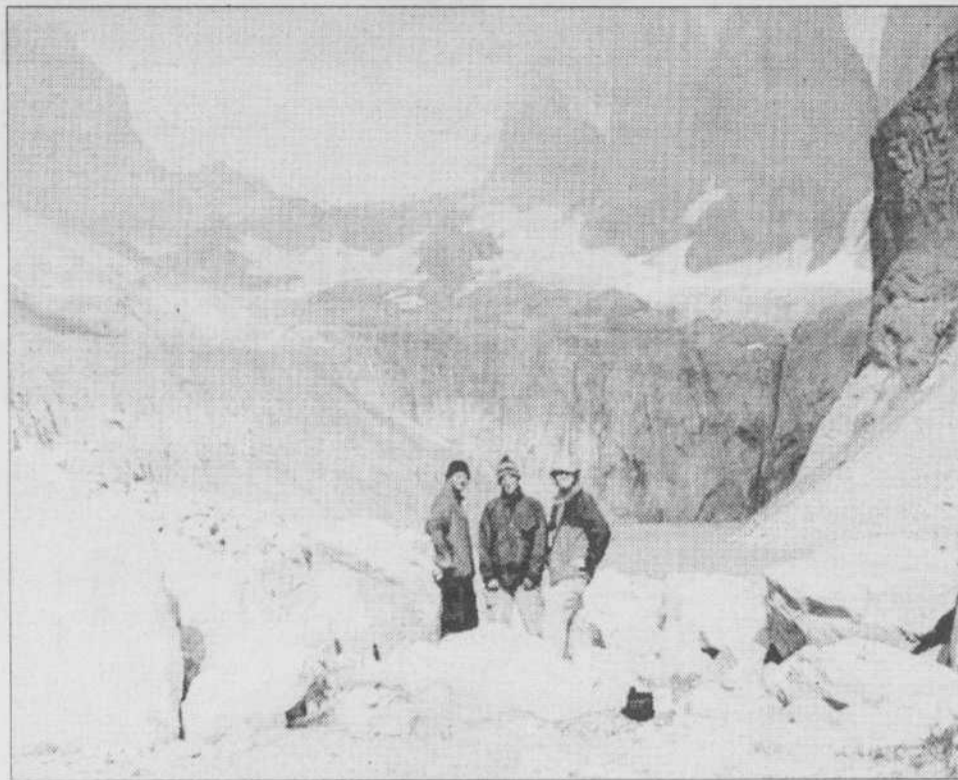
When we arrived at the Donde Carmen hostel, we were met by Kata's husband, Cesar, their seven-month-old son, Benjarmin, Carmen and her daughter Marita. We soon found out that Kata and Cesar were both 23 and that Cesar was in university.

The hostel had only been open for about a month, and Carmen and Marita were friends of theirs there to help them. The five of them shared a small bedroom, so that the rest could be used as guestrooms. We stayed at this hostel for two weeks, trying to find work at an institute or giving private lessons.

We handed out our resumés to all the institutes in the area, but the problem with the institutes, as we quickly learned, is that they do not pay the teachers enough to live. The problem with private lessons is that it is hard to convince people that you can teach them if you are not with an institute. To add to our troubles, the economic crisis that had engulfed Argentina was only a month and a half old, and the Chilean economy was also reeling. It would recover, but at this time investor confidence was at a low, and people were hesitant to give their money away, especially to two gringos, or foreigners.

Given the situation, Tany and I made the smartest decision yet, we planned a trip to Patagonia and Terra del Fuego.

We left Valparaiso on Feb. 3, heading to a town called Valdivia. It is in Chile's



COURTESY LEWIS EVANS

A trip to South America has provided some picturesque images for Townshippers Lewis Evans and Tany Moreland. Here they pose with a tourist in the mountains of Chile as they toured the continent.

Lake District, and seemed like a good place. We were not there for long.

When we got there, we started to try and figure out the rest of our trip to the south. Flipping through the two guide books we had, we found out about a boat trip run by Navimag that left a town called Puerto Montt. It was a four-day trip that took you through the narrow fjords and channels that make up the south of Chile. What really drew us was what the guidebooks said about the camaraderie that develops between the passengers.

After almost three weeks of having only one person to talk to, we both needed to meet others. The boat left the next day, so we had to leave and get to Puerto Montt, another 10 hours by bus. We had great luck, as we got to the Navimag offices a few hours before the ship left. We convinced the woman at the office to give us student rates, which saved us \$25 dollars (U.S.). The tickets were still far too expensive, running us \$225 (U.S.) each, but we convinced ourselves it was worth it, given that meals were included.

We had two hours to find the necessary materials, a few bottles of the

cheap and excellent Chilean red wines, or the vino tinto. We did this, ran back to the ship, and awaited the boarding.

It was in the waiting room that we met the first of the people we would be spending the next three weeks with. A bearded fellow, whose name we would later find out was Graham, was sitting across from us, and we started talking. His accent sounded Australian, so I made the mistake of asking him where in Australia he was from.

"I am from New Zealand," he replied. "Don't worry, you Americans can never tell the difference." Well put.

The boat trip was exactly how the books had described it. The scenery was nothing short of spectacular, some of the most amazing things I have ever seen. We passed snow capped volcanoes and mountains that rose out of the channels. We saw dolphins and passed shipwrecks.

The camaraderie that developed amongst the passengers was something else.

We sat up all night every night drinking the wine, and then slept for maybe two hours and got up so we would not miss the scenery. We played cards and

chess, read and talked.

It was on this boat that we not only met Graham, but the three other people we would travel with for the next little while. There was Mark, from New York City — very opinionated, and American in every way, but a great guy nonetheless. He was travelling with an Italian, Paolo, who I truly believe is a king.

They had met when waiting for the boat. Mark had a tent, and Paolo started to talk to him. Within five minutes, Paolo had planned out the next five weeks of Mark's life.

And last but not least there was Shannon from San Francisco. She had been working in Santiago and was on a trip to the south before she headed home. The six of us would stick together for a grueling hike, then for a drive through Terra del Fuego.

We got off the boat in a small community called Puerto Natales. As far as I could tell, it was in its sole purpose for existence was as the jumping off point for treks in the Torres del Paines, heralded as the crown jewel in the Chilean parks system. We had decided to do a five day hike, the "W" as it was known, which would take us up mountains, past lakes, and to a glacier.

It was a beautiful five days.

We walked a total of about 85 km of mountains and gorges. The name of the park, in my mind, has forever changed from Torres del Paine to 'Tourists in Pain'. That is what we were, and it seemed that that is what everyone we passed was. Our bodies were mangled at the end, but it was worth every painful moment. I really left there with a whole new appreciation for the beauty of the natural world.

Following the hike, we needed a couple of days to rehabilitate ourselves. We spent the next couple of days relaxing in Natales, eating good food not cooked at a camp. It was a vital few days, that left everyone feeling very healthy and ready to continue farther south.

From Natales we took a bus to Punta Arenas, the farthest south you can go without leaving the main bulk of the Western Hemisphere. This was a beautiful town, the houses were all sorts of different colours. It was a large town, but it really felt like an isolated area. The seafood here was spectacular. King crab, eel and any other seafood you want freshly caught from the plentiful southern Pacific.

It was from here that the first part of our group left, as Shannon had to fly back to Santiago to return to California. The rest of us rented a truck and drove through what is surely one of the most desolate regions of the world, Tierra del Fuego.

So far, still no sign of a classroom.

• Lewis Evans was Record correspondent prior to leaving for South America

THE RECORD Sports

Knowlton's
Heather Baillie
and Team Canada
advance to world
rugby semi-finals
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Bessette breaks away from Saturn-Timex

Knowlton cyclist
switches to Teams
Quebec and Canada

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

Sometimes less is better. That's the idea behind Lyne Bessette's decision to leave the successful Saturn-Timex racing team and join Team Canada.

The Knowlton cyclist severed ties with the Saturn Cycling Team earlier this month after a successful tenure with cycling's top women's team.

Bessette made the surprise announcement Friday morning in a press conference in Montreal and explained to the media that the move would allow her to pick and choose her competitions while more fully developing her individual potential and capability as one of the world's elite cyclists.

Her decision will mean participating

in fewer competitions this year and it will also mean a lot less money for the 27-year-old rider.

Saturn treated its riders better than any team on the professional circuit providing them with cars and a salary.

The break-up was cordial to say the least and Saturn-Timex is allowing Bessette to keep the three bikes and car she received last year. However the salary is gone and Bessette will have to rely on government grants, prize money (which is limited on the women's circuit) and acquiring new sponsorship.

In a prepared statement released by the Quebec Cycling Federation Bessette stated that it was time to get out on her own.

"I am happy with this outcome and will remain on good terms with the organization (Saturn-Timex)," she said.

At Friday's press conference Bessette expounded on the difficulty leaving the Saturn-Timex team.

"It's difficult because I had a salary with Saturn and they paid my expenses," she explained. "I have my carding (a monthly stipend from Sport Canada) and I guess I'm trying to get the word out that I am looking for sponsors."

Still the Knowlton native felt it was crucial to her development to break away from an organization that took her under their wings four years ago.

"Financially it was a difficult decision to make but riding for Saturn didn't fit my goals. "They were the first people to believe in me and give me a chance.

"I now believe I'm ready to go ahead by pushing my limits further and by giving my best in major competitions.

"Let's say that it was becoming hard to claim my place beside star riders and

that unintentionally I was eclipsing them since I was getting good results."

Good results are a modest summation of Bessette's accomplishments in the 2001 campaign.

She captured the Tour l'Aude in France and then came back to North America and won the prestigious eight-day Hewlett-Packard International Challenge.

After finishing third in the Montreal World Cup in June (a race where she sacrificed herself to help teammate Anna Wilson pick up World Cup points) she had a torrid July, winning races in Fitchburg, Knowlton and two Canadian championships in New Brunswick.

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31ST EDITION OF THE NATIONS' BUFFET

JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF SHERBROOKE 2002

Under the guidance of the "Service d'aide aux Neo-Canadiens", the 31st edition of the Nations' Buffet will be held on Saturday, May 25, at the Activity Centre at the Sherbrooke College.

The Nations' Buffet is unquestionably the biggest intercultural annual gathering in the Sherbrooke region.

With this year's theme "Join the celebration of Sherbrooke 2002", the evening is under the honorary presidency of Mr. Jean Perrault, mayor of the City of Sherbrooke.

The Nations' Buffet is the occasion to exchange, to live a colourful celebration in a fragrant and warm atmosphere, cheerfully with people from all horizons. Each ticket allows to discover a few corners of the world. According to one of the ten combinations chosen, our guests will discover through the meals and customs of the participating countries a little bit of Africa, Asia, America, Europe and the Middle-East.

As usual, door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. The meal is preceded by an aperitif and followed by folklore presentation and a disco for dancing.

Tickets are on sale from Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from Tuesday to Friday, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at 535 Short Street, Sherbrooke.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Eagles soar past Éperviers

The winning streak continues for the Windsor Eagles.

The senior men's lacrosse team knocked off the Montreal Éperviers 10-5 Saturday night in their first road tilt of the season. With the victory, the squad improved its overall record to 3-0.

The first place Eagles were led by Sylvain Perrault and Michel Juneau, who each notched a pair of goals, as well as Sylvain Laroche's three assists.

Pat Richard, Paul Lehmann, Gilles Lessard and Raymond Côté also scored.

Laroche wore the 'A' for the first time all season and delivered as assistant captain on the night. The Bishop's Gaiters star, playing back in his hometown, was replacing Roland Beaubien, who was unable to make the trip.

One of the most physical battles of the season, the veteran Eagles — accompanied by a collection of youth from the Gaiters roster — had to battle while facing the young Éperviers club.

Eagles netminder Pascale Nolet, also a Bishop's player, was solid between the pipes for Windsor. The goaltender stoned each Montreal shot for the first 30 minutes of play.

Windsor returns home to the friendly confines of the Lemay arena June 1, when they host Montreal in the latter half of a home-and-away series.

Wrestler Davey Boy Smith dies

Pro wrestler Davey Boy Smith, known to many fans as the British Bulldog, died Friday night while vacationing in British Columbia. He was 39.

The Manchester, England native, who became an intercontinental and tag-team champion in the World Wrestling Federation (now World Wrestling Entertainment) passed away as a result of an apparent heart attack.

The death came a week shy of the three-year anniversary of brother-in-law Owen Hart died in a tragic accident while attempting a wrestling stunt in Kansas City.

Smith moved to Calgary in 1988 and became a five-foot-11, 260-pound grappling machine. He wrestled into the 90s, both for the WWF and now defunct World Championship Wrestling (WCW) until a twist of events launched him into a maze of drug addiction and despair. He reportedly used anabolic steroids, morphine and cocaine on a regular basis.

Recently, Smith's life began taking a turn for the better. In addition to planning a re-marriage, the father of Harry, 15, was working hard to restart his stalled career.

Size the advantage for New Jersey

Canadian Todd McCullough has become one of the biggest weapons to accompany All-Star point guard Jason Kidd in the NBA playoffs.

The Winnipeg native scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds for the New Jersey Nets in a Game 1 Eastern Conference victory over Boston Sunday.

McCullough and the Nets will hope for the same tonight when they host the Celtics in Game 2 of the series at Continental Airlines Arena.

Around Town

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Canada advances to World Cup rugby semi-finals

Staff

Canada advanced to the semi-final round of the Women's Rugby World Cup in Spain Saturday, after defeating a tough Scotland side 11-0.

With the victory, Canada will face England in the semi-finals today at 8 a.m. (Eastern time). Knowlton's Heather Baillie, a former Bishop's Gaiters star, is a member of the Canadian team.

Always expected to be a tight defensive match, the two sides did not disappoint — with Canada taking a 3-0 lead at half time courtesy of a Moira Shiels penalty kick.

Dawn Keim, the back row specialist who plays her rugby at London Wasps, provided the only try of the match, scoring in the 47th minute to extend the Canuck lead to 8-0.

The two sides bashed each other all afternoon in the hot Spanish sun, but Scotland was missing the play making ability of Denise Fairbairn —

suspended following a red card incident during her team's victory over Samoa.

Shiels, a hooker, added the final points in the 85th minute — to signal Canada's advance to the final four.

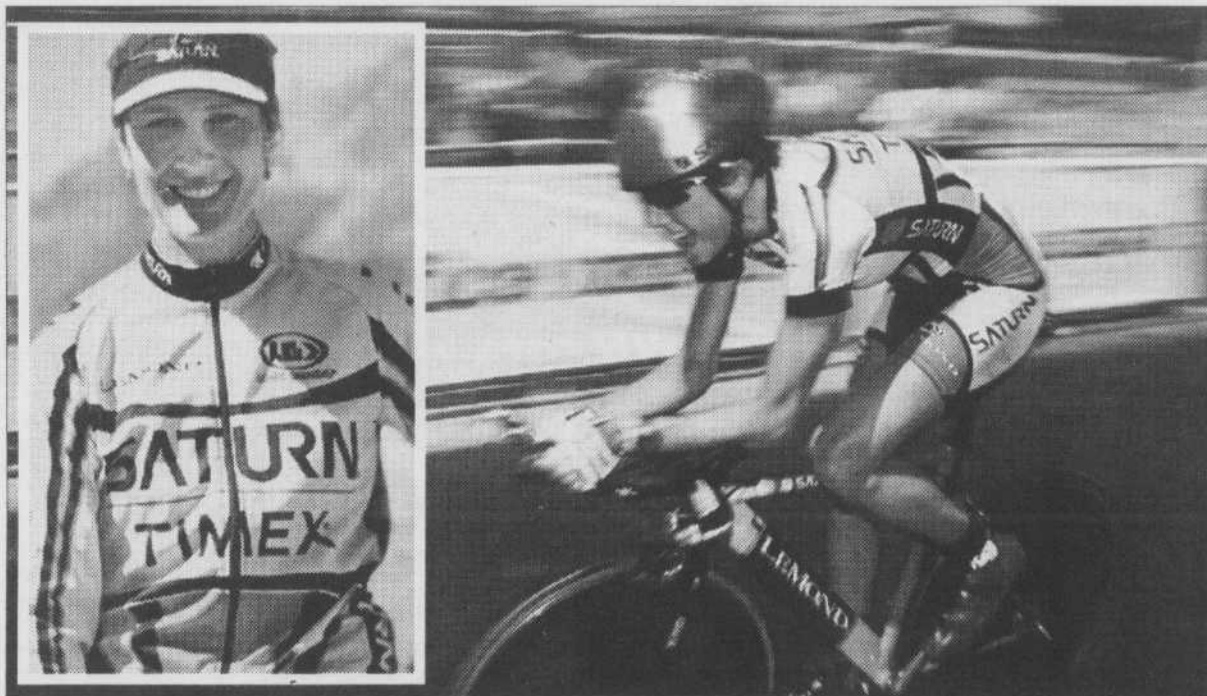
The Canadians join New Zealand, England and France to the final four, with re-seeding to take place later today based on tries scored and points differential.

Coaches Ric Suggitt and David Docherty have announced just one change for Canada's semi final game against England.

Veteran Josée Lacasse resumes her starting position at prop, and Kat Todd returns to the replacements' bench.

The Canada vs. England match will be played at the Girona stadium again, which may give Canada an edge as they are beginning to see this as their home pitch. England have not yet played there.

Bessette will still return to Montreal and defend titles



RECORD FILES

Seeing cyclist Lyne Bessette, a Knowlton native, in a Saturn uniform, is a thing of the past. She severed ties with the Saturn Cycling Team earlier this month after a successful tenure with cycling's top women's team.

BESSETTE:

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But the success came with a price and Bessette decided to take a break in September and missed the 2001 World Championships, an event that she had planned to compete in.

Bessette is currently ranked ninth in the world and is the highest-ranking Canadian cyclist on the international circuit.

But on the powerful Saturn team, Bessette was overshadowed by two teammates, the second

ranked Judith Arndt and Petra Rosner, currently ranked third in the UCI rankings.

Bessette captured the See Otter Classic in California earlier this year and has second place finishes in the Solano Bicycle Classic and Belgium's Flèche Wallone.

She will be back in Montreal for the World Cup race June 1 as well as Tour du Grand Montreal June 3-4 and then defend her title at the Hewlett-Packard later in June.

She also hopes to defend her Commonwealth Games and Canadian championships titles in July and August.

Wilson one swoop of the pen closer to CFL dream

*Former Gaiters
lineman signs deal
with Renegades*

By Arash Madani

With one swoop of the pen, former Gaiters offensive lineman Mike Wilson fulfilled the dream he has been chasing for the last 21 years.

Wilson, who finished his university playing career with Bishop's this past season, inked a two-year deal with the Ottawa Renegades of the Canadian Football League (CFL) Wednesday. Terms of the contract were not revealed, but the offer sheet came after Wilson worked out with the Renegades — and offensive line coach Kani Kauahi — for two consecutive one-on-one sessions on April 27 and April 28.

Greg Nowak, the director of player personnel with the Renegades, called Wilson last Tuesday and asked when he'd be able to come in and sign a contract.

I'M ON MY WAY

"I just said 'what time do you want me there?' and I was in (the Renegades' front office) at 10 a.m. the next morning," Wilson said with a chuckle. "While I was talking to him, I was flabbergasted, really. I didn't know what to feel. I was happy and shocked at the same time."

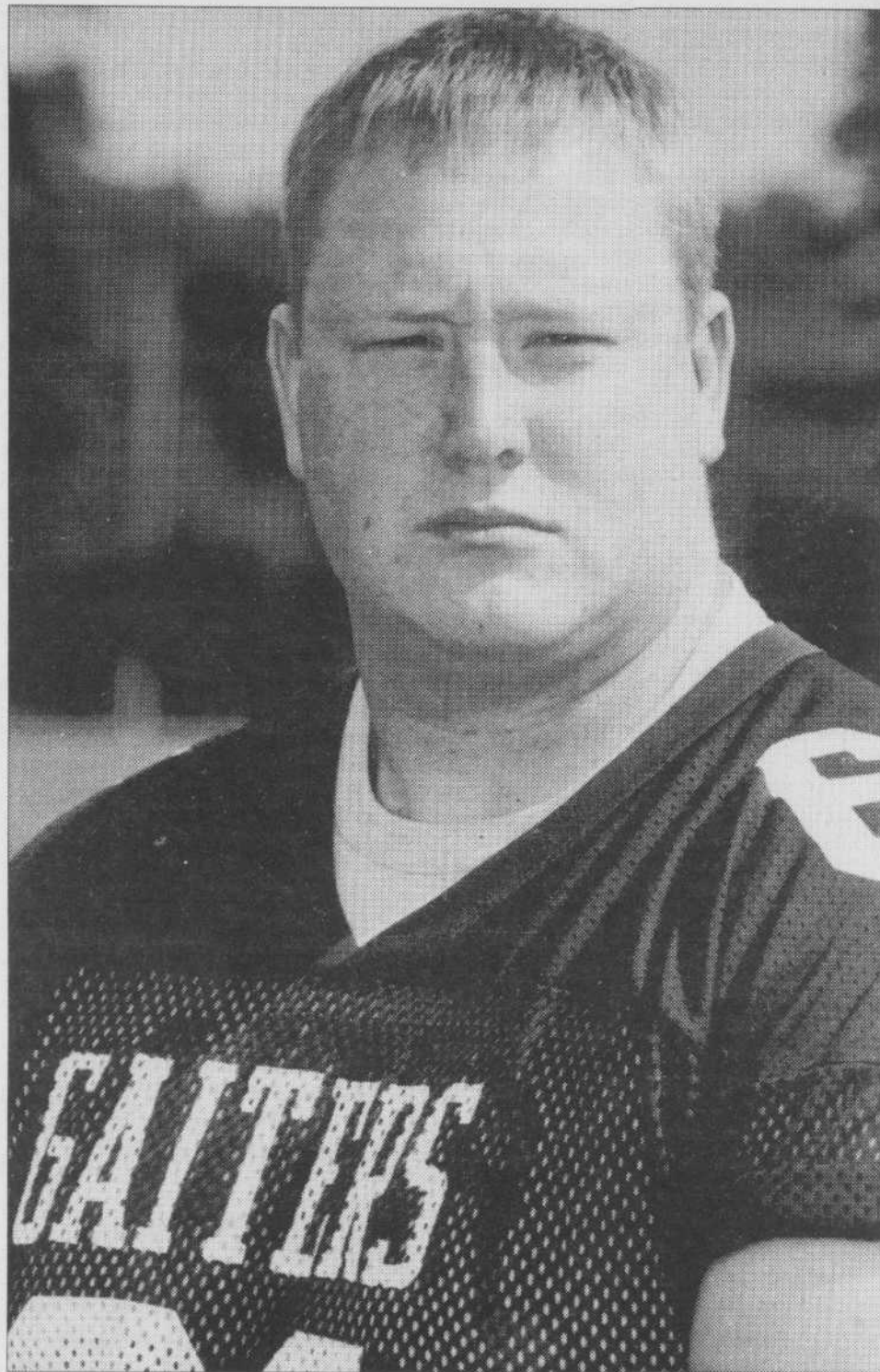
And with a signature on the dotted line, the 27-year-old sociology graduate not only became a member of a professional roster, but capped a mission he has been aiming to accomplish since he was six-years-old.

"We were out in Winnipeg for my Uncle Wayne's wedding in 1982 and the hotel we were staying at was right across the street from (Canada Inns) Stadium (the home park of the Blue-bombers). My brother and I went over, snuck through the gates, crawled past the chains and suddenly we were right in the middle of the field," recalled Wilson Monday, in a telephone interview with The Record from his home in Ottawa.

KID'S DREAM

"We were both young and small and we were just looking up in the stands and the scoreboard and I said to myself 'wow, this is amazing.' I told myself then that I wanted to play in the CFL and see the fans in the stands because at that age, everything seemed monstrously huge."

Today, Wilson's latest accomplishment — signing with a club that has revived football spirit back in the nation's capital — may be just as tremendous for an athlete who grew up and learned the sport in his hometown.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Former Gaiters offensive lineman Mike Wilson penned a two-year deal with the Ottawa Renegades of the Canadian Football league last week. Wilson will reunite with former teammates Matt Robichaud (a former Gaiters all-conference linebacker and long snapper), and Jason Kralt, linebacker from the now defunct Carleton program.

The six-foot-two, 290-pound transfer of Carleton University and former junior Sooners standout in the city red-shirted his freshman campaign with Bishop's in 1997 and has played every year since. He was a starter the last three seasons with the Gaiters.

FAMILY SUPPORT

"It's fantastic because all my family and friends are in the Ottawa area. It's really fortunate for my family, especially. I believe my parents (mother Elaine and father Dale) have seen 99 per cent of my games playing football

and they'll be able to be there watching me."

Wilson will report to the Renegades training camp in Kemptonville, Ont. on June 1 with the rest of the team. He is one of a dozen offensive linemen currently on the roster and most pro clubs keep eight or nine hogs up front. Wilson must make the squad to receive the pro payday and remain a member of the Renegades. Joining Wilson as a rookie blocker is the team's first overall draft pick Alexandre Gauthier, a former adversary of Wilson's with the Laval Rouge et Or.

FASTER GAME

"I imagine everything is going to be a lot faster. Every time you go up a level in football, the guys are a lot faster and the skill level is higher," said Wilson, who called the Bishop's coaches — including head man Larry Legault and position coach Joey Sabo — upon signing the deal.

"I'll be playing with men and these men are experienced and they know the tricks of the trade. There will also be guys like me who have never been there and are inexperienced. I'm really anxious for camp to start up though. I'm not nervous, just anxious. I want to show what I can do and how I can measure up against some of the veterans."

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ONE MORE GAITER GREAT

Reached at the football office in the Bishop's athletic offices late last week, Legault was ecstatic that another Gaiters star will get his chance at the pros.

"I'm very happy. Mike is one of the hardest working guys we ever had here and this is his dream and now he's getting a chance," said Legault, who came to Bishop's the same year Wilson did.

"Wilson improved every single year he was here. He was always a big fellow and strong but over the years he improved his feet tremendously."

For the next 10 days Wilson said he will try to relax and prepare himself for the rigours of the pro game. The realization has sunk in, however, that he will get his chance at his boyhood dream.

EFFORT PAYS OFF

"After I got the phone call last week, and did my running around, I came back home and then drove to the gym. While I was driving to the gym, I was thinking about the past and all of the effort I put into making this happen, and everything just came together," Wilson said.

"I realized that everything had finally happened. Once I got to the gym it hit me that all the hours — extra time spent after and before practice, working on something, studying the playbook or going in and talking to coaches about what areas had to be worked on — all had come together. It was neat. It was really neat."

Added Legault: "The important thing to underline is that Wilson never gave up on himself. That's the lesson to learn. He should be excited. It's a dream that's being realized."

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Your leadership and managerial qualities will be more effective in the year ahead, because you have learned how to draw upon past experiences and turn what was once an unpleasant situation into something productive and successful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Set an example generously giving, especially if there is something you desire from another. When you show that you're unselfish, others will do what they can to satisfy your needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - It's all how you look at things. If you perceive challenges as opportunities, then that is exactly what they'll become. This idea is essential for your progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - The big "if" will be your consistency in whatever it is you engage yourself in. If you are, favorable conditions can be utilized to gratify your expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Aspects favor balance in all your affairs, except your financial ones. You might run the full gamut between prudence and extravagance and blow everything you gained.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - It might be difficult for you, but you must realize that pampering those in your charge could establish a precedent. Be careful about how far you carry your generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov. 22) - Take credit for that which you accomplish, but make sure you extend the same courtesy to others. Acknowledge their part when success is accomplished in tandem with them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Give others the benefit of the doubt whenever you need to make a judgment call against them. They will appreciate your easygoing manner, and the relationship will be enhanced.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You have the wherewithal to accomplish that which you set out to do, but you must try to be realistic about the size of the rewards you expect back in return.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Seek out those who can offer you the information that you need. With an open, beneficial exchange, chances are that you will uncover the facts and figures you require.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - If there is a materially meaningful matter, and you know it is equally as important to another, team up your forces. However, you should be the one who sets the agenda.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - When you want to win support for one of your ideas or opinions, let your audience believe that they were your inspiration. Give them credit, and they'll love your thoughts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - It could be a mixed bag for you regarding your financial prospects. So, if you hope to add to your resources, your best chance lies in conservative action.

Milby Women's Institute meeting

The Milby Women's Institute met on Thursday afternoon, May 2nd at the home of Gloria Matheson, Lennoxville with eight members and one guest.

The president, Ruby Booth opened the meeting in the usual manner and read "A Poem."

The minutes were read and accepted. We have an invitation to the Spooner Pond W.I. for May 9th but are sorry not to be able to go on account of duties in our own W.I. that day. We thank you.

The treasurer, Marjorie Sutor gave her report and stated the 14 books of tickets for the Q.W.I. fund raiser had been sold.

Convenors: Agriculture: Evelyn Sutor told about Terry Winslow planting hard wood trees where his apple orchard was.

Beverly Patrick for Industries, told of 47 new businesses and over 1500 new jobs in 2001.

Education: Evelyn told about a "play" taking place at Galt this weekend. She also told that the students from Ayer's Cliff took first place in the Waterloo Math competition.

Winnona Kirby, read an article from an old paper where the old cigar factory in Sherbrooke had closed and at one time there were over 200 brands of cigars. She also remembered a member's birthday.

Environment: Marina Evans told about the Healthy and Aging program that was held at the old fair grounds, Sherbrooke. She also gave the County report and the next one is in August, with Milby as hostess.

Publicity: The news was sent to Record and to County Convenor by Mildred Cairns.

The program for our June meeting is "Exotic Birds field trip at Roxton Pond". Evelyn Sutor in charge of this.

Three card parties are planned for July 19th, 26th, and August 2nd.

Federated News is ordered for one year.

Pennies were collected and the Roll Call was "Name an old piece of farm machinery."

Next meeting will be at Marina Evans on Wednesday, June 5th.

The meeting adjourned and a nice lunch was enjoyed.

Mildred Cairns
Publicity Convenor

Women's Missionary Fellowship of Grace Chapel in Sherbrooke

The Women's Missionary Fellowship met Monday evening April 22nd in the Faith Room for their regular monthly meeting. Marjorie Rivett's group was in charge consisting of Lillian Warren and Bea Stark. After welcoming all who came, the meeting opened in prayer following which the group sang "O To Be Like Thee."

At prayer time Mildred Beckwith mentioned that Arnold Baker was to have heart surgery on the 23rd and that Pearl Winterburn in Congo who had fallen and broken her hip had been flown out to Nairobi where she had a partial hip replacement and was convalescing. Mildred and Virginia then led in prayer.

At this point Marjorie asked Marilyn McKelvey and Diane Warnholtz of Cherry River to bring us their message in song. They sang "The Family of God."

Though Lillian Warren had not been able to come she sent along a reading entitled "The Gift."

The group then sang "Day by Day" followed by Diane and Marilyn bringing their second number "The Longer I Serve Him."

Marjorie introduced Mary Down of Ayer's Cliff as our speaker for the evening. The topic was on judging so Mary chose several people from the Scriptures to bring out the message on this topic. The first person chosen was David in 1 Samuel 16. The Lord sent Samuel to Jesse the Bethlehemite to anoint a king to replace King Saul. When Samuel saw Jesse's sons and looked on the eldest son Eliab he thought that surely this must be the one the Lord had chosen but God said, No, Samuel, do not look on the outward appearance or his height because I have not chosen him. Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart. The second son came before Samuel but the Lord said, No, not this one. All seven sons came before Samuel but God had not chosen them. Samuel was perplexed to know who was to be anointed when he asked Jesse if all

his sons were there and Jesse replied that the youngest was out in the field watching over the sheep. David was called and immediately the Lord commanded Samuel to anoint him as the future king of Israel. As David watched his father's sheep, God was preparing him to be king. Of David God said, "I have found a man after my own heart." Later when King Saul went to war with the Philistines three of Jesse's sons joined up. Jesse sent David to carry food to his sons and to find out how the battle was going. When David arrived Goliath was challenging the Israelites to send a man to fight with him. David heard his taunts and defiance of the living God and offered to go and fight him. His brother Eliab was angry and annoyed and judged David wrongly for having come to the battle. David did go out against Goliath in the Name of the Lord and with five smooth stones he conquered the giant. Satan also tempted the Lord Jesus Christ in the wilderness but He conquered Satan with the Word of God. We too can be conquerors of Satan and his temptations with the Word of God hidden in our hearts.

The next person chosen was the little lad with five loaves and two fish who gave his meagre lunch to the Lord. It seemed so little, useless, insufficient but given to the one who said, "I am the Bread of Life" it was multiplied to satisfy 5000. The little lad, we don't know his name, had a basket with five loaves and two fish. What is in your basket? Diane and Marilyn's basket was full of songs. Does yours contain hospitality? Or maybe just a hug to someone lonely? Or maybe a needle with which to sew? Or could it be Prayer. God hears and answers prayer. Each one of us has our own place and gift and just as the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle fit together to make the whole so we as members of the Body of Christ working together, doing our bit build up the Body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12: 18-20.

Mary of Bethany was next chosen. When we read of her she was sitting at

the Lord's feet. Mary anointed his feet with a sweet perfume and dried them with her hair. She loved Him and worshiped Him. She was judged for having wasted that precious ointment which could have been sold and given to the poor but Jesus said, "She hath done what she could for my burial." Her sister Martha was busy preparing the evening meal and criticized Mary for sitting at the Saviour's feet leaving her to serve alone but He commended her saying, "She hath chosen the better part."

Mary closed her comments reading a story of a King who wanted to adopt the poor children. The children became excited and wanted to make something special for the day he would come. One thought to make a carving and worked hard at perfecting his gift; another could paint and worked on painting a beautiful picture; the third had a beautiful voice so practised singing for the day the king would come. The fourth little girl had no gift at all and no one would help her, they were all too busy with their own thing so she went back to her place at the gate where she greeted people and asked about their health, their families. She fed, watered and groomed people's horses and animals and tenderly cared for each one. One day a tall good looking man came along and she offered to feed, water and groom his horse. He looked tired so she gave him a seat where he promptly went to sleep. Later with her grooming finished she sat at his feet and gazed on his lovely face. When he awakened she spoke kindly to him and lamented that the king was coming and she had nothing to give to him. He went away with the promise he would be back and he assured this little one that the others had no time for him, they were all too busy doing their own thing but that she had given him her heart and he praised her for it. He was the king.

Bea closed in prayer giving thanks for the refreshments and time of fellowship to follow.

Doris I. Pitman

Sherbrooke County W.I.

The quarterly meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute was held at the Lennoxville United Church Hall, with Marion Annesley presiding. The meeting opened with the "Ode" with Marjorie White at the piano, followed with the repetition of the Collect and the Salute to the Flag.

The Roll Call showed three members present from Ascot, nine from Lennoxville and seven from Milby. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after some corrections.

In business from the minutes, Margaret Williams spoke about the students' essays that had been judged and forwarded. It was moved that a cash prize be given to the twelve students if they do not receive a Provincial prize. Carried.

The treasurer's report, given by Gwen Parker, showed a satisfactory balance on hand. A motion was made that we continue to support the Lennoxville Elementary School Yearbook by paying for an ad; an advance was made to the Publicity Convener for expenses, the secretary received payment for a new minute book, and an amount was voted for the president's expenses for Convention.

Correspondence read included advice that the FWIC newsletter must now be ordered personally, and "fund raiser" tickets for members to sell.

Conveners' reports were given by Pat Hurley for Canadian Industries, Citizenship & Legislation by Marjorie White, Education and Cultural Activities by Margaret Williams, Home Economics & Health by Marjorie Sutor, and International Affairs by Margaret Hall. Commit-

tee reports were given by Ruby Booth for Environment, Publicity by Phyllis Worster, and Safety by Donna Davis.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed a delicious lunch of a variety of sandwiches and squares, prepared and served by the County conveners. Appreciation was expressed by the president, on behalf of the members.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. The president extended the group's thanks to Jessie MacKinnon for her work as president over the past two years and presented her with a gift in appreciation.

In new business, a committee was formed consisting of Marion Annesley, Pat Hurley and Evelyn Sutor, to canvass for publicity sponsorship in regard to the 2003 convention. Proposed resolutions to be presented at the Provincial Convention were read and discussed - Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 were accepted on motion - No. 5 was not accepted. Sherbrooke County W.I. is responsible for providing entertainment one evening at convention - Pat Hurley had several suggestions. There will be followed up. Members were reminded of the Tweedsmuir Composition "Why My Part of Canada is so special," and various craft competitions; notice was given that the next County meeting will be on August 13th with Milby members as hostesses.

This completed the business for the afternoon and the meeting was adjourned, and closed with the singing of O Canada.

Phyllis Worster

Summer Camp Here We Come

Some children from the community of Danville and surrounding area are going to be very happy this year when they get to spend a week at Camp.

This is thanks to everyone who attended the Military Whist Parties the Golden Rule #13 sponsored.

The last card party was a great success with an outstanding attendance of 15 tables.

The winners of April 11th card party were 1st prize went Ghislaine Redburn, Monique Blais, Raymond Fortier and Patsy Biggs with 28 points.

2nd and 3rd prize winners were both ties with 25 points, Bob Collins, Ross Davidson, George Horan, Jean Davidson, Pearl Goodenough, Hazel Pezzi, Craig Brown and Marlene Brown.

The lucky winner of the food basket went to Mrs. Jeanine Lancaster of Richmond.

Thank you one and all you attended the Golden Rule card parties. You have made the summer a lot more enjoyable for some of the children in the community.

Marlene Brown

Memorial Service

McKELVEY, Doris (nee Buzzell) - A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 211 Pine St. Magog, Que., Rev. Deane Moffat officiating. Her family invites relatives and friends to join us.

In Memoriams

GUY - In loving memory of our dear dad, Leonard, who passed away May 21, 1978. However long our lives may last, Whatever lands we view, Whatever joy or grief be ours, We will always think of you.

Loved and sadly missed by
**AUDREY, PHYLLIS, LINDA
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

PEASLEY, Lyndon and Iris - In loving memory of Lyndon who passed away on May 20, 2000 and Iris on May 27, 1997. If remembering brings you closer, Then you never went away, For thoughts of you are with us, Each and every day. There will always be a heartache And many silent tears, But precious are the memories Of the days when you were here.

Deeply missed by
**JANICE, PERCY,
PATRICK & STACEY**

PEASLEY, Lyn (May 20, 2000) - In memory of a cherished friend. Silent thoughts, tears unseen, Wishing his absence was only a dream.
JEANIE

Cemetery Meeting

LENNOXVILLE

The annual meeting of Malvern Cemetery will be held at the Lennoxville Curling Club at 6 Speid Street, Lennoxville on May 22 at 7 p.m.

*W.A. Lyon,
Secretary-Treasurer.*

Deaths

ARTUS, (Liz) Elizabeth Amy Angela (nee Hopkins) 1937-2002 - Passed away at home in Vaudreuil, Que., with her family on May 18, 2002 in her 65th year. Liz is survived by her husband, Michael, her children: Andrew, Jeremy, Alexander, Angela, Kathryn. Her cherished grandchildren: Amberleigh, Benjamin, Joshua, Myles, Michael, Matthew, Amanda, Melissa and Kristina. She will be sadly missed by other family members: Lori, Diana, Frank, Pierre, Elaine (Rubin), Linda (John), and her sister Georgina (Howard), Susan (George). Funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette, 997 des Colombes (angle St-Jude N.), Granby, tel: 777-1171 or 1-888-730-6666, fax: (450) 777-4393. Followed by cremation in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. The family will receive condolences on the day of the funeral from 12 p.m. In memoriam, donations to the Lake Shore General Hospital Foundation, the Quebec Diabetes Association or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

WALLIS, Mr. Cecil - At the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, on Saturday, May 18th, 2002, in his 71st year, Mr. Cecil Wallis, beloved husband of Shirley Allen. Mr. Wallis also leaves to mourn his children: Laurie (Gene), Cynthia (Dale), Allen and Wendell (Pam), his grandchildren: Jessica, Patricia, Christopher, Jeremy and Crystal, his brothers, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Family and friends will be welcomed at the Désourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 4 Vale Perkins, Mansonville, Que., JOE 1X0, tel: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557, e-mail: dwilson@endirect.qc.ca. on Thursday, May 23rd, 2002 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at the funeral home chapel. The Rev. Ryk Allan officiating. Burial of the ashes will then take place at the Owl's Head Cemetery. Donations in his memory to the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation, 950 Principale, Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3 or The Canadian Cancer Society, Cowansville Section, C.P. 131, Cowansville, Que., J2K 3H1, would be appreciated by the family. (Forms available at the funeral home).

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♣ K 7 6			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

More on handling the trump suit

By Phillip Alder

Edith Summerskill, a British politician in a speech to the Married Women's Association, said, "Nagging is the repetition of unpalatable truths."

I nag my students, in particular about counting. Now it's your turn. Last week, I gave six deals in which it was important for declarer either to play his trump suit appropriately or to time the drawing of trumps correctly. Almost immediately afterward, I saw this deal, which features one of those themes. How would you plan the play in four hearts? West leads the diamond queen. You correctly duck dummy's king twice, but they take three tricks in the suit, then exit with a spade. No peeking at the East-West cards!

With nine of his 11 points in his short suits, North might have raised to three no-trump, but one cannot say that using Stayman is wrong.

With the opponents having their book (all the tricks you can afford to lose), you must play the trump suit without loss.

This is the correct approach: Win trick four with dummy's spade queen, then call for a low heart. You do this to accommodate a singleton king in the East hand. (If that is the position and you start with dummy's 10, West scores a trick with the heart nine.) When East plays low, you put in the queen. Next, cross to dummy with a club. Now is the time for the heart 10, which here East will presumably cover. You win with the ace, noting West's discard. Back to dummy with another club, you can play a heart to your eight, draw the last trump, and claim.

50th Anniversary

Family and friends join in congratulations and best wishes to Winston and Vivian Doyle of Nepean, Ontario (formerly of Richmond, Que.) on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Keep all dressers and chests secured to the walls

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing to you today in the hope that my letter will serve as a warning to parents of young children. I do not want them to suffer the tragic loss our family is now going through.

My cousin's adorable 2-year-old son got up from his nap and crawled out of his crib. He then proceeded to climb up the drawers of the 4-foot tall dresser in his room. The dresser tipped over and crushed him. He died instantly. Our entire family is devastated. His parents took such good care of him. They had no idea an accident like this was possible.

Ann, toddlers often climb up furniture, and drawers can substitute for steps. Today's lightweight pieces can tip over easily. Please tell your readers that a visit to the hardware store will save them a lot of grief. All tall dressers or chests in children's rooms should be bolted to the walls so they cannot be moved.

I hope our pain might save other families from such a tragedy. — Grieving Relatives in New Jersey

Dear N.J.: My heart goes out to your family. What a tragic and heartbreaking loss. Thank you for telling my readers how important it is to teach their children to stay

off the furniture and keep all dressers and chests secured to the walls. Rest assured, your letter has saved some little lives today.

Dear Ann Landers: For the past year, my teenage daughter has been throwing up in order to control her weight. When I first learned of this behavior, I was angry. I thought she was too lazy to discipline herself. Finally, my sister enlightened me. She explained about bulimia and opened my eyes to this terrible illness.

My daughter convinced me that she was in control of the situation, and I believed her. However, when I spoke to her yesterday, she was bitter and angry. She said she hated everyone and her friends were mean. She confessed she is still throwing up on a daily basis and has no idea how to stop. She said her bulimia was routine and she couldn't remember what her life was like before.

I had no idea of the severity of her problem. What can I do to help her? — A Distraught Mom in Los Angeles

Dear Mom: Bulimia is a serious illness and requires medical intervention. Please talk to her doctor at once and ask for his

help. I also suggest contacting ANAD (Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders). Send a stamped (60 cents), self-addressed, business-size envelope to: ANAD, P.O. Box 7, Highland Park, IL 60035 (www.anad.org).

Dear Ann Landers: Many years ago, I sent you a letter because I needed some advice. I included a lot of personal information about my husband and his family. Even though I wasn't ordering any booklets, I sent my letter to the booklet address listed at the bottom of your column.

I am scared to death that someone besides you may have a copy of that letter. What if he shows up on my doorstep with incriminating details about my life? Please, Ann, tell me what happens to the letters that are sent to you. I can't be the only one who is worried about this. — Paranoid in Houston

Dear Houston: No need to worry. All the letters, including personal letters sent to the booklet address, come directly to me. (I receive over 2,000 pieces of mail a day.) Some are used for the column, others receive personal replies, but all the letters are shredded when I have finished with them. Feel better now? I hope so.

Cleveland Women's Institute

CLEVELAND

Cleveland W.I. held their May meeting following our Flea Market. The president, Myrna Hebert thanked everyone for the work well done.

Mary Stewart Collect was repeated in Unison.

Motto: Let's work together to beautify our Homes and Country. Roll Call: Bring in hints on gardening.

Twelve members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Three members Myrna Hebert, Doris Stevens and Winnie Beausoleil attended Volunteer Day.

Treasurer's report was given by Winnie Beausoleil.



BROOKBURY

Fund raiser for Brookbury Hall. 500 card party May 24. Admission. Information: D. Eryou 884-5444, D. Everett 346-7294.

BULWER

Celebrate Spring Tea on Saturday, May 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bulwer Community Center, sponsored by the Bulwer Carry-On Gang. Also Food Sale table and Garden Plants Sale.

MAGOG

A Salad Luncheon and Food Sale will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 211 des Pins, on Wednesday, May 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by United Church Women. Everyone welcome.

EUSTIS

A 500 card party in the Parish Hall on

Peggy Eastman made a motion to pay the bills 2nd by Sandra Johnston.

Correspondence: Mona McGee arranged for W.I. members to attend the Tournesol school to speak english with the students, we chose May 6 with Myrna Hebert, Rejeanne Smullen, Matty Banfill, Simone Corriveau and Bev Smith attending. Information was read an ACWW Area Canada Conference 2002 to be held Sept. 20-22 in St. Hyacinthe. A letter was read from CRD - Estrie / May 1 from 1:30 - 4:30 information meeting. Wanted Campbell Labels was read.

June 3rd 50+ are putting on a trip to St. Georges de Beauce. Anyone interest-

Friday, May 24 starting at 2 p.m. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by Christ Church Guild.

STANSTEAD

4th annual Dog Walk-A-Thon (Stanstead to Beebe), to benefit the Frontier Animal Society, on Saturday, June 1. Registration 9 a.m. Start 10 a.m. Please call (819) 876-7785 or 876-5016 for your pledge form. All dogs must be leashed and vaccinations must be current.

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ed contact Eileen Perkins or Helen Gallup. A list of volunteer recipients was passed around.

Convenors reports were read by Peggy Eastman, Matty Banfill, Peggy Healy, Myrna Hebert and Sandra Johnston.

Money pocket was collected 25 cents each.

Floating prize was won by Peggy Eastman.

Next meeting, May 31, 7 p.m. at Louise Perkins.

Meeting adjourned.

Grocery box and clock winners were drawn during sale.

1st prize, Eileen Perkins - grocery box; 2nd prize, Peggy Eastman - grocery box; 3rd prize, Myrna Hebert - grocery box, 4th prize, David Wilson - clock.

Dinner was served by Myrna Hebert, Winnie Beausoleil and Louise Perkins.
Louise Perkins

My Car and I

My car is not new. It's an Olds eighty-three. I couldn't do without it. That's plain to see.

My residence is at the top of College Hill. I once could run up the slope and it gave me a thrill

Now I need to shop for food at least once weekly
I get into my car. Start the engine and drive along meekly.

Things change within the twinkling of an eye.
Old age creeps up and we find we're no longer spry.

Hazel Carson

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: J equals W

'EYU YUGPE CW ZGPPMGIU MN
ZUZCPMUN.' - VMBB OCNVK
'OYCCNU G JMWU PGEYUP VK
KCDP UGP EYGA KCDP UKU.'
- EYCZGN WDBBUP

PREVIOUS SOLUTION - 'I asked my caddy for a sand wedge, and ten minutes later he came back with a ham on rye.' - Chi Chi Rodriguez

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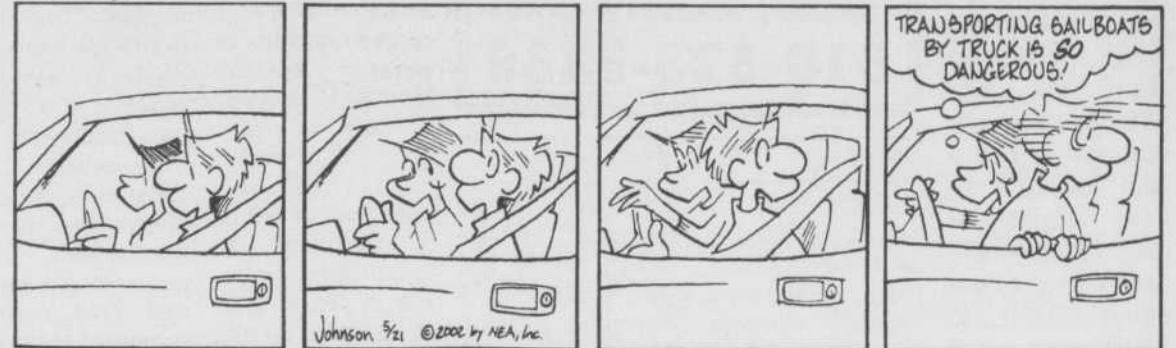


"I'm only charging you half my normal fee."

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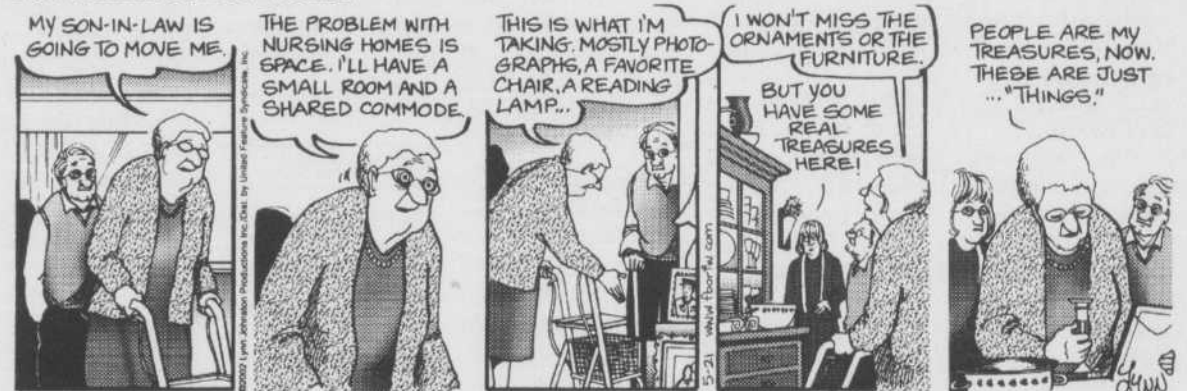
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Coaticook Area Senior Citizens News

April is especially known for its many sudden changes in weather. No other month makes a greater change in appearance of the outdoor world. Grass grows richly green in lawns and fields. The leaves of trees and bushes, tiny and pale at first, but soon brightening their colours and growing to full size. Flocks of birds dressed in their brightest colours fly northward and prepare to raise their young.

The snowbirds too, return from the south to reunite with family and friends.

On a bright Spring day, April 24, 82 Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club members gathered at L'Epervier for the customary luncheon and business meeting. The midday meal was very tasty, assorted sandwiches, green salad, hors d'oeuvres and a birthday cake. The cake was beautifully decorated with sliced fruit, dribbles of chocolate, topped with a "horn of plenty" overflowing with sugared grapes. When we look upon a cake and the decorations it displays, we see a reflection of the love we feel on happy days. Often, the moments that we love best are spent in celebration. Each month, as the birthday dates of members arise, Mde. Lessard, a staff member here, whips up a cake which is always a pleased surprise.

The president, Frank Peters, thanked Mde. Lessard for her helpful act and asked that she pose for a photo with the cake. Everyone responded with applause. The April celebrants also

smiled for the camera, Beatrice Grady, Leta Dustin, Margaret Cheal, James Moore and Keith Andrews. Birthday greetings were offered in song led by our concert master, Roger Tétrault who played the banjo.

The business meeting began with a welcome to all by the president with a welcome back extended to Betty Flanders and Richard Fowler who, with improved health were able to join us. One visitor was also cordially received, Dr. Roger Telmosse and one new member, Gerald Demers.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted along with the treasurer's report showing a favourable balance.

Committee reports: Visiting, as reported by Shirley Desruisseaux for the Coaticook area, folk on the mend; Donald Patterson, June and Dennis Brennan, Louis Adam is resting in the comfort of his home, Wendell and Pauline Mullins have concerns for their son, Bea Grady is scheduled for eye surgery and Kathleen Ewart is unwell at this time. Word was received that Florence Waldron, a former member is also not well. Get well cards will be sent out as appropriate. Good news in the Compton area, everyone is well, as reported by scout Lloyd Hyatt.

Refreshments: GERALINE Peters reported the May menu as chicken with biscuits, mashed potatoes, cabbage salad and little rolls. Cost \$6.

Travel: Barbara Bellows reminded everyone that payment of \$60.00 for the June 19, one-day bus tour to Ile Sainte-

Hélène is due no later than the May meeting. Please make cheque payable to the Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club.

Frank Took pleasure in presenting a life membership to François Maurice, another faithful servant who is deserving of this honour.

Two door prizes were offered, a loaf of home-made bread won by Sylvia Patton and a jar of syrup won by Jeanette Côté.

Frank extended our thanks to Merna Houghton for the colourful handcrafted table number which are used to determine the order of line-up at the buffet table. This causes a commotion, at times, all in fun, of course. Other thank you's included Roger Tétrault who helps us share our feelings by way of his music and Bea Grady for her service as a member of the telephone committee. Bea deserves a well earned rest for a job well done. Lydia May has agreed to replace Bea.

The day's activities concluded with the annual "hectic activity" of the annual "Bring and Buy" fundraiser. Bids were placed on the many useful articles displayed including the baked goodies. This was a good effort by all who brought and/or bought, profit realized \$246.00. We thank Barbara Bellows and Margaret Cheal the organizers, their energetic input resulted in a very successful event.

Next meeting, May 29, 2002.

Submitted by
Leta Dustin, secretary

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A baptism took place at the United Church, Rev. Cogswell officiated at the sacrament of Connor Brandon Dery whose 4th birthday was on the same day. His parents, Patrick Dery and Erin Waldron were presented with a bible by Velma Symington.

Sympathy is extended to both Barbra and Joe Boomhower whose sister Belle lost their son-in-law in a tragic accident in Ottawa.

The Anglican Church women met for their monthly meeting at their president Maggy Cumming's home. They plan a rummage sale for April 26 and 27.

Our S.E. toddler, MacKenzie Guthrie received \$3,824 from the Miss. Agricultural Society to help aid her rare disorder that since birth has required constant medical attention. MacKenzie's family is most appreciate for 'so much help they've received from so many.'

The S.E.W.I. monthly meeting was held at the Anglican Church Hall with Dale Gendreau as the hostess. Members had been requested to tell a short joke and to wear something green in honour of St. Patrick. I'll relate mine as it's the only one I can remember - I'd heard that the Irish gave the Scots the bagpipes as a joke and they hadn't 'caught on yet.'

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