

Cree say Bourassa 'wrong' on James Bay rights

MONTREAL (CP)— Quebec Cree have challenged Robert Bourassa's view that they couldn't secede from a separate Quebec because they relinquished their territorial rights in the James Bay agreement.

"Mr. Bourassa is absolutely wrong," Cree Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come said in a state-

ment Monday. "The 1975 agreement guarantees Quebec nothing if Quebec secedes."

The former premier said last week that Quebec Cree couldn't secede from an independent Quebec because they recognized in the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement that their territory is part of Quebec. Coon Come said the Cree

gave qualified permission, in a federal context, for a single hydroelectric project at James Bay. They also established a permanent relationship with the federal and Quebec governments which can't be changed without Cree consent, he added.

The Cree maintain that if Quebec secedes, it would be ille-

gally repudiating the Constitution and the James Bay agreement. In that case, they say Quebec can't claim to selectively invoke certain aspects of the agreement to its advantage, while at the same time unilaterally abrogating other terms.

"Quebec would be separating from Canada and from the Cree," said Coon Come. "In that

situation, our lands would still be ours, and we have the right to choose to remain with them — and the resources they contain — in Canada."

Bill Namagoose, executive director of the Grand Council of the Cree, said he was surprised by Bourassa's comments, especially since the former Quebec Liberal leader is a federalist.

'A new dialogue...'

Two easy victories for Bouchard, PQ

By Don Macdonald

JONQUIERE (CP) — Lucien Bouchard called on Quebecers of all political persuasions to unite to bring Quebec out of its financial mess as his Parti Québécois breezed to victory in two provincial byelections on Monday.

Bouchard handily won his hometown riding of Jonquière, while PQ vice-president Monique Simard took La Prairie riding by a 2-to-1 vote margin over her Liberal opponent.

Bouchard told 300 supporters in the Jonquière convention centre that Quebec faces difficult choices as it struggles with a heavy deficit.

He said the byelection wins showed that Quebecers were ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work, and that the divisive political rhetoric must be set aside.

"The economy, jobs, and finances are themes that must unite us in our endeavor.

"To achieve that, our adversaries are not federalists, or Liberals, or supporters of the Action Démocratique, or Conservatives," he said in his victory speech.

"Our adversaries are invective and intolerance, provocation and impatience."

Bouchard departed from his prepared text and switched to English briefly to deliver his message of reconciliation.

"I know this is a difficult time for (English Quebecers) and if it is a difficult time for them, it is also a difficult time for all Quebecers, francophones and anglophones.

"... It is my pledge and my personal and deep commitment, that there will be a new dialogue between anglophones and francophone Quebecers, a dialogue whose concrete manifestations should be common achievements. . . more optimism, openness of mind and common understanding between us."

He said sovereigntists have an additional reason to attack

Quebec's problems.

"They know that we must prepare the Quebec state to meet the challenge of sovereignty and to meet it together without any distinction among Quebecers."

The Opposition Liberals and the Parti de l'Action Démocratique chose not to field candidates in Jonquière against Bouchard, who was sworn in as Quebec premier on Jan. 29.

Bouchard snapped up 96 per cent of the vote in Jonquière, located about 200 kilometres northwest of Quebec City, where he faced six fringe candidates. Voter turnout was 60 per cent.

About 54 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots in La Prairie.

The byelections were the first electoral rendezvous since last October's divisive sovereignty referendum and the first since Bouchard began talking about painful cuts needed to chop \$1 billion out of the budget this year.

Simard, who turned 46 on Monday, overcame a rough campaign that saw her opponents accuse her of everything from parachuting into the riding to resorting to old-style pork barrel politics to voting illegally in a municipal election.

A former top union official and popular media commentator, Simard has one of the most recognizable faces in Quebec politics and is expected to end up in Bouchard's cabinet.

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Hands-on learning



Grade 4 guy Josh Piercy was one of 66 local students who got together with volunteers of the Lennoxville fire department Saturday morning for some real hands-on experience and lots of practical advice concerning fire safety in the home and school. For more, please see Page 4.

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'You never know...'

Chrétien unhappy with RCMP

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — Knowing a crackpot can be in any crowd, Jean Chrétien says he made a split-second decision to push away a protester last week when the RCMP didn't clear a path as they normally do.

"It's deplorable that an incident like that occurred and, for me, I just moved him and I wish I had not to do that," the prime minister said Monday.

Soon after the statement, the RCMP backtracked somewhat on its initial position that there was no security lapse or threat to Chrétien. The force promised to protect him better.

Chrétien also revealed that personal safety is always on his mind in crowds, especially after the assassination last year of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister.

That could help explain Chrétien's reaction at the Flag Day ceremony in Hull, where he grabbed Bill Clennett by the throat.

"I just was walking with the police and I was shaking hands with kids and signing an autograph and suddenly somebody is blocking my way and shouting and I took him and I gave him to police and I kept going. That's it. And this was a split second.

"Generally speaking I am not confronted because the police keep people a bit away, but he was right in front of me trying to block my way so I took him out."

Clennett, who is to announce today if he'll pursue charges against Chrétien, expressed disappointment at the explanation of what he calls Chrétien's attack on him.

"The prime minister hasn't backed away from this at all," said Clennett.

"He hasn't said that he's apo- See CHRETIEN Page 2

'Canada always has cool money'

Diners happy but polar bear coin falls apart

By Felicity Munn

MONTREAL (CP) — The public seemed pleased but the polar bear protested.

Shouting "Help me, help me, I'm an endangered species," a Greenpeace protester costumed as a polar bear interrupted the official launch of Canada's new \$2 coin at a Montreal restaurant on Monday.

Public Works Minister Diane Marleau, whose speech was brought to an abrupt end by the shouts, replied that the federal government is concerned about the polar bear and will work to protect it.

Danielle Wetherup, president of the Royal Canadian Mint, suggested pleasantly that this was probably not the time or place to discuss the issue, gave the costumed bear a big hug and quietly swept him away.

The \$2 coin features a polar bear on one side and the Queen on the other.

Outside, a small group of Greenpeace protesters distributed pamphlets saying the new coin may outlive the polar bear itself.

The polar bear is one of 263 species listed as "vulnerable" by a committee of government and conservation-group wildli-

fe experts.

The lunchtime crowd at the landmark Bens Delicatessen, swollen by dozens of journalists and officials, was meanwhile digging into smoked meat sandwiches and beer discounted to \$2 for the occasion.

"It's a very pretty coin," said diner Philip Colbert, who drove in from the suburbs. "Canada always has cool money."

Marc Navabi, a student at nearby McGill University was also pleased.

"I like the bear," said Navabi. "I'm really sick of \$2 bills. They're so beat up. They're dir-

ty. They're dog-eared. Two-dollar bills get kicked around like dirt."

Guy Strudwick, another student, commented, "The new colors make it look kind of antiquish. It's very distinctive."

The coin is the first in Canada's history to be two-tone.

But Irene Cloughley, a bank employee, wasn't so sure. "I like the loonie better. It's heavier. It's sturdier. I find this flimsy-looking."

Nobody was sure what to call "this" because the coin hasn't been named yet. Toonie — or woony — and doubleloonie are among the suggestions.

Marleau said her personal favorite is toonie.

In Winnipeg, accountant Mike Pura launched a campaign to call the coin a Winnie, after Winnie the Pooh. Author A.A. Milne was inspired by a Canadian black bear named Winnie which became famous at the London Zoo.

Pura said it shouldn't matter that Winnie the Pooh was not a polar bear.

"It's a bear, isn't it?"

Several similar launches were held Monday in other cities, although the Bens event was the "official" launch.

It's not only the coin's name but also its sturdiness that may be a problem, as Mabel DeCaire found out Monday.

The Hamilton woman accidentally dropped one and found it had split into two pieces — a silver-colored ring and a tiny gold disc the size of a shirt button.

"If there's one out there, then there's got to be others out there," DeCaire said.

DeCaire said she and some friends tried to repair the coin but were unsuccessful. She's kept the broken coin as a souvenir.

Top brass chose Airborne for mission

By John Ward

OTTAWA (CP) — While the Canadian Airborne Regiment trained for its fateful mission in Somalia in 1992, the top brass in Ottawa were blissfully unaware of its leadership and discipline problems, internal documents show.

In fact, senior Defence Department staff seemed more concerned about what the mission would cost than about any potential problems with the Airborne, say documents filed

before the Somalia inquiry on Monday.

On Oct. 21, 1992, senior generals listened to a briefing from Lt.-Col. Paul Morneault, the regiment's commander, on his reconnaissance mission to Somalia. No mention was made of the fact that Morneault's boss, Brig.-Gen. Ernie Beno, was just about to fire him.

Beno was livid about the state of the training of the regiment and wouldn't approve the Airborne's readiness, but Mor-

neault assured the generals the unit was on track.

"Lt.-Col. Morneault stated that some additional training is required with new equipment, but all other personal and equipment preparations are virtually completed and the outstanding supply items identified," the minutes for the meeting say.

While in Somalia, Airborne soldiers shot and killed several Somalis.

Back in July, Gen. John de

Chastelain, the chief of the defence staff, told an executive meeting Airborne was ready.

"It might be appropriate for Canada to volunteer a security battalion for Somalia so as to permit the UN to send in their observers. . . . The (chief of the defence staff) agreed with the (acting vice-chief of the defence staff) that the Canadian Airborne Regiment would be well-suited for such a task."

De Chastelain is scheduled to testify today.

We always get our... doughnut?

Chrétien scuffle is just RCMP's latest PR pain

By Jim Bronskill

OTTAWA (CP) — They may always get their man, but they've also been getting a heap of bad press lately.

The dawn of a new year has done little to reverse the tide of depressing news washing over the Mounties.

The RCMP said Monday they would take steps to better protect the prime minister following last week's confrontation in which Jean Chrétien grabbed a protester blocking his path.

The episode comes just months after an armed intruder broke into the prime minister's residence.

The break-in capped a year in which critics took the Mounties to task for choosing a quin-

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 logging in any way. He hasn't said that these people (protesters) haven't done anything wrong. So I find this most regrettable. It's just like adding oil to the fire."

Chrétien noted that Clennett

essentially American firm, the Walt Disney Co., to license manufacturers of RCMP products.

Editorial cartoonists and satirical programs on TV and radio have had a field day with the stories.

On the weekend, the capital

was not hurt and that demonstrators at the park had jostled school children to get in his way.

He also said the possibility of a "crackpot" is always on his mind in crowds.

"Every time I face a crowd I pay attention because you never know."

"Look at what happened to the prime minister of Israel. They have the best system in the world and they . . . lost him."

Chrétien's criticism of the RCMP came after private griping by his officials about a lapse in security.

region's annual winter festival gave a people's choice award to a snow sculpture depicting Mounties eating doughnuts while Chrétien reads in bed.

Force members are trying to take the slings and arrows in stride, said Sgt. Ron Lewis, an employee representative for RCMP officers assigned to protect the prime minister.

"When you take criticism on a national level like that, it's not a good feeling, obviously," said Lewis.

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"I am so pleased to see the discerning and intelligent way this riding voted," Simard said. "It is an electorate that made its choice and that choice is for projects and ideas."

Quebec Liberal Leader Daniel Johnson welcomed Bouchard to the National Assembly but served notice Liberals would make sure the gover-

But he noted the RCMP have been around for more than 120 years.

"We've gone through a lot more criticism than that in the past and we've survived."

Before the Disney and 24 Sussex Drive developments, RCMP officers told a Commons committee of low morale in the federal force.

An RCMP report on the break-in revealed spirits had been sagging in the division responsible for protecting the prime minister's home.

nment keeps to its financial housecleaning plans.

"What our party is going to do is assure a debate conducted in serenity," Johnson said at party headquarters in La Prairie.

"Quebecers are tired of all these arguments being waged on their backs. We want to assure a coalition of Quebecers of all origins. That is going to be our message."

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Cowansville and Waterloo...

Quebec to close two Townships jails?

By Maurice Crossfield

COWANSVILLE — The official announcement hasn't been made yet but employees at the Cowansville and Waterloo provincial jails have been told they will be out of a job come June 30.

The closures are part of a Quebec government plan to close six provincial detention centres in an attempt to slash \$45 million.

Jails in Rivière du Loup, Sept Isles and Joliette will be closed by April 1, while Waterloo, Cowansville and St Hyacinthe will close their doors for the last time by June 30. In all there will be nearly 450

fewer spaces available in Quebec jails.

Provincial prisons are used to detain convicts who are sentenced to two years or less, and some, including Cowansville, are also used to house prisoners awaiting arraignment or trial.

Crown prosecutor Henry Keyserlingk said local police will have to change their ways if the Cowansville jail closes. Keyserlingk explained that if an arrest is made at night or during the weekends, the arrested person is brought to Cowansville and locked up if the director of the jail agrees. When the person appears before a judge, they are brought

from the jail into the adjoining courthouse.

Without the Cowansville jail to turn to, both the Quebec Police Force and local municipal police will have to make use of their own holding facilities, or transport the prisoner to jails in Sherbrooke or Montreal. Either way police will be required to shoulder more of the burden of taking care of those they arrest.

"Local police will be obliged to look for alternatives," Keyserlingk said.

He said the present system of holding arrestees in provincial jails isn't legally binding, but has been in common use to free

up police officers in the region.

On most week nights the QPF has only two officers on duty in the entire territory south of the Eastern Townships Autoroute and between the villages of Lacolle on the Richelieu River, and Austin on Lake Memphremagog.

Without a holding facility in Cowansville, multiple arrests in the course of one evening would be difficult, requiring more manpower to maintain basic patrols.

Keyserlingk pointed out that until a person has been formally charged, the Quebec prison system has no obligation to transport them to and from court. So if police arrest someone and bring them to a holding cell, they are also responsible for bringing them to and from court. All in all, it adds up to more work for police.

Employees at the prison have been instructed not to speak to the press about the closure, which is expected to be made official by the end of the month. But two employees who spoke to the *Voix de l'Est* last week said they are concerned about public safety. They say Quebec's prisons are already overcrowded, and closing six prisons means fewer convicted criminals will be spending time behind bars.

Presently most of the convicts at the Cowansville jail are eligible for release after serving one-sixth of their sentence. But the unnamed guards said many of them are repeat offenders back in jail for violating the conditions of their early release.

Keyserlingk said he doesn't think losing the jail would pose a safety risk. He said police officers should be good enough judges of character to make sure dangerous people aren't let off the hook.

Keyserlingk said one option local police will have to look at is to join together to look after



Henry Keyserlingk... Police may have to share jail space.

detainees. He suggested that one police station be used by several police forces to detain those arrested. Such an arrangement would free up police officers and help offset the increased costs.

"You can't just put someone in a cell and go back out and patrol," he said.

The veteran Crown prosecutor said he is curious to see how the closure would affect those who serve jail sentences part-time.

"There is a general tendency toward giving weekends, especially for drunk driving," he said. "If these places are closed, then they will have to go to places like Sherbrooke or Montreal. But if they can't drive, then how are they going to get there?"

Keyserlingk said there will have to be a lot of planning if the Cowansville prison closes.

"All of these problems have solutions," he said. "It is up to us to find those solutions and adjust to the situation."

Local jails cheap to run, MNA says

Paradis pleads for saner cuts

COWANSVILLE (MC) — Brome-Missisquoi MNA Pierre Paradis said he's working quietly behind the scenes to help keep the Cowansville detention centre open.

In a telephone interview on Monday, Paradis said this isn't the first time that the jail's future has been in question. In 1986 the decision was made to

close the door.

"But because we had very good co-operation between the management and the union we managed to make it one of the most cost-efficient jails in Quebec," Paradis said.

The Liberal MNA said he doesn't understand why the Cowansville and Waterloo detention centres are under the knife. He said both institutions are efficiently run and cheap to operate.

An average Quebec-run prison costs \$144 per inmate per day to operate. In the case of Waterloo, it costs \$100 per day per inmate. Paradis said Cowansville is also economical.

"The prisoners from these two institutions would then have to be sent to higher cost institutions," Paradis said. "It will leave a big empty spot in the region."

Paradis said the closure will lead to increased costs for municipal governments and local police forces.

"Right now there is a link between the courthouse and the jail," Paradis said. "So it doesn't cost us anything to

bring someone from jail to court.

Instead, Paradis said the government should be taking aim at higher-cost prisons.

"Cowansville became one of the smartest operations in Quebec, and it still is," he said.

If the aim is to keep fewer people behind bars, the MNA said, changes to the criminal code are also in order.

"There have been no changes to the criminal code, no changes to sentencing, and nothing to cut down on the number of people in jail," he said. "I think they're starting at the wrong end with this."

Closure of the Cowansville facility, furthermore, would probably mean still-shorter prison stays, due to overcrowding in those institutions that remain open, Paradis said.

The MNA declined to commit himself to any firm opposition to the proposed closure until an official announcement on the jail's future is made. That announcement is expected to be made public before the end of the month.



Pierre Paradis...Smart operation.

Workers, Hyundai still waiting for a savior

Little hope for Bromont's idle car plant

By Allan Swift

MONTREAL (CP) — Rumors have been flying on both sides of the Pacific again over the fate of a once-busy Hyundai auto assembly plant at Bromont.

An official with the South Korean manufacturer allegedly said last week South Korea-based Hyundai was talking to the Big Three North American carmakers about selling the mothballed plant.

But a Hyundai spokesman in Canada says the report was simply "a bad translation" from a company magazine published in Korean.

"That must be at least the 10th time they've talked about selling the Hyundai factory since it closed," said an exasperated Mario Garipey, president of the Granby-Bromont Economic Development Corp.

"Every time, Hyundai officials repeat to us that they don't

want to sell and that they'll restart the plant when the context is right."

Meanwhile the \$450-million, robot-equipped factory sits under snow in an industrial park near Bromont, about 80 kilometres west of Sherbrooke and the same distance east of Montreal.

Industry analysts say the plant is located in the wrong place and is too small for large-scale efficient production for

the North American market.

"This facility's been offered to anybody who could write a cheque," says Bill Pochiluk, president of Autofacts Inc., a U.S. company which advises carmakers on possible plant locations.

"We know of no buyers who showed any great interest."

Pochiluk, based in West Chester, Pa., says the plant is too far from any auto parts supply industry. Quebec has only

one other car plant, GM Canada's assembly operation just north of Montreal.

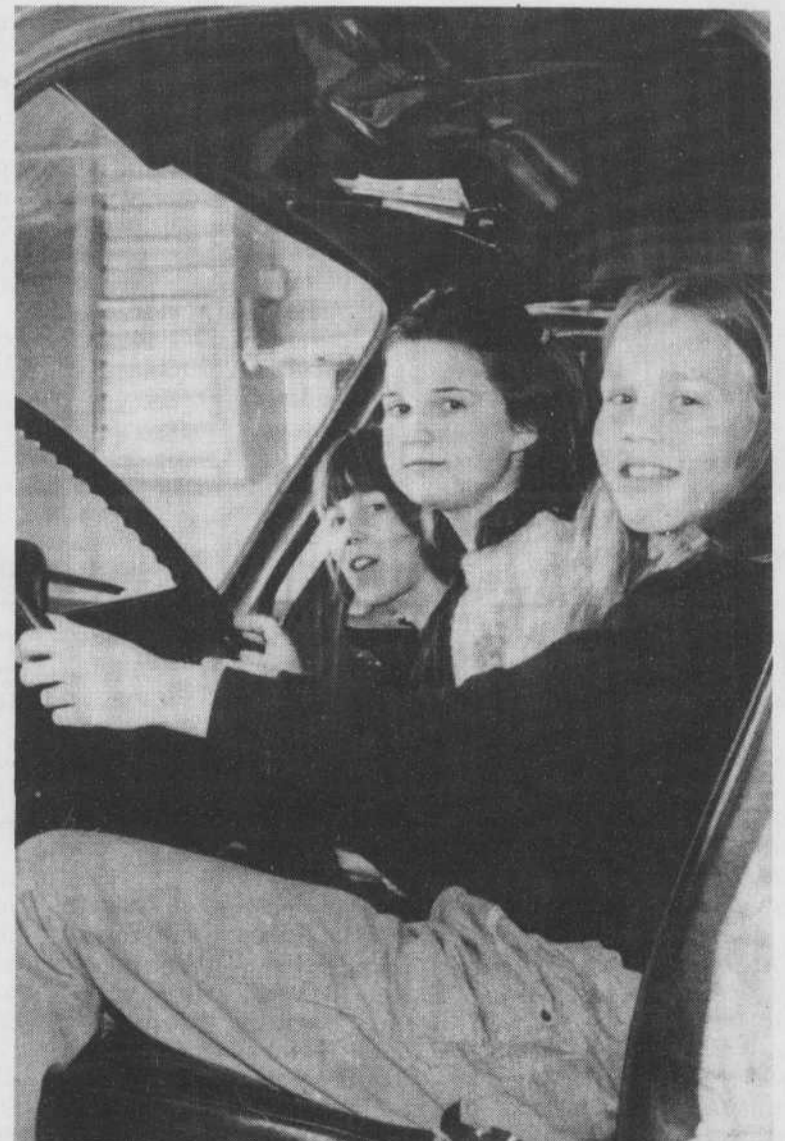
Pochiluk says assembly plants like to have their suppliers within a 400-kilometre range, so they can be reached by truck in a return trip in one day.

In any case, all three companies repeated again last week they weren't interested in the failed Hyundai operation.



Where there's smoke... When 66 students from Lennoxville Elementary School got together with the volunteers of the local fire department on Saturday morning, they got some real hands-on experience and lots of practical advice concerning fire safety in the home. According to fireman Charlie Roy, the event was organized as a result of a request from the Lennoxville Elementary School Committee. The students were first divided into two groups by ages, then spent the first hour in classrooms where they found out about such things as the uses of different types of fire extinguishers. Heavy emphasis was placed on the need to get out of a building quickly and have a pre-arranged meeting place outside. Videos reinforced the lessons being stressed by the firemen. Then it was time to go down into the main firehall and get a firsthand look at all those big red trucks. Needless to say, the sound levels rose by a few decibels as sirens were put into operation. After some lunch which the students brought with them and some orange drinks supplied by the local MacDonaldis, it was time to go outside and put all this new information to use. There was no shortage of volunteers when it came to extinguishing a real fire, even if it was only a burning bale of straw. Fireman Roy says teaching kids about the dangers of fire and the need for escape plans and functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will serve two purposes. It certainly will make the children aware of the dangers of fire, Roy said, and if they go home and relay the information to their parents then just maybe some lives might be saved.

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Medical experts begin grim game of wait and see

WHO confirms Ebola cases in Gabon

GENEVA (AP) — In a small African village gripped by the deadly Ebola virus, a team of international medical experts is involved in a grim game of wait and see.

Thirteen people have died from the disease in Gabon, a country of 1.2 million on the west coast of Africa, the World Health Organization confirmed Monday. Seven more are

infected. Only time will tell how many more the disease will hit, WHO said.

The most recent death was the six-month-old child of a man who became infected after skinning and eating a chimpanzee found dead in the forest. Another child from the same family has been admitted to hospital with fever.

So far, all the victims are

from Mayibout, a remote northern village of 150 inhabitants on the Ivindo River, 300 kilometres east of the capital, Libreville. In two neighboring villages, seven more people with fevers are suspected Ebola cases.

"For the time being it is very uncertain how the epidemic is going to go," said WHO spokes-

man Valery Abramov.
COULD SPREAD

There are already concerns the disease may have spread to Makokou, capital of Ogooue-Ivindo province, about 160 kilometres away, where the sick were taken to hospital, he said.

One of the deadliest viruses known to man, Ebola causes internal and external bleeding.

It is spread through bodily fluids and kills up to 80 per cent of those infected. There is no treatment and no cure.

The outbreak in Gabon is the third time the disease has struck the African continent in a year. In Zaire last spring, it infected 316 people and killed 245. A single case of Ebola was confirmed in the Ivory Coast in December.

Sinn Fein excluded from talks until violence stops

Peace efforts continue for Northern Ireland

By Helen Branswell

LONDON (CP) — The British and Irish governments were working Monday to get the Northern Ireland peace process back on track following a second deadly bombing by the IRA and word there may be more attacks.

Prime Minister John Major spoke by phone with his Irish counterpart, John Bruton. The two leaders were hoping to meet "sooner rather than later" to try to resolve the deadlock that has led to two explosions and three deaths in the past 11 days, said Dick Spring, Bruton's deputy.

That meeting could take place early next week, Press Association, Britain's news agency, quoted Irish sources as saying.

The latest explosion hit a London double-decker bus on Sunday, killing one person. Police believe the victim was a member of the IRA transporting the bomb when it went off accidentally.

Major reiterated that his government will continue to strive for peace, regardless of the IRA's actions.

His government also repeated that the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, will be excluded from any talks on peace

until both renounce the campaign of violence.

NOT THE END

"As far as the prime minister is concerned, we are not at the end of the road to peace," a government official said.

A member of Sinn Fein blamed Major for the latest bombings.

"We stood at the negotiating table for 18 months waiting on John Major . . . It wasn't just the IRA ceasefire that collapsed. It was a peace process," Gerry OhEara, chairman of Sinn Fein's northern executive, said in Toronto. He is campaigning around the world for support for his party.

Some political observers were also pessimistic about the government's chances of reviving the peace process.

"I think it's as dead as a doornail," Ken Minogue, a professor of government at the London School of Economics, said in an interview on Sky TV.

The prospects for a renewed ceasefire and a start to all-party peace talks appear bleak, agreed Richard English, a professor of politics at Queen's University in Belfast.

The IRA says the British government's failure to start all-party talks in the 17 months since it began its ceasefire on Sept. 1, 1994, prompted

the new campaign of violence.

"On the one side, you've got people (unionists) who won't go to talks when the violence is going on," said English. "On the other hand, you've got people (the IRA) who won't stop the violence unless talks start."

LARGE GAP

"And the gap between those two positions is really very large."

But some insisted the governments can't afford to admit failure.

"There is a yearning among the people on both sides of the sectarian divide . . . the peace movement is now practically the entire population (of Northern Ireland)," said Paul Wilkinson, an expert on political violence at Scotland's St. Andrews University.

"There is a real desire for it. They are weary of terrorism. And I think that is one of the most hopeful factors."

There are regular signs of that desire in the province. Peace rallies are held often. And 154,000 people took part in a telephone poll over the weekend, pledging their opposition to violence.

Hopes that the Feb. 9 bombing near Canary Wharf that shattered the ceasefire might be one-time-only a wake-up

call from the IRA were themselves shattered Sunday when a blast ripped the top off one of London's red double-decker buses.

One person — thought to be a member of the IRA — was killed in the explosion on Sunday. Nine more were injured.

Scotland Yard believes the blast may have been inadvertent — that an IRA operative

or operatives might have been transporting the bomb to another location when it exploded.

Police confirmed that a gun was found at the scene.

Police arrested two people in London on Monday under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. And they confirmed one of the survivors of the blast was under armed guard in hospital.

European Parliament backs Canadian V-chip

PARIS (CP) — The European Parliament has followed the United States in calling for the use of Canadian-developed technology that can screen out television violence.

Tim Collings, a Simon Fraser University engineer who invented the V-chip, said Monday he was "amazed and excited" by the European Parliament's vote last week to require television manufacturers to install the device.

"It just seems that nothing is going to stop this thing from gaining worldwide acceptance," Collings, 34, said from Burnaby, B.C.

The 626-member European Parliament in Strasbourg

voted last Wednesday to adopt a directive to include the V-chip in new TV sets. The directive is part of an amendment to a larger bill on television programming.

But members of the European Parliament members, who share legislative power with national governments in television programming, expect the law would take up to 13 years to come into effect fully.

Their vote came less than a week after U.S. President Bill Clinton signed into law a landmark telecommunications bill that included a provision requiring American TV manufacturers to install the V-chip.

Not enough coffins

54 dead after ferry sinks in central Philippines

CADIZ, Philippines (AP) — Bodies floated to the shore and the city's biggest funeral home ran out of coffins Monday after an overloaded ferry sank in stormy waters, killing 54 people. Twelve others were missing.

The Sunday night disaster was the latest in a string of tragedies involving ferries used to link the Philippines 7,000 islands.

The ML Gretchen I, carrying more than 200 people — twice

its legal capacity — was just a few hundred metres from shore when it began rocking in strong winds and capsized when panicked passengers rushed to one side, coast guard officials said.

The dead included at least 31 children. Many of them were hit in the water by debris flying from the ship as it broke up under crashing waves.

The Beniabon Funeral Home in Cadiz ran out of coffins after the remains of 48

people were brought there. The bodies were placed side by side on the ground as workers rushed to build plywood coffins.

Helen Escarlan, the wife of a fisherman, survived with her husband and eight-year-old son, but lost her two-year-old daughter, Carolyn.

GIRL SWEEP AWAY

"I put my little girl inside my dress and we clung to a passing rescue boat," she said. "But a big wave tossed us in the air,

and as we slammed into the water I lost the girl and she drowned."

The dilapidated ferry had been ordered out of service last week by the Maritime Industry Authority for being unseaworthy, coast guard official Edmund Tan said. It was not clear whether the vessel, purchased second-hand from China 10 years ago, had received permission to resume operations.

Charges for overloading

were being prepared against the boat captain, Norberto Nepenge, and its owner, said Arnie Santiago of the national Maritime Emergency Response Division

The accident occurred as the boat was waiting outside of port because of low tide. The vessel had been approaching Cadiz, 500 kilometres southeast of Manila, after a two-hour trip from Bantayan Island in Cebu province.

Life isn't always politically correct

In these uncertain times it's nice to see that our nation's leader can defend himself, even when his RCMP bodyguards decide it's time to take a nap.

I am of course referring to last Thursday's incident in which Jean Chrétien came face to face with an angry protestor and promptly shoved the man out of the way. Over in a matter of a second, the image was immortalized on the front page of every newspaper in the country.

Some prominent leaders have expressed their anger that a prime minister should act that way. Rather than being a typical human being and defending himself, they say he should be some kind of later day Ghandi, a pacifist to the end. Surprisingly, Lucien Bouchard didn't condemn Chrétien, instead saying he was going to work on his own temper and self control.

But the fact of the matter is, Chrétien didn't have a much choice. The situation happened, and Chrétien reacted before he had time to think about the cameras rolling all around him.

Now if we step back for a second and look to the south, we can see what we could expect from a U.S. president.

A couple of years back a deranged man was seen in front of the White House waving a knife and screaming in the general direction of Bill Clinton, who was indoors. Secret Service agents called on their years of elite training to deal with the situation and promptly shot him. The man later died in hospital.

Then there is the ever colorful memory of Teddy Roosevelt. Roosevelt made headlines when he showed his knowledge of ju jitsu by body slamming a Swedish diplomat. He also once boasted of killing an Indian with his bare hands during his days as a military leader.

The fact of the matter is Chrétien isn't anything like Roosevelt, and will never allow himself to be encircled by a group of gun happy fanatics. In most countries the fanatical protestor would never get within 20 feet of a national leader, but in Canada things are a little different. Our leaders are more open, allowing themselves to be approachable by the people they were elected to represent. Sometimes things break down, situations arise, and people, even national leaders, have to react before they have time to decide if it makes good press or not.

Throughout his political career Chrétien has been referred to as a street fighter. Last Thursday he lived up to his name, taking out what could have been a serious threat to his life. Maybe its not the politically correct thing to do, but then again, life isn't always politically correct.

MAURICE CROSSFIELD



Letters to the Editor

Eliminating part of the uncertainties

**An open letter to
The Honorable Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada
Sir,**

Owing to the brilliant contribution of Minister Stéphane Dion, himself inspired by a foggy reminiscence of Zenon's paradoxes, the Government of Canada is now standing up for the principle of the infinite partitionability of the Canadian political territory, thus of Quebec territory.

Enlightened by such a Dionysiac vision, the inhabitants of allotment 27-7 (Orford Township, Province of Québec) have held a referendum on the political future of their territory. One hundred per cent of the registered voters (my spouse, our two daughters and myself) have answered yes to a project of independence. So, there can be no doubt about the democratic quality of the decision that I must announce here.

On Thursday, February 29, 1996, at 00h 01 (EST), the said territory will be proclaimed independent, according to the desire of its population.

That date has been chosen in

Not fit for a wheelbarrow

Dear Editor,

Referring to the article "Battle erupts over Brigham death stretch" written in the *Record* by Sharon McCully.

We would like to comment on the roads here kept by Bruce Rumsby & Sons in the wintertime. As we live in the development near the Mansfield Bridge in the Municipality of Brigham, P.Q., the roads are always kept plowed

order to minimize the future costs of Independence Day, which will occur only once every four years.

The new state will be named Atomic Republic of Dionisia, to honor the man who has been its manure; "atomic" since, at that dimension, we are approaching a quasi-unpartitionability. The emblem of Dionisia will be the common grey tabby cat, middle haired, because he is beautiful and does not care about silly people. Dionisia's flag will hold that emblem in its centre, on a blue background, with a small bowl of fresh milk at its lower right hand corner.

Dionisia will assume its part of the public debts accumulated by surrounding states, provided they accept to maintain the service agreements already in force.

As for the ancestral rights of the first occupiers, Dionisians are ready to undertake discussions with the descendants of the 56 nations which have successively stolen that territory one from the other over the last 5,000 years.

The descendants of the "Croc-Mignons" (1) will be the only group

out and sanded immediately. The Miltimore road also is tended to right away.

The Miltimore road in summertime is not fit to run a wheelbarrow over and that road is not kept by Bruce Rumsby & Sons!!

You're doing a good job Bruce, so keep it up!!

**Submitted by
OWEN AND
ERNA PATTERSON
Brigham**

with no compensation owing anyone: their ancestors were the truly first humans to occupy Dionisia territory around 3,000 B.C.

The Dionisians decision for independence has been motivated by the need to put an end to the political uncertainty that disturbs their environment: in case of Quebec separation, Eastern Townships could decide to keep attached to Canada; the city of Sherbrooke could then decide to separate from Eastern Townships in order to keep attached to Quebec; and Sherbrooke-North could decide to separate from Sherbrooke to stay with Eastern Townships (then with Canada). Taking right now a clear and final decision, Dionisians will have contributed to eliminate at least a part of the uncertainties.

Of course, the February 29 declaration of independence cannot be absolutely final: according to the principle supported by Dion the Younger and the Government of Canada, one cannot exclude that one or another of the Dionisia inhabitants eventually makes his or her own interior referendum and decides to ask for a quarter of the territory to proclaim it the "Subatomic Republic of Sub-Dionisia no. 27-7-A".

Autochtons of the English provinces and other Canadian territories could find interesting to follow the model of Dionisia, and so to join the Bacchanalia.

**With all my respects
PIERRE GAUDETTE
Sherbrooke, Que. (2)**

(1) cannot be translated...

(2) up to February 29, 1996

c.c: M. Lucien Bouchard,
Premier Ministre du Québec

New CEO hopes to strengthen software's popularity

Apple grants Macintosh license to Motorola

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apple Computer Inc., seeking to revive its stalled licensing strategy and boost its shrinking market share, said Monday it has granted rights to its Macintosh operating system to Motorola Inc.

The agreement would give computer consumers in Canada and the United States more choice and possibly better prices for Mac software products. It could also greatly extend the Macintosh's reach into China through a joint Motorola venture with a Chinese electronics company.

Encouraging more Macintosh software is seen as critical to the survival of Apple, which is suffering through a string of financial and marketing mishaps.

"Our intention is to get as many people around the world excited using (the Macintosh operating system) as we can,"

said Gilbert Amelio, Apple's new chairman and chief executive.

Motorola did not provide details on how many Mac clones it would make, when they would be on the market or how much they would cost.

With Monday's agreement, Motorola becomes the largest company to "clone" the Macintosh. It also is the first company to win the right to sublicense the program that controls the Mac's basic operations.

That means other manufacturers that buy Motorola boards and systems — the inside workings of a computer — can make machines running the Mac software without having to negotiate with Apple.

The deal with Motorola is the biggest strategic move announced so far by Amelio, who replaced Michael Spindler earlier this month after the company reported a quarterly

loss and began laying off 1,300 workers.

For years, Apple would not let other companies make copies of its popular Macintosh. Industry observers consider that Apple's greatest mistake, a missed opportunity to set the industry standard.

But the company, hurt by

competition from personal computers built around software from Microsoft Corp. relented in September 1994. So far, however, only a handful of small companies have reached licensing agreements with Apple.

Under Monday's pact, Motorola will use the Mac operating

system in its own brand of workstations intended for corporations, a market dominated by Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard and Silicon Graphics.

Apple is strong in the home, education, desktop publishing and multimedia but has made few inroads in the business world.

Bank rate hike looms after dollar takes fall

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian financial markets were hit hard Monday as the dollar fell to its lowest level in 10 months, bond prices dove and stock shares fell.

The fallout will be felt starting today.

The key Bank of Canada rate, which chartered banks use to determine the interest rates they charge, is expected to jump at least one-fifth of a percentage point. It's currently at 5.19 per cent — the lowest since March 1994.

Josh Mendelsohn, chief economist at the Commerce Bank, warned that consumer rates could go up if the dollar continues to fall.

But he said it's more likely the banks will hold their fire for now.

"It's one week of an increase. I'd wait a week or two before I reached any conclusions."

Last week the bank rate fell 0.20 of a percentage point and some cuts in mortgage rates

followed.

But financial markets are beginning to think interest rates may have hit bottom after months of decline, analysts said.

said. "They're less optimistic that the G7 governments are going to be aggressive in cutting interest rates further," said Rob Palombi of market watchers MMS International.

That caused investors to sell to lock in profits, in turn driving down the price of everything from bonds to equities to the value of the loonie.

"It's an issue of profit-taking," Palombi said.

The Canadian dollar finished North American trading Monday at 72.18 cents US, down 0.21 of a cent from Friday.

The 30-year government of Canada bond fell \$1.46 to \$111.48. And the Toronto Stock Exchange 300 index dropped 18 points to close at 5,026.37.

CP and CN reopen talks

MONTREAL (CP) — CP Rail and its new private competitor Canadian National will be stepping up joint efforts to reduce what they say is too much track, the head of CP Rail said Monday.

Robert Ritchie said the two Montreal-based railways have been discussing "on and off" but talks will intensify once CP Rail has completed an internal reorganization and moved its head office to Calgary.

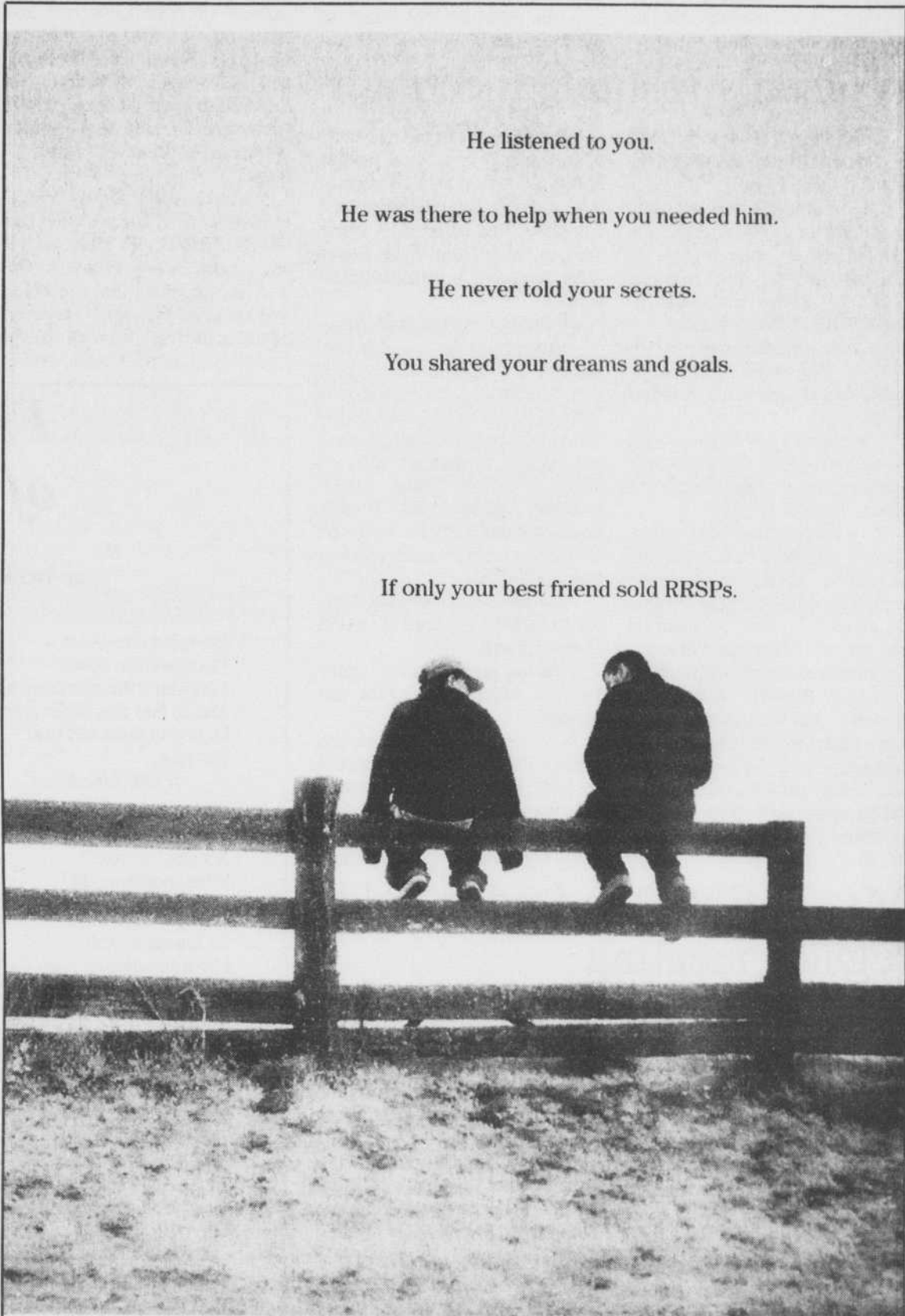
"We'll have a lot more energy to spend on this area come the spring," said Ritchie, president

and chief executive.

"We'll be having a look at all options and trying to get our costs in order."

Ritchie said there are "opportunities right across the country, not just in the east," for the two railways to share track and maintenance facilities.

He refused to speculate the talks could lead to a merger in the east, but said the planning stage for rationalizing the eastern operations will be completed by summer.



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Grace Chapel Women's Missionary Fellowship holds regular meeting

SHERBROOKE — On Monday evening, February 5, the Women's Missionary Fellowship held their regular meeting at Grace Chapel. Leslie Buchanan chaired the meeting and opened with prayer then with Jean Warnholtz at the piano the group sang 'Love Lifted Me.'

Since this was a special missionary meeting with Phyllis Dibble from Nigeria as our guest speaker a number of ladies came from Ayer's Cliff, Massawippi, Cherry River, Magog, Lennoxville and Huntingville so Leslie asked each lady to intro-

duce herself and say where she was from.

After the singing of another hymn 'The Wonder of It All', several ladies led the group in a time of prayer.

Leslie asked Mildred Beckwith to come and introduce Phyllis Dibble who with her husband is home from Nigeria on furlough and spending two weeks in the area.

Since the theme of the meeting was Love, Phyllis centered her message on the women of Nigeria pointing out some of their problems and burdens ex-

horting us to remember these women in prayer. Though their way of life is so different from ours yet many of their problems and burdens are quite the same.

In introducing the subject of women in Nigeria Phyllis read from 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

Through slides Phyllis spoke of their work in Nigeria and how that because of the many tribes and languages they settled in one area learning that tribal language. She spoke of the various aspects of missionary life from the Bible School, the medical work, home

teaching the children, Bible courses, Printing Press, village work, camps for girls and women etc.

Phyllis showed pictures of a number of women telling something about each one and how they came to know the Lord, to some of their concerns and problems and how that many having found the Lord as Saviour dedicate certain days or three weeks at a time to go to other villages to teach and encourage the women. They also help out with the camps for girls when they are not only taught the Scriptures but knitting or sewing or some other craft and how to participate in sports etc. There are times when they have Bible conferences and may have as many as 1000 women gather to take advantage of a time of fellowship with other believers and to hear the Word of God. Phyllis had nothing but praise for the faithful group of women with whom she had contact and who share with her in the many aspects of missionary work.

Spencer Dibble is largely engaged in the teaching ministry of the Bible School which also includes the training of faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. He also makes trips to other villages and areas to encourage and strengthen the believers and give valuable teaching in these smaller groups.

Phyllis also mentioned her daughter Lois who supervises all the medical work and helps the doctors in the hospital as well as bringing up a family of six children. Lois' husband Tom Wheeler is never idle looking after all the mechanical needs of the mission station and the printing work as well as making trips to the city 150 miles away to purchase medical and other supplies.

Leslie thanked Phyllis for her informative account of life on a mission station in Nigeria and of the women and their role in serving the Lord amongst their own people. She then closed the meeting in prayer giving thanks also for the refreshments and time of fellowship.

Women's Institute meeting

CLEVELAND — The W.I. held their February meeting at the home of Sandra Truax.

The meeting opened with Jennifer Griffith explaining the procedures of the Centre de jour-Val St-François and also that the CLSC has a new health line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Twelve members repeated the Collect. Old pictures and crafts were handed around for members to view.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were read. The County meeting has been moved to March 2, 1996.

Correspondence was read, Quebec Women's Newsletter was handed out, Richmond Centre de Benevolat will be doing income tax again this year. A donation was given to Alzheimer Canada.

Convenors reports: Agriculture — Matty Banfill read 'Wild Flowers' and handed out Communication Quebec calendars. Citizenship and Legislation — Aline Healy passed around a letter and program book from a corresponding W.I. branch in Houston, B.C.

Education — Peggy Healy read 'Generation Pay the Price' and for Safety — talked about snowmobile safety. Environment and Canadian Industries — Doris Stevens read 'Taste of the Townships Revived — Bullshead gingerale'.

Home Economics and Health — Sandra Truax passed around Interbranch competition. International Affairs — Ina Young read 'What Canada has in mind for the Customs'. Peggy Eastman gave out perfect attendance gifts of mugs to Aline Healy, Eileen Mastine, Sandra Truax, Winnie Beausoleil and Marjorie Truax. 85 knitted squares have been accumulated for Zambia.

New business: Our Flea Market to be held on April 27 at the United Church.

Floating prize won by Louise Perkins. Meeting was then adjourned.

Next one to be held at the home of Peggy Healy on March 9 at 1:30. Peggy Eastman read a humorous 'Medical Dictionary'.

Lunch was served by Sandra Truax at the close of the meeting.

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge holds regular meeting

LENNOXVILLE — Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 28 met in the Masonic Hall on the evening of February 3. Sister Roberta Macmillan, N.G., presided and welcomed the members. In the absence of the secretary Sister Julie Crowther read the minutes of the last session.

Sister Alice Planidin reported sending one sympathy and four get-well cards to members and one to Sister Margaret Horan, Past President.

Correspondence included letters from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, exchange table committee. A thank-you letter for a donation to the United

Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, also a thank-you note from Sister Gladys Davis for cards and a box of goodies.

It was necessary to postpone some of the business of the meeting until a later date.

The Encampment and L.E.A. members held a supper meeting on February 14 in the Masonic Temple in Sherbrooke at 6:30 p.m.

Under Good of the Order Sister Fern Lapointe thanked the Lodge for a get-well card. The Rebekah Creed was repeated in unison.

Lodge closed in form, after which refreshments were served. The hostesses were Gladys Davis and Fern Lapointe.

Happy birthday wishes

Crystal Smith of Magog celebrates a birthday on February 26. Have a great day, dear, from your loving grandparents, Yvonne and Al Whittier.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

THE FLOOD OF 1996
or HOW DONNA GOT THE GREEN CARPET
SHE ALWAYS WANTED

The rain came down
The rain came down
And then... the rain came down
And as four feet of dirty snow
Turned to slush and mud
The rain...?

It still came down!

One moment all was dry inside
The next two inches deep
A pipe... or two?
What should we do?
It's now reached ankle-deep.

As towels soaked
Mops splashed in vain
We cursed that blasted rain.

It's got to stop
Please let it stop
That blasted bloody rain.

The rain came down
The rain came down
And then... the rain came down
And as the bathroom spilled and filled
Two brand new leaks were found
The rain...?

It still came down!

What once was just a living room
Was now an indoor swamp
The water seeped and oozed and crept
From wall to carpet to wall.

Please let it freeze
Just slow it down
That blasted bloody rain.

And then as all seemed lost
A call went out for help
The cavalry arrived
Risking their own lives
In time to save the day...
The evening... and the night.

The rain came down
The rain came down
And then... the rain came down
And as the carpet turned to mush
Our shop vac blew a fuse
The rain...?

It still came down!

Slow but sure
With lots of work
They kept the flood at bay
When all around
The rain came down
And down and down and down.

We asked for cold
We prayed for cold
And then the water slowed
Could it be?
The end in sight
Before the dawn of light?

The water stopped
As outside froze
The rain had turned to snow.

The snow came down
The snow came down
And then... the snow came down
And as the slush and mud got cold
The ice formed all around
The snow...?
It still came down!

Now all is quiet
The shop vac stilled
The winds are finally calm
Wet carpet gone
New days will dawn
— at least we didn't drown!

J.M. Woodward
For those who know "That's what friends are for."
Keep smiling...

Canadian TV a rich find for kids

By Dennis Harper

TORONTO (CP) — Mr. Dressup has put away the Tickle Trunk, *Sesame Street* is being redeveloped as a park and the *Friendly Giant* has long since hoisted his drawbridge.

What's a parent to do?

Don't despair if the arts and crafts are done, the books are read, the games played and the songs sung, because there's a wealth of world-class children's TV programs on Canadian TV.

Parents may have been away from TV for a few years and not know what the good children's shows are.

"Kids like a good story, good characters with strong personalities, funny ones, goofy ones — that really appeal to children," said Adrian Mills, a child psychologist who is the

creative head of children's and youth programming at TVOntario.

"They like anything that reflects to them what they do in their ordinary lives and gives them a sense of their world.

"Part of that involves treating kids with respect. You see a lot of shows that fundamentally don't respect kids and you can see those a mile off, and kids can see it too."

TVO features such programs as *Polka Dot Door*, *Bananas In Pyjamas*, *Polka Dot Shorts*, *Pingu* (which Mills calls "one of the best shows of its kind in the world"), *The Magic School Bus*, *Wishbone*, *Bill Nye The Science Guy*, *Dudley The Dragon and Pumped*, a new kids' fitness show.

The CBC lineup includes *Fred Penner's Place*, *Theodore*

Tugboat, *Max The Cat*, *Works*, *Little Bear*, *Wimzie and Guess What*.

Sesame Street, a pre-school institution on CBC-TV for 25 years, will disappear from the network in September to be replaced by *Sesame Park*, a closely related but more distinctly Canadian show.

Ernie Coombs has recorded his 4,000th and last show as *Mr. Dressup* but the show will be going into indefinite reruns.

The CTV kids' lineup features the *Bunch of Munsch* shows based on the work of best-selling children's author Robert Munsch, whose work is wildly popular with kids, and such specials as *The Boy Who Dreamed Christmas* and *The Birthday Dragon*.

The Global TV network has drawn 20,000 members to its

Kids TV club and is trying to double that. One third of the club members are pre-schoolers, perhaps drawn by such shows as *Animaniacs* and cartoons such as *Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries*.

"When you look at Canadian kids programming next to any programming anywhere in the world it scores very, very highly," said Janis Nostbakken, the designated president and CEO of the proposed Children's Television Network which Vision TV has applied to federal regulators to operate.

"Most of the programs on TVO and CBC are pretty darn fine."

YTV, a cable network targeted at an audience aged two to 17, offers *Treehouse* every day and a non-commercial block of programming, crafts, contests and fun for pre-schoolers. The

program starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs until noon, then returns 30 minutes later for another two-and-a-half hours.

Parents might also be interested in YTV's *PJ Katie Farm*, *Bananas in Pyjamas*, the Canadian-produced *Dudley The Dragon* and *Sailor Moon*, a Japanese-Canadian co-production that's a top-rated show in such markets as France and Hong Kong.

The U.S.-based Public Broadcasting System carries such perennially popular shows for pre-school and primary-grade children as *Barney and Friends*, *Bill Nye The Science Guy*, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, *Shining Time Station*, *Lamb Chop's Play-Along*, *The Magic School Bus*, *The Puzzle Place*, *Reading Rainbow*, *Wishbone* and *Sesame Street*.

Copycat the latest ingenious serial killer

Serial killers are in these days. And as far as Hollywood is concerned, the more ingenious the better.

Filmmakers have been trying to do Hannibal Lecter one better ever since the runaway success of 1991's *Silence of the Lambs*. In *Virtuosity*, the killer was computer-generated and modelled after all the great mass murderers in history. In *Seven*, the killings were patterned after the Seven Deadly Sins.

Copycat, new on video from Warner, is another variation on the theme, offering an unrecognizable Harry Connick Jr. as a sort of cracker version of the highly eloquent Lecter.

He's a God-awful-ugly imprisoned killer who needs major dental work and in the fine tradition of Hannibal the Cannibal, has a link to another outlandish nutcase on the outside.

Both are bent on terrorizing criminal psychologist Sigourney Weaver.

The copycat is dispatching his victims in the manner of a variety of celebrated killers of the past. First, the Boston Strangler, then Son of Sam and so on.

In a refreshing twist, a female is the strong hero as well as the victim. Diminutive but cool-headed Holly Hunter has Dermot Mulroney as her sidekick as she leads the effort, with Weaver's help, to untangle the clues and track down the killer before he gets them.

Think about the improbabilities too much and it'll ruin the fun. But as thrillers go, *Copycat* dishes out its share of nail-

Video View

By John McKay (CP)

biting moments, derivative and exotic as they are.

Stars Fell on Henrietta (Warner) — There's a ring of familiarity to watching Robert Duvall ply his trade in this slow-moving Depression-era drama. For it was in such a nostalgia-laden story that we first saw him on the big screen more than three decades ago as the dim-witted Boo Radley, a small but memorable part in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Here he plays a travelling wildcatter, a sort of well-meaning con artist who claims he can "divine" oil under the ground, with the help of his cat Matilda. It's 1935 Texas and while some are getting filthy rich on black gold, there's poverty all around, and along with it a hunger for quick wealth.

But Duvall's character is a poor excuse for a scam artist and ultimately reveals that he is less interested in petrodollars than in "life and the game that goes with it."

Also new on video:

To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar (MCA-Universal) — By most accounts this outing is inferior to *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* as far as drag-queen movies go. John Leguizamo impressed most critics as the best cross-dresser of the trio of stars that also include Wesley Snipes and Patrick Swayze.

Three dragsters on a cross-country trip break down in a small midwestern town, with the resulting culture shock the source of the potential laughs. Those who remember '60s sex symbol Newmar are either showing their age or their trivia expertise.

Bloodknot (Astral) — We've been here before. Too-good-to-be-true stranger worms her way into a gullible home. But she has plans for that butcher knife in the kitchen. The blonde-that-rocks-the-family is a sultry Kate Vernon. And the family takes its sweet time figuring out she's a black widow and not the grieving lover of the soldier-boy son they just lost in this made-for-American-cable melodrama.



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High School Writer's Prize

The Record, in cooperation with the Quebec Community Newspaper Association, is sponsoring a writing contest for high school students in the Eastern Townships.

First prize **\$100⁰⁰**

Second Prize **\$50⁰⁰**

Third Prize **\$25⁰⁰**

(Honorable mentions may also be awarded.)

All winning stories will be published in the Record during Newspaper in Education Week - March 6-10.

Details: To enter, write a 500-800 word story about an event or interesting person in your school, family or community. The story must be written in newspaper style, that is written in the third person with facts gathered through interviews and other research. Fictional stories won't be considered.

All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 paper. They must include a cover page with the name of the student, age, grade, and high school.

Deadline: Stories must be postmarked no later than Wed., Feb. 28, 1996.

Send them to:

Writing Contest, c/o Rita Legault,

The Record

2850 Delorme,

Sherbrooke, J1K 1A1

(They can also be dropped off at the Record offices in Sherbrooke (same address), or Knowlton (88 Lakeside).

Stories will be judged by a panel of professional editors and reporters on the basis of originality, writing style, spelling and grammar.

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LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville & District Women's Centre presents Tax Preparation on Saturday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the CLSC Gaston Lessard, 8 Speid St., Lennoxville. Tax time is a headache for most people. This workshop will be practical and oriented towards helping you understand how to do your own taxes. Bring your tax forms, appropriate papers, all your questions, and don't forget your sense of humour! Members are free and non-members are asked to make a small donation. Call ahead to reserve. For further information please call the Women's Centre at 564-6626.

LENNOXVILLE

A 500 and Bridge card party will be held on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere St., Lennoxville. Prizes. Lunch will be served. Everyone welcome.

ROCK ISLAND

Dessert card party in the United Church Hall on February 22 at 1 p.m. Progressive 500. Game and door prizes. Auspices Stanstead South Church Helping Circle.

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If you are a woman and need a friend, the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre is there for you. We offer support and referral if necessary. Call (819) 564-6626 days.

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Ham and Turkey Bingo at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318 (The Hut), 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

MELBOURNE

A Pancake Supper will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Shrove Tuesday, February 20, starting at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Advance notice. 500 card party on March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere St., Lennoxville. Sponsored by Unity Lodge No. 8 Odd Fellows. For more information call (819) 563-1539.

MAGOG

Advance notice. Flea Market at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 420 Bellevue St. West, Magog (turn left at McDonald's, follow the signs), on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cafeteria service available. Used books for sale. Tables for rent. For information contact Debbie at (819) 868-1805.

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HELPING THE WORLD WRITE NOW



Birth

BRAZEL — Lee and Sharon (French) are excited to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Samantha Lee. Born at the St. Vincent on February 2, 1996 weighing 10 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are John and Janice Brazel and Elizabeth French. Great-grandparents are Elwin Brazel, Ruby Alden, Gordon and Lavina French and Leon Woods.

Death

ALDRICH, Ted — Peacefully at the CHUS on Monday, February 19, 1996. Ted Aldrich in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Doris Robichaud. He is survived by his adopted son Velmore Smith, his brother René and sisters Mary Roberts and Evelyn Wark. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 2 p.m., the Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment in Malvern Cemetery. The family will be at the Funeral Home on Thursday from 10 a.m. to the time of the funeral to receive relatives and friends.

Deaths

HALLAM, Audrey (née Shilson) — At the Côté Nursing Home in South Bolton on February 18, 1996. Audrey Shilson in her 86th year. Wife of the late Eric Hallam. Dear mother of Gordon (Wilma) of British Columbia, Shirley Reese of Florida and Beverly Lambert (Yves) of Eastman. Grandmother of 9 grandchildren, 13-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Survived by four sisters-in-law, nieces, nephew, other relatives and friends. Funeral service will be held at the St. Luke's Anglican Church in Waterloo on Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Wilmur Davidson officiating. The family will receive condolences on day of the funeral at the church at 1:30 p.m. Spring interment at the Silver Valley Cemetery in Eastman. As memorial tributes, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Bessette & Sons Funeral Home Inc., 5034 Foster, Waterloo.

LITTLE, Merrill Charles — Suddenly at his residence on February 18, 1996 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Beverley West. Cherished father of Allen of Granby, Lynette (Richard Sylvestre) of Cowansville, Jimmy (deceased), Barbara (Frank Nugent) of Scarborough, Ont., Robert (Cheryl Balliston of Keswick, Ont., Darlene (Kevin Glass) of Oakwood, Ont., Bruce (Joyce Gosse) of Oshawa, Ont., Sandra (Graham Clark) of Pickering, Ont. and Patricia of Oshawa, Ont. Grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of two. Visitation will take place at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que. — (514) 263-1212 on Wednesday, February 21, 1996 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held from the Chapel on Thursday, February 22, 1996 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Walter Stairs officiating. Burial at the Fairmount Cemetery in Sutton to take place at a later date. Thursday, day of the funeral, the Funeral Home will open at 11 a.m.

Death

TAYLOR, Gladys May (née Buchanan) — Passed away peacefully on February 16, 1996 at the Wales Home in Richmond, Que. after a courageous battle with cancer. Survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Carroll (Kelly), her son James (Thérèse Poirier), her grandsons Andrew and Nicholas, and her sister-in-law Marjorie Woodside. Predeceased by her daughter Carol, sister Margaret and brother John. Respects can be paid at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville on Tuesday from 1 p.m. Funeral service to be held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday at 2 p.m., the Rev. Jim Potter officiating. Donations to the Wales Home Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Interment in the spring in Scotstown Protestant Cemetery.

In Memoriam

GILBERT, Murray — February 20, 1995-96. In loving memory of a loving husband and father. It only takes a small space To write how much we miss you, But it will take the rest of our lives To forget the day we lost you. Forever loved and missed by your wife

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THEIR WIVES & FAMILIES

Card of Thanks

CRUIKSHANK — The family of the late Robert Cromarty Cruikshank would like to thank all our friends and relatives for the many cards, letters and visits we received at the time of our bereavement. We also appreciated the flowers, food and charitable donations that were sent at this time. Your kindnesses will always be remembered.

MARGARET
CAROLINE and BILL

In Memoriam

PEHELMANN, Alma — In fond and loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away February 20, 1986.

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Obituary

ROBERT CROMARTY CRUIKSHANK of Inverness, Quebec

Robert Cromarty Cruikshank died peacefully at the Thetford Hospital on January 6, 1996. He was in his 80th year.

Cromarty was born on June 10, 1916 to William and Mildred (Patterson) Cruikshank at Inverness, Que.

After his mother died, when he was nine, and his grandmother when he was thirteen, he stayed on the farm with his father and helped raise his two younger sisters, Myna and Caroline.

He went to school at Millfield and then to the Inverness Academy.

In later years he served on the Protestant School Board of Inverness.

Cromarty was dedicated to St. Andrew's Church and was an Elder there for 47 years. He loved to sing in the Church Choir but his first love was singing Western songs on his guitar. In his younger years he would play and sing at the local dances. Yodeling, in private, was his hobby.

In 1954 he married Margaret McLellan, a former teacher at Millfield School. From this union two children were born, Caroline Mary and William Whitfield.

He was very proud of his two children. Caroline, who has become an animator with the Walt Disney Co. and Bill who works for a computer company in Markham, Ont.

Around 1965, he built a small sawmill. Here he sawed lumber for the local farmers. He worked at this sawmill until two years before he died.

He was predeceased by his sister Carrie, by his half-sister Thelma (Wright) and by his parents William and Mildred.

He is survived by his wife, two children, a sister Myna (Mervin Williams), a nephew Robert (Rita), a half-niece Mildred (Fleming) and half-nephews Murray, Edward and Bobby Wright.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church on January 9 at 11 a.m. The ladies of Inverness served a lovely lunch at the Oddfellows Hall following the service.

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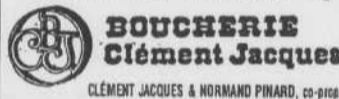
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From the Pens of E.T. Writers

ON GOING BLIND

The first thing people ask is how close
Can I come to my eyes to see at all
Which is two inches. Any farther than that
Is not clear and I must ask them.
To come closer to be recognized.

At this point I wish to assure them
That I am not totally blind, just not able
To see any real distance enough to distinguish
Who they are. This condition is not stable
And results in situations where I cannot
Identify people whom I should know.
To my embarrassment.

Of course these things are no joke. It makes
Me think and wonder what causes them.
Is it something real or in the subconscious?
I do not know.
Perhaps in time it will be revealed to me.
I do not know.

Carl Mayhew
Ayer's Cliff, Que.

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3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
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The parrot parodies players

By Phillip Alder

If you have read the previous monastic bridge books by David Bird and Terence Reese, you will want to get their latest offering, "Divine Intervention" (Gollancz; \$16.05 p.p.

from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124).

Two-thirds of the stories, written by Bird and edited by Reese, feature a group of monks, headed by the cantankerous Abbot, who play in the Monastery of St. Titus. The remaining third is about two missionaries, Brothers Luke and Tobias, who are in Africa trying to convert the local tribe and the Parrot (an excellent player) to Acol, the British bidding system.

The text is entertaining and the deals instructive, as highlighted by this one. The Parrot arrives in six diamonds, when seven no-trump would be laydown with a 3-2 heart break. West leads the heart two. How should the Parrot proceed?

Note that no other lead is better. Declarer starts with 11 top tricks. After a spade attack, declarer establishes a second spade trick. Against a trump lead, declarer draws trumps and ducks a heart. And with a club opening, declarer gets a club ruff in the dummy.

The lead looked for all the world like a singleton. But unless something very lucky happened in spades, the Parrot couldn't find a way to get home if East had started with four hearts. So, after much thought, he squawked, "Play the eight!"

East was surprised to win the trick with his 10, but no return could defeat the contract.

Is bitch more politically correct than witch?

Dear Ann: I am writing in regard to your answer to "J.F. in Philadelphia," whose "Aunt Di" was behaving in an ill-tempered and childish manner. The first sentence of your response was "Aunt Di sounds like a witch."

As a minister of the Old Religion,

whose priests and priestesses call themselves witches, I take issue with your derogatory characterization of witches. It was not only unfair but inaccurate.

While it is true that the word "witch" has the connotation of an evil person, that stereotype is no

more accurate than the long outdated stereotypes of blacks or Jews. Yet, 50 years ago, such characterizations were common in our language. It took sensitivity and understanding of the harm done by such stereotyping before the public stopped using those characterizations. And because blacks and Jews were vocal about their objections to such stereotyping, they were able to educate the public.

evil and unkind behavior does us a grave disservice and perpetuates an unfair and false image.

I know from many years of reading your column that you are not a prejudiced person. Please educate yourself on the subject of witches and refrain from continuing a damaging stereotype. — REV. C.P., ST. LOUIS PARK, MINN.

DEAR REV. C.P.: Thank you for your letter. What you have written will surely help educate the public. While I am responsible for what appears under my byline, there's a back end to the story that I would like to share with you.

The word I originally used began with a B. My editor said, "You can't use that word in the column. I'm changing it to witch." I reluctantly agreed. In retrospect, I wish I had used the B word.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife told us old goats who watch baseball and football that you would help us out by printing this letter.

We've had to resort to turning on the radio while watching the games on TV because the announcers are all a bunch of yakkers. The one exception is John Madden. He shuts his mouth when the referee is announcing the infractions so we can hear as well as see what's going on. All the other TV announcers are so busy jabbering about the player's former wife or what a nerd he was in high school that we miss the action on the field.

Another beef: the cameraman. He is so busy showing a player who is spitting tobacco in the dugout or focusing on some other weird thing that we miss the big plays.

You might say, "So what?" Well, we do buy merchandise advertised on TV, and if we get mad enough, we will just stop buying it. The sponsors will get the message. Sign this letter — OLD GOATS IN NORTH BAY, CALIF.

DEAR OLD GOATS: You can be sure your letter will be seen by sports casters around the globe. Whether or not it will help rein in the rhetoric, I don't know, but you can bet your bottom dollar that John Madden will love it.

Dear Ann Landers: You asked how people met their spouses. I first met my wife in bed. Before you rush to any conclusions, let me explain.

When I graduated from high school in 1943, I was drafted and ended up in the Air Force. When I returned from serving in World War II, I went to see my twin sister, who was living in a women's dormitory in Des Moines. I had permission from the house mother to go back to my sister's room and move out her belongings.

While packing, I said to my sister, "Are there any good-looking women around here?" She replied, "There happens to be an attractive girl in the dorm at this very minute, but she isn't feeling well."

I decided to check her out and cheer her up. I walked into that room and saw this lovely lady in bed. Forty-eight years and three lovely daughters later, I am still married to that heavenly angel. — JACK IN NEWTON, IOWA

DEAR JACK: What a sweet story! You sound like a honey yourself.



Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996

Any affiliations with special-interest groups could produce unique advantages for you in the year ahead. They will be the kinds of opportunities that customary channels can't offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are eager to promote a certain position today, find the emotional or material key that motivates your audience. It could be a piece of cake after that. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not let pessimistic thoughts disrupt your thought process today. Instead, use your imagination to visualize the success you desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something you've hoped for is attainable, provided you use logical steps and procedures today in order to achieve this goal. Try to be a realistic dreamer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In competitive situations today, you will have two things going for you. You will be persistent and enjoy the support of others willing to toil on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There will

be no reason why you can't be successful again today in a situation similar to one in which you experienced a recent victory. Use the same strategy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Comparatively speaking, joint endeavors will hold greater promise than individual endeavors today. Expend your efforts in ways that maximize your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Partnership arrangements should work out well for you today, provided you strive to contribute as much as your partner does. Parity will be essential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your potential for profit will be proportionate to your industriousness in this cycle. If you want a bigger paycheck, figure out ways to be a better producer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you may have an opportunity to enhance an old established relationship that you cherish. Do not let this chance slip past you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you will have the right equipment to finalize a tedious matter that has been a source of irritation. Resolve it to your satisfaction, then forget it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might find yourself in a unique position to convey critical information to two unrelated sources. Accuracy will be imperative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you go on a shopping spree today, you can make better deals if you don't appear to be too eager. Try to act uninterested and let the bargaining begin.

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Ann Landers

Witches are members of a religion that predates Christianity in Europe. We worship both a male deity and a female deity. We strive to understand the connections between all things, and we respect and honor nature as the expression of divinity and of those connections. To continue to equate us in the popular mind with

Crossword

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| 12 Name in fashion | 23 Hagar's wife | 36 Biblical suffix |
| 13 Alma's follower | 24 Companion | 37 British philosopher |
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Monday's Puzzle solved:

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- DOWN**
- Small whirlpool
 - Calamitous
 - "Naked Maja" painter
 - Time period
 - Fanatic
 - Smidgen
 - Boys, later
 - Can
 - Stranded
 - Ornamental box
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 - Skin affliction
 - Fern "seed"
 - Pollster Roper

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: C equals R

'O'UP BPPE YFPYXGEB YGMY
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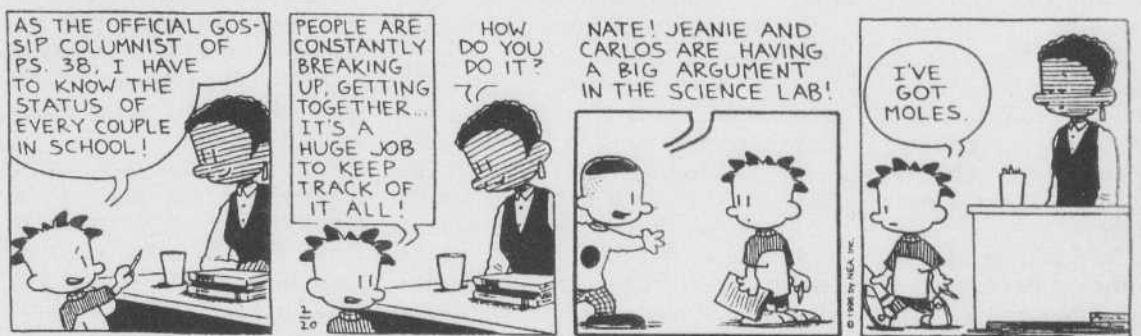
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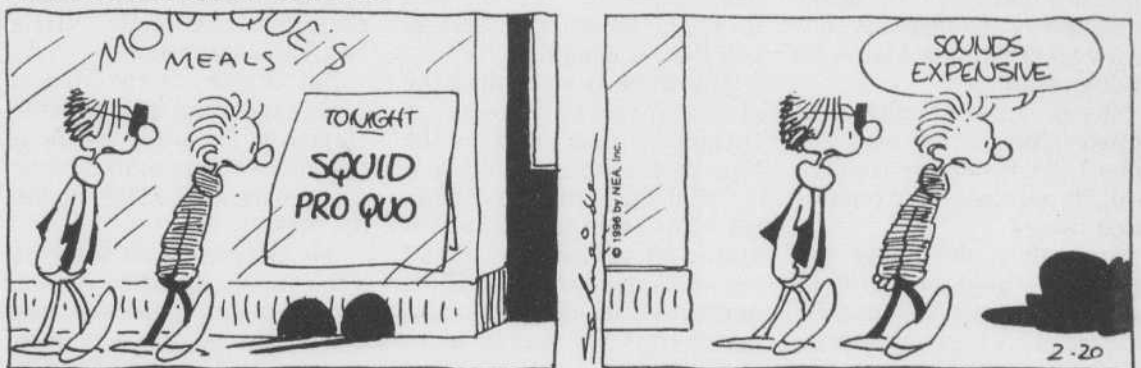
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'It will have ambiance of Forum' — Damphousse

Canadiens take guided tour of future home

By François Lemenu

MONTREAL (CP) — The Montreal Canadiens want to be ready when they move into the Molson Centre next month.

The players went on a tour of the new building on Monday — without their usual entourage of media — to check out the dressing rooms, clinic, gym and other sites in the 21,361-seat arena.

They are to practise there all of next week to get used to the ice surface, the boards and the rebounds off the glass before playing their first game March 16 against the New York Rangers.

"There won't be any problem," centre Vincent Damphousse predicted. "It will have the same ambiance as the Forum — (club president) Ronald Corey saw to that personally."

"It won't be like the Fleet-Centre in Boston where there's no atmosphere. That's the worst rink in the league."

The Bruins, rebounding from a slow start, are 16-10-3 thus far in their new rink.

But Boston captain Raymond Bourque, wistfully recalling the unique atmosphere in the old Boston Garden, lamented earlier this season that "you don't move ambiance when you move a team."

The Vancouver Canucks are a feeble 9-13-6 in their new building.

The Canadiens play their last game at the 72-year-old Forum on March 11 against the Dallas Stars.

Damphousse said the team has plenty of time to get used to the new rink.

"We'll practise there for a week and that should be enough," he said. "After a couple of games, we'll be used to it."

"We'll have to be because 10 of our last 15 games are at home."

New rinks are especially hard on goaltenders, who have to deal with wild bounces off

unfamiliar boards and glass.

"I think the glass will be better at the Molson Centre," said goaltender Pat Jablonski. "Unlike at the Forum, there's no metal framing between the panes of glass."

"That means fewer surprises."

Meanwhile, defenceman Robert Dirk said he may be ready to return to action. Dirk fractured a bone in his left shoulder blade on Jan. 22 in the first period of his first game with Montreal after being acquired from Anaheim.

He was to be out of action for six weeks, but might play the Canadiens next Wednesday in Hartford. He said he would test the shoulder in practice today and then decide.

The Canadiens expected to use eight rookies against the Whalers because of injuries to Dirk, Patrice Brisebois and Stephane Quintal on defence and Brian Savage, Andrei Kovalenko and Benoit Brunet

on attack.

They called up rookie centre Darcy Tucker on the weekend to replace Savage, who suffered a hip pointer Saturday against Calgary.

Red Wings 4 Canucks 3

DETROIT (AP) — Sergei Fedorov completed a three-goal Detroit flurry midway through the second period as the Red Wings rallied past the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 Monday night.

Fedorov's goal, his 27th, followed goals by Vladimir Konstantov and Nicklas Lidstrom in a 5:02 span of the second period and brought Detroit back from a 3-1 deficit.

Tim Taylor also scored for the Red Wings, who were playing their fourth game in five nights. They'd won 3-2 Sunday in Toronto. Their 42-11-4 record is best in the NHL. They are 22-1-1 in their last 24 home games.

Cliff Ronning, Esa Tikkanen

and Adrian Aucoin scored for the Canucks, who are 0-3 against Detroit this season.

Kings 3 Bruins 3

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Jari Kurri's goal with 3:40 left in the third period lifted the Los Angeles Kings to a 3-3 tie Monday afternoon with the Boston Bruins.

Kurri took a John Druce pass and lifted the puck over Bill Ranford for his 14th goal this season and 1,326th NHL point, which tied him with Hall of Famer Gilbert Perreault for 12th place on the all-time list.

Lightning 4 Stars 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Daren Puppa, back in action after missing two games with back spasms, stopped 29 shots and Brian Bradley had a goal and two assists in leading Tampa Bay to a 4-2 NHL victory Monday over the Dallas Stars.

Gretzky deal tougher to make than it sounds

By Alan Adams

TORONTO (CP) — If Wayne Gretzky is so good, how come it's taking so long to trade him?

The answer is because a Gretzky trade involves a bit of everything: players, money, credibility and ego.

Add to that the fact that the 35-year-old Los Angeles Kings superstar becomes a free agent this summer and there may not be a deal before the March 20 trading deadline.

"It will not be simple," says Philadelphia general manager Bob Clarke about any possible deal. "It will be a very complicated thing."

Remember, the Kings are under no obligation to deal Gretzky, although they may be tempted to try to get something

for him rather than lose his services for nothing if they fail to re-sign him.

Here's a look at the pros and cons for both sides in the marketplace:

Potential Buyer: The cost of acquiring No. 99 — both in player compensation and then re-signing him — limits the number of teams who can step up to the bargaining table to less than a handful.

And there is more than the money involved in signing Gretzky to a new deal, as the New York Rangers realized.

Call it the Mark Messier factor. The Rangers captain makes \$6 million a year and the widespread thinking is his contract would have to be redone so that he makes more

money than Gretzky, ensuring Messier's salary reflects his team leadership.

And Rangers GM Neil Smith realized there would be a ripple-down effect that would extend past Messier.

"Most teams are not interested because of the economics," said Toronto GM Cliff Fletcher, considered one of the NHL's best horse-traders.

But Gretzky is the kind of player who can put an elite team over the hump and he is one of those rare stars worthy of acquiring at this late stage of his career.

"He brings you an offensive element to your team. At any time, on any shift, he can change the game," said Har-

ford GM Jim Rutherford.

Gretzky has about three springs left in him and would be highly motivated to win another Stanley Cup, which he has said is his primary goal at this point in his career.

That's why of all the rumors, the Rangers made the most sense.

Potential Seller: Gretzky is the Kings' star attraction, part of the reason the new ownership bought the club. The Kings need a new building and Gretzky is needed to help fill it.

"L.A. is in a precarious situation," says Fletcher. "They have a huge problem on their hands in dealing with the Gretzky situation because

what they have to do is make sure that they do not lose any credibility in their market with their fans."

Gretzky is also the only player who has really been able to make the Kings franchise work.

In the 1970s, the team had great players in Rogie Vachon and Marcel Dionne and had trouble selling out their building. The only time they have done it on a consistent basis was since Gretzky arrived in 1988.

There is also a rift in the Kings management over whether they deal for the present and acquire veterans or deal for the future and get prospects.

Three Canadian-born pitchers in camp

Boucher rehabs, ready to try again with Expos

By Richard Milo

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CP) — His bad shoulder healing nicely, Denis Boucher says he's ready to work his way back into the major leagues with the Montreal Expos.

"I haven't felt this good since 1991," Boucher said Monday. "It's encouraging."

"I can feel a big difference." Boucher, who is coming back from surgery to repair two partial tears in his left shoulder, was among about 30 players who worked out Monday at Municipal Stadium to get ready for the official opening of training camp Thursday.

"Right now, I have to get so that I'm comfortable on the mound," he said. "Everything's going well so far."

"There's been no problem with my arm."

Boucher, who threw for about 10 minutes on a practice mound, has not yet been invited to the Expos' camp, but it's clear the Expos want to take a good look at him.

The Montreal native has filled Olympic Stadium in the past when he was healthy, but he is coming off a season of misery.

With Class AAA Ottawa last season, Boucher went 2-3 with

a 5.69 earned run average in only 55.1 innings.

"I'll be ready to pitch in a game in about three weeks," said Boucher, who turns 28 on Mar. 7. "I'd like to try it sooner, but they don't want me to rush it and risk setting back my rehabilitation program."

Boucher, who made his major league debut with Toronto in 1991 and who was acquired two years later by Montreal from San Diego, is not the only Canadian pitcher in the Expos' camp.

While waiting for his turn to pitch, Boucher chatted with

fellow left-hander Rhéal Cormier of Shediac, N.B., who was obtained from the Boston Red Sox this winter for shortstop Wilfredo Cordero.

Cormier said his spring training project from pitching coach Joe Kerrigan is to work on his breaking ball.

"Last year, right-handed batters hit .290 against me while left-handers hit around .240," said Cormier. "I've got to get more movement on the ball."

Cormier is currently staying in a house owned by former teammate Luis Alicia while

waiting to move into a new house he bought in Wellington, Fla., a 20-minute drive from West Palm Beach.

Another pitcher from Montreal, Derek Aucion, also threw for about 10 minutes. Aucion went 2-4 with a 4.96 ERA in 29 outings with Class AA Harrisburg last season.

Note — Second baseman Mike Lansing is recovering from a fractured rib suffered while swinging a bat a month ago. Trainer Ron MacLean said Lansing's rehab was on schedule and he "shouldn't be too far behind the others in camp."

Stéphane Belfort wins three gold medals

Sherbrooke track team excels at own meet

By David M. Martin

SHERBROOKE — It was a gusty Saturday indoors as some of Canada's fastest men and women competed for their place in the national rankings at the University of Sherbrooke's Vert et Or Invitational track and field meet.

The field for Saturday's Twilight meet included nationally ranked Windsor, York and McGill universities, so there was no room for error in any of the events.

Sherbrooke University sprinter Stéphane Belfort had an excellent outing, winning three gold medals. He won the men's 300-metre sprint and gained two more golds as a member of Sherbrooke's

4 x 200m and 4 x 400m relay teams.

"Stéphane won his 300-metre (race) in a time of 34.5 seconds which allows him to keep his second-place ranking in the nation, and was definitely the athlete of the meet," said Sherbrooke head coach Richard Crevier.

Sherbrooke's men's 4 x 200m (Belfort, J.C. Cote, Rudolph Jean, Sebastian Laroche) team currently holds this year's ninth fastest time in the world and holds the No. 1 ranking in Canadian university with a 1:27.7. In this weekend's race their time was off by only two-tenths of a second.

The Sherbrooke team was without one of its 4 x 200m

regulars on Saturday. Patrice Doucet a nationally ranked 300m runner, who will be competing for a spot on this summer's Canadian Olympic team, was out with the flu.

"We did as good as we would have if we had had Patrice and that shows that we also have good depth in the team," said Crevier.

"A real important factor is that we beat the Windsor relay team and beat them in the overall men's points in the meet which is something we've never done before," Crevier added.

Crevier said the meet was a complete success and should give the Sherbrooke team a confidence boost heading into the provincial championships March 2-3 at McGill. McGill is

the defending provincial team champion.

"It was a good meet because we beat McGill in the overall points in both men and women," Crevier said. "And in order to win at provincials we have to maximize our athletes in as many events as possible."

With most of the men on the Sherbrooke team already qualified for a trip to Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union Championships in Windsor in mid-March, the focus at the provincials will be on earning points for the team and not on individual performances.

York University, the top ranked team in Canada, won both the men's and women's aggregate titles. Sherbrooke finished second in the men's competi-

tion, while McGill finished third. Windsor finished second among women and the Sherbrooke women's team came in third overall.

The small and youthful Bishop's team picked up four points overall during the meet. The men's 4 x 200m relay team finished fifth among a very strong field. The team consisted of Todd Touesnard, Stéphane Roy, Luc Normand and Chris Williams. Williams will likely be replaced by Corey Cooper, who is returning from a hamstring injury, at next month's provincials.

Liz Gagnon was the only Bishop's woman to earn a point at the meet. She finished seventh in the 600m sprint.



York's O'Brian Gibbons, an Olympic hopeful in the 400-metre, blew away the field in the 60m sprint at Saturday's Vert et Or Invitational indoor meet. Sherbrooke's Rudolph Jean (left) placed second.



Stéphane Belfort hands off to Sébastien Laroche in the 4 x 200m relay on Saturday. Belfort won three gold medals at the meet.

Sport shorts

Saskatchewan leads Scott
THUNDER BAY, Ont. (CP) — Sherry Scheirich, Jodi Busche and Cheryl Kullman are the hottest teams at the Canadian women's curling championship.

Scheirich, skip of the Saskatchewan rink from Saskatoon, improved to 5-0 with a hard-fought 6-4 win in the eighth draw Monday night over Quebec's Stephanie Marchand of Trois-Rivieres.

"We gave them a lot of opportunities," Scheirich said. "But when we needed a shot we came through."

Busche, from Fort St. John, B.C., has been quietly winning after dropping her first game in the 12-rink round-robin Scott Tournament of Hearts. The 25-year-old computer operator, in her first nationals, moved to 4-1 with a 12-2 romp over the Territories' Donna Scott of

Whitehorse.

"We take curling seriously, maybe not making a whole lot of noise or hoopla keeps some of the pressure off us," said Busche, who went undefeated in about 30 games against women's teams this year, including 10-0 in provincials, before losing Saturday to Alberta's Kullman.

Meanwhile, Kullman moved her Calgary foursome into contention with a surprise 9-6 win over defending champion Connie Laliberte of Team Canada.

"They're a tough team," said Kullman of Laliberte's rink. "But we did well. It was a big win. We had to win this game, I think, to keep in the running."

Kullman had lost her first two games before going on a three-game winning streak at Fort William Gardens.

In the other eighth-round

game, Susan McInnis of Charlottetown beat Colleen Jones of Halifax 4-3.

Following Scheirich, who won 8-2 over Manitoba's Maureen Bonar of Brandon in a morning draw, was Marilyn Bodogh of St. Catharines, Ont., and B.C., both at 4-1.

Bodogh, former Canadian champion, was idle Monday night after edging P.E.I. 7-6 in an extra-end seventh-round draw.

At 3-2 were Alberta, Canada, P.E.I. and Newfoundland's Laura Phillips of St. John's. Manitoba was 2-3, followed by Nova Scotia, Quebec and Barb Hutton's New Brunswick team from Saint John at 1-4. The Territories were 0-5.

Geoff Courtnall undergoes surgery

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Left-winger Geoff Courtnall

underwent surgery Monday to repair a broken left thumb that will likely keep him out of action for at least a month.

Courtnall was injured when he was slashed by Winnipeg's Dave Manson in the second period of the Blues' 3-0 NHL victory Sunday night over the Jets.

Courtnall and Blues general manager-coach Mike Keenan said the hit was deliberate and that Manson should be suspended or fined.

"He took a pretty good whack," Courtnall said. "I just hope he gets a real major suspension because he's a dirty player."

"I mean, it's a fact, you can ask anyone around the league."

Manson, who wasn't penalized on the play, said he didn't intend to injure Courtnall.

"If it was intentional, I'd go for his neck," Manson said. "I

was just giving him a little whack as he's cruising through the slot.

"It was a routine play. I whack the guys all the time."

Courtnall scored his 20th goal in the first period. He's second on the team in goals and fifth in scoring with 35 points.

Sanders to put baseball on hold

IRVING, Tex. (AP) — Deion Sanders is to announce today that he is temporarily putting his two-sport career on hold to concentrate on being the NFL's only two-way player.

Sanders, who doesn't have a baseball contract, has decided not to try latching on with a team in time for spring training so he can spend more time with his wife and two children at their new \$2-million home in north Dallas.

News of the Wales Home and lots of activities for the residents

February '96 has arrived. Did the groundhog see his shadow? I rather think he did. So we will go back to find out what went on in January. Did anyone make any New Year's resolutions?

First of all we would like to welcome the newcomers to the Home, namely Mrs. Frances Hall, Mrs. Eva Whitehill and Mrs. Olga Barrie. We trust you will all enjoy living here with the rest of us.

The usual activities took place with Brendalee as leader. There is bingo, carpet bowling and some days bowling in Richmond, reading groups, Thursday trips to town, exercises, cads, 500 and Bridge, games, happy hour, movies, videos, church services and teas.

The first tea in '96 was served on Friday, January 5 by the Young Women's Group. Teas are always enjoyed. Thank you, ladies.

The first Sunday church service was conducted by Rev. Patricia Lisson, of Richmond United Church. Thank you, Rev. Pat.

The first Wednesday church service for this year in Shaw 1 Solarium was conducted by Rev. Harding on Wed. Jan. 10. Rev. Harding conducts services every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Thank you, Rev. Harding.

Friday, Jan. 12 there was an afternoon tea sponsored by the ladies of the Richmond UCW. Thank you, ladies.

Jan. 14. The Sunday afternoon church service was conducted by Rev. Harding of the Richmond Anglican Church. Thank you, Rev. Harding.

Monday, Jan. 15. The boys from the Bromptonville Private School visited the Home and provided their sponsors with a musical concert. The rest of their time was spent in conversation.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 was the afternoon of the monthly birthday party or tea. A goodly number attended. Bingo was played and prizes given. Each birthday person received a gift. Lovely refreshments were served, consisting of homemade rolls, cheese,

birthday cake and tea. This tea was given by the Young Women within the church. Thank you ladies. It was much appreciated.

Friday, Jan. 19 there were many showings of the Wales Home video. It was very good and much enjoyed. The same afternoon was the afternoon tea provided and served by the Ulverton/Kirkdale ladies. Nice lunch as usual. Thank you, ladies.

Sunday, Jan. 21 was the afternoon church service conducted by Rev. Bonnie Jennings of the Danville United Church. Thank you, Rev. Bonnie.

Jan. 23. That evening Dr. Blake entertained us with special music in remembrance of Robbie Burns. It seemed to be very popular as so many Scottish songs were sung. There was a very good attendance. Thank you, Dr. Blake.

Thursday, Jan. 25. In the afternoon there was a Robbie Burns celebration. We were entertained by a piper from the Black Watch in Montreal, also two highland dancers from Montreal who proved to be very popular

with the audience. Then of course there was the address to the Haggis given by Jim Stewart. Anyone who wished could have a taste of the Haggis. Then we were served punch and cookies. It was all very enjoyable. Thanks a lot.

Jan. 26. This Friday afternoon tea was provided and served by the Dewars. It was delicious as usual. All the afternoon teas are enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who serve them.

Jan. 28. The Sunday afternoon church service was conducted by Rev. Daniel Forget of the Melbourne Presbyterian Church. All church services are very much appreciated. Thank you, Rev. Forget.

The Wales Home Auxiliary will be holding a tea and bazaar on May 25 here in the Home. Last year a silent auction of about 50 small articles were set up two weeks prior to the bazaar. Bids closed at 3 p.m. the day of the event. This netted over \$1200 as well as providing great interest among the staff, residents and visitors. If you have an article to do-

nate to this year's silent auction you may drop it off at the Matron's office any time. Thank you.

Two people left their earthly life in January. They were Ken Morrill and William Hinves. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in making my 90th birthday a very special day. To all those who sent cards, the many phone calls and a plant from my cousin Bernice. A special thank you to the ten Waterloo ladies who came to have dinner with me, and the beautiful birthday cake which they brought which we could all enjoy with a cup of tea in the afternoon, plus a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Many thanks also to Gwen, a niece who took the day off and arrived with Meryl, my sister-in-law, the night before to spend the weekend with me. Many thanks to all of you. It made a day to be remembered.

Submitted by Myrtle Pope

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

PRESSURE OF A DART GAME

The place is deathly quiet and still,
Which sends up my spine a chill.
All eyes are focused on me,
As I step up to the line to see.

The dartboard hangs from the wall with a glare,
With numbers on it — I give it a stare.
To finish the game it is my turn,
The eyes in my head are starting to burn.

My partner left me on double eight,
Now I can finish the game before it's too late.
We will win the match if I double out,
My partner and I will surely give a shout.

I raise my arm throwing a dart with a flinch,
Missing the double just by an inch.
The crowd shifts nervously on the edge of their seat,
The pressure mounts as I feel the heat.

With the second dart I slowly take aim,
I'd better do something to win this game.
I miss the double just like the first,
I shake my head thinking the worst.

My opponents stand beside me with a grin,
Looking confident they're going to win.
My partner faithfully looks at me winking,
It's time to concentrate and start thinking.

I realize I'll have to shoot a little higher,
The double eight stands out between the wire.
I take a deep breath and glance,
I know this will be my last chance.

I throw the dart and it does sail,
The crowd is silent — not even a wail.
The next noise I hear is a click,
The dart hits double eight — it does stick.

My partner looks at me with relief,
My two opponents look at each other without belief.
The crowd goes into a frenzy with cheer,
I finally decide it's time for a beer.

As we shake our opponents' hand for a good match,
My partner pats me on the back with a scratch.
I grab a beer off the bar like I'm a sousé,
While the bartender informs me it's on the house!

By David Ellis
Beebe, Que.
January 23, 1996

St. Patrick's Society plans for two gala events on March 9th and 17th at Richmond

RICHMOND — The meeting of the St. Patrick's Society was held on February 6, at the Marquis in Richmond, and the St. Patrick's celebration was the main topic of discussion for the evening.

St. Patrick's Banquet — Saturday, March 9, 7 p.m. at the Richmond Community Centre, a hot turkey dinner will be served. Tickets were distributed and are now on sale from the directors. The music will be furnished by 'Maple Creek Orchestra with Buck Sayers'. The St. Patrick's Queen this year is Kelly Badger.

St. Patrick's Mass — Sunday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Richmond. Everyone is welcome to join the St. Patrick's Society at this church service.

St. Anne's ACW hold regular meeting

RICHMOND — Before I write about the ACW meeting of St. Anne's Anglican Church, I would like to say I made a mistake in the officers of the last meeting of January 2. The Bazaar table convenor was not Janet Banfill but Dorothy McCarthy. The Treasurer is Janet Banfill. Dot Masters does not want the post of Cards and Cheer which is really called Social Action which Norma Lester takes care of.

The ACW held their meeting on February 7 at Sharon Harding's home with 12 members and two guest speakers. Quentin Robinson, director of Quebec Lodge and Jennifer Griffith of the CLSC and the Day Care Center.

The President Marilyn Mastine welcomed everyone and the secretary Sherley Provis took the roll call. Devotion Secretary Sharon Harding did the devotions, reading from 2 Timothy, 2 verses 11 to 26.

St. Patrick's Parade — Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m. Line up for the parade at 1:30 p.m. at Le Tremplin School in Richmond. Anyone wishing to take part in the parade are to contact either Mona McGee at 826-2918 or Mark O'Donnell at 826-2535. The parade route this year will be: Up 6th Avenue to Craig Road, then to Main St. Along Main to Fair Street, then to Gouin St., returning to Le Tremplin School yard.

We wish to extend an open invitation to anyone to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade, 1:30 p.m. at Le Tremplin.

Once again this year the merchants of Richmond are also encouraged to dress up their store windows with as much GREEN

as possible. The window judges will be out again this year.

Membership Cards — Memberships are now on sale for 1996. See one of the directors.

Life Memberships — Requirements for a Life Member are as follows: Have been a member for at least 10 years, and reached the age of 70 years.

If members know of someone who should receive a Life Membership, please contact one of the directors of the St. Patrick's Society.

Elsie Kerr mentioned there will be a 'Green Day Celebration' at the Legion Hall, Richmond, on Saturday afternoon, March 16, sponsored by the Richmond Legion.

Next meeting on Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. at the Marquis.

The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting of January 2 which were approved as read. We received letters from the Sunday School, a seaman who received a shoe box at Christmas and Marty Patterson. The Bazaar convenor Dorothy McCarthy had no report. The Little Helpers & Family, Audrey M. had no report as she was ill. The tea convenor Blanche Mastine, no report. The Treasurer Janet Banfill gave her report. One of the guest speakers Quentin Robinson spoke about Quebec Lodge.

They have sing-songs at camp; the Chapel is in the main lodge; they do a lot of drama; they do

crafts, swimming, Chapel and a second language; in the summer they have 60 staff working; showed a video of Quebec Lodge.

Our second speaker was Jennifer Griffith from the CLSC and the Day Care Center. She told us it started in 1987; services for the elderly and handicapped; is at the Foyer Richmond; they meet once a week; they have physiotherapy, nursing, social work, crafts, conversation; if needed a nap; they serve dinner for \$4 or they can bring a lunch; people can use the special bus from their homes.

The meeting was closed by all repeating the grace and dessert was served by Sharon Harding.

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