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Arrival Of Francos Here Re-Enacted For 'Festival'

BY URSULA ALBERT

A French concert and a large beano party have been chosen by the Franco-American Festival Committee as the primary means of raising funds for the week-long event beginning July 25.

Lou Garou, a group from Montreal, will perform at a concert Thursday, July 28, according to Paul Belanger, chairman of the committee. The popular Canadian group plays "easy rock" as opposed to hard rock music, and sings in both French and English. Translated to English, Lou Garou means "werewolf."

Even though it has not yet been determined what time the group will begin its performance, Belanger noted, the concert will definitely be held at the Central Maine Youth Center on Birch Street.

The beano party will be held Wednesday night, also at the Youth Center. Again, a time has yet to be confirmed.

Towels, Shirts

In addition, beach towels and T-shirts bearing the C'est Si Bon logo will be sold in stores throughout Lewiston and in Kennedy Park, Belanger said. C'est Si Bon is the theme of the week-long festival.

Hoping to get the week off to a roaring

start, the festival organizers have included a colorful pageant in Kennedy Park in their plans for opening day ceremonies. Hundreds of people, the chairman remarked, are expected to participate in the pageant which will preview the week's events.

A communication to Maine Central Railroad officials is being prepared now, according to Belanger, requesting that a train be made available for people to ride from Danville to Lewiston, Tuesday, July 26, as a symbolic re-enactment of their family's migration from Canada to Lewiston.

Also along the transportation vein, a bus or some other means of travel will be provided from Old Orchard Beach to Lewiston making it all that much easier for tourists to find their way to Lewiston.

The Franco-American Festival Committee held a special meeting at the Multi-Purpose Center this morning to discuss fund raising tactics and overall festival plans. Members voted to hold special meetings once a week on Tuesdays, in addition to meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month up until the week of the festival.

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NOT A PROBLEM

Plenty Of Acts For Franco Week

BY STEVE GREENE

The Franco-American Festival Committee, meeting this morning to review the tentative schedule of events for Lewiston's forthcoming Franco-American festival, learned that finding enough acts to fill up an entire week is not one of their problems.

"If we had the money, we could line up activities around the clock for the whole week of the festival," commented Festival Coordinator Paul Pare. "Lack of available talent is certainly not one of our problems," he said, noting that his office has received inquiries from interested performing groups from as far away as Louisiana, including many out-of-staters and Canadians.

Although formal contracts have not yet been signed with many of these performers, Pare indicated he is confident that festival-goers will be entertained by a large and varied assortment of people during the week of July 25 through 31. Most of the ac-

tivity will take place in Lewiston's Kennedy Park.

One contract was signed today, however, with the promoter of the Montreal folk rock group "Lou Garou," for a festival performance.

Groundwork Completed

At this stage, said Pare, most of the groundwork for the festival has been laid. "It's mostly a matter of tying the pieces together," he commented. For example, the festival committee is waiting to hear from Maine Central Railroad and Canadian National Railroad officials about whether the possibility of renting a train to carry people from Danville to Lewiston, over the route taken by many French-Canadian immigrants to Lewiston.

Committee members got a look this morning at new festival T-shirts printed for distribution in Lewiston and elsewhere. The shirts, which come in several styles and colors, should go on sale in local stores within the next

week or two, said Pare. Those intended for local distribution bear both the festival logo, "C'est Si Bon," and the words, "Franco-American Festival, Lewiston, Maine." Those intended for wider distribution bear only the logo, Pare noted.

Pare said the commercial shirt manufacturer will pay a royalty on each shirt bearing the logo to the festival committee. "The prospect for their sale is quite good," he added.

He said he also will be looking into the possibility of getting festival flags showing the logo, to be flown throughout the city instead of banners.

Joe Rundin, assistant Parks and Recreation Department director, has replaced former Mayoral Assistant Leslie Stevens on the festival committee, Pare noted.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, at 8 a.m.

To the Editor:

Before any money is wasted on an incorrect nameplate for our new park, it should be pointed out that the correct French translation for "Heritage Park" is "L'Heritage Parc" and not "Parc de notre Heritage" as recommended by the Lewiston Historical Commission and reported under City Locals on Page 6, May 18th's Evening Journal. "Parc de notre Heritage" translates into English as "Park of our Heritage" or "Our Heritage Park".

Emil Siwiec
57 Prospect Ave.
Lewiston 5-24-77

The Real Name

Lewiston's city clerk today clarified the official name of Lewiston's newest park, taking issue with a recent letter to the Journal editor stating that the French name was an incorrect translation of the English name.

"The real name is Our Heritage Park/Parc de Notre Heritage," commented Gerald P. Berube, emphasizing the 'our.' That's exactly the way it was submitted."

Marcel Mathieu received a savings bond at last night's city council meeting for submitting the winning entry. 5-25-77

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CREATIVITY PAYS OFF — Marcel Mathieu, winner of the name the park contest in Lewiston, receives a savings bond from Mayor Lillian Caron. Mathieu submitted the name "Heritage

Park" for the new Main Street Park, which will also bear the French wording, "Parc de notre Heritage." (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

UM Bilingual is Becoming Popular

BANGOR—Franco-American human service programs at Bangor Community College of the University of Maine at Orono are not only doing well, but they are spreading their services throughout the state.

Three separate, but allied programs, have been funded at BCC, and one of them, an academic bilingual human services program administered by the Bangor campus, is offered at four other UM campus sites. This consortium includes UM campuses at Presque Isle, Fort Kent, Augusta's Lewiston-Auburn center, Portland-Gorham's York County Community College Service at Biddeford.

Seventy-four students, all Franco-Americans between the ages of 18 and 70, were graduated this spring from the one-year certificate program which is funded by the U.S. Office of Education. Dr Michael Beaudoin of the BCC faculty is the director of the project.

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HOSPITALIZED — Rep. Louis Jalbert of 39 Orestis Way, Lewiston, dean of the Maine House of Representatives, is recuperating at St. Mary's General Hospital where he has been a patient since Thursday for treatment of a lung infection.

Rep. Jalbert, a veteran of 32 years in the House, is a member of the Appropriations Committee which is now beginning its deliberations on Part Two of the State Budget, covering new and expanded State services.

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Mainers Head For France

BANGOR—Franco-American specialists from the University of Maine at Orono's Bangor Community College, the Lewiston-Auburn Center of UM-Augusta and three other UM campuses left Sunday for France to study that country's bilingual programs.

The trip is being made at the invitation of the French government which is paying all the expenses of the six university faculty members, who are all leaders of campus programs in bilingual bicultural human services programs. Dr. Micahel Beaudoin of BCC is director of the program which has received funding from a grant provided by the U.S. Office of Education.

Louise Spugnardi of the Lewiston-Auburn Center is taking the trip along with Nicole Cecile Collin, York County Community College Services, UM Portland-Gorham; Francoise Paradis, UM-Presque Isle; Louise Spugnardi, Lewiston-Auburn Center, UM-Augusta; and Joyce Harvey, UM-Fort Kent; and Claire Bolduc, BCC bilingual curriculum development specialist.

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**Gagne Resigns
Position with
Franco Committee**

Citing several points of discontent, Louis-Philippe Gagne III of Lewiston, a local recording artist recently named to the Franco-American Festival Music Committee, has announced his resignation from that committee.

In a statement released Thursday, Gagne said the idea of a Franco-American Festival represents positive action; however, he expressed concern over the fact that many local Franco-Americans are being "misrepresented or not represented at all."

"I do not wish to be associated with people who turn my background into a circus," the local musician said. "It's time to bury the stereotype local Franco-American image, and return our heritage from those who prostitute it to those who securely accept it within themselves."

"The Franco-Americans in the Twin Cities have an image that was once created by a 'select' few from the community. That image is still bonded with power plays and status quos, and a lot of innocent people are being stepped on and are turning off," he said.

"It is my opinion," the singer declared, "that the small group of people now fighting for the Franco-American 'cause' will soon fall off their own pedestals. The Franco situation in Lewiston today is that everyone involved wants to be the leader. Consequently, there are too many talkers, not enough doers, and very few listeners."

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Maine Scene

Maine's 'Invisible' People

"I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me . . .

"When they approach me they see only my surroundings, themselves or figments of their imagination—indeed, everything and anything except me."

These words were penned by black writer Ralph Ellison in his award-winning book, *Invisible Man*, written in 1947.

Though they refer to the plight of blacks as perceived at that time, part of the message might be applicable to Maine's largest minority, the Franco-Americans.

For if there is an ethnic group in this state that lacks visibility, it is the Franco-Americans.

It isn't that people don't know the Francos are here; when a group accounts for more than 30 per cent of the population, there is quite obviously an awareness.

But many know nothing of the Franco-Americans. Their gains and

achievements have been largely overlooked.

A recent series in the Maine Sunday Telegram dealt with "The Coming of the Franco-Americans." Researchers on the project found that despite the fact Francos have been here for more



By
Dyke
Hendrickson

than 100 years, there has been little written about them.

Remarkably few stories are on file in newspaper morgues, and only a handful of texts in English address themselves to the subject.

Even histories of Maine have

ignored them. An historical text may utilize 200 pages to tell the story of Maine, and on some occasions have delegated just six to eight paragraphs to the French influence and the French-Canadian migration.

Because history has paid such little attention to the Franco-Americans, many Mainers have little idea of who the Franco-Americans really are.

They do not know about the difficulties the original immigrants faced, and the admirable way they have managed to overcome the most severe adversity.

Most who came south lacked cash, job training and the ability to speak English.

Later generations, though born here, knew English as only a second language. Forced to function in a commercial world dominated by Anglos, they were continually faced with the stigma of being "foreigners."

Recent generations have lived a

more comfortable life and many have risen to the highest plateaus of the community. Yet still they encounter the uninformed, who are practitioners of subtle discrimination and tellers of "French jokes."

Part of the problem in espousing Franco-American identity, of course, has been the Francos' lack of assertiveness in projecting themselves.

Unlike the blacks, they have not been vocal in demanding an atmosphere of ethnic awareness.

But that factor notwithstanding, they continue to exist as an invisible segment of society.

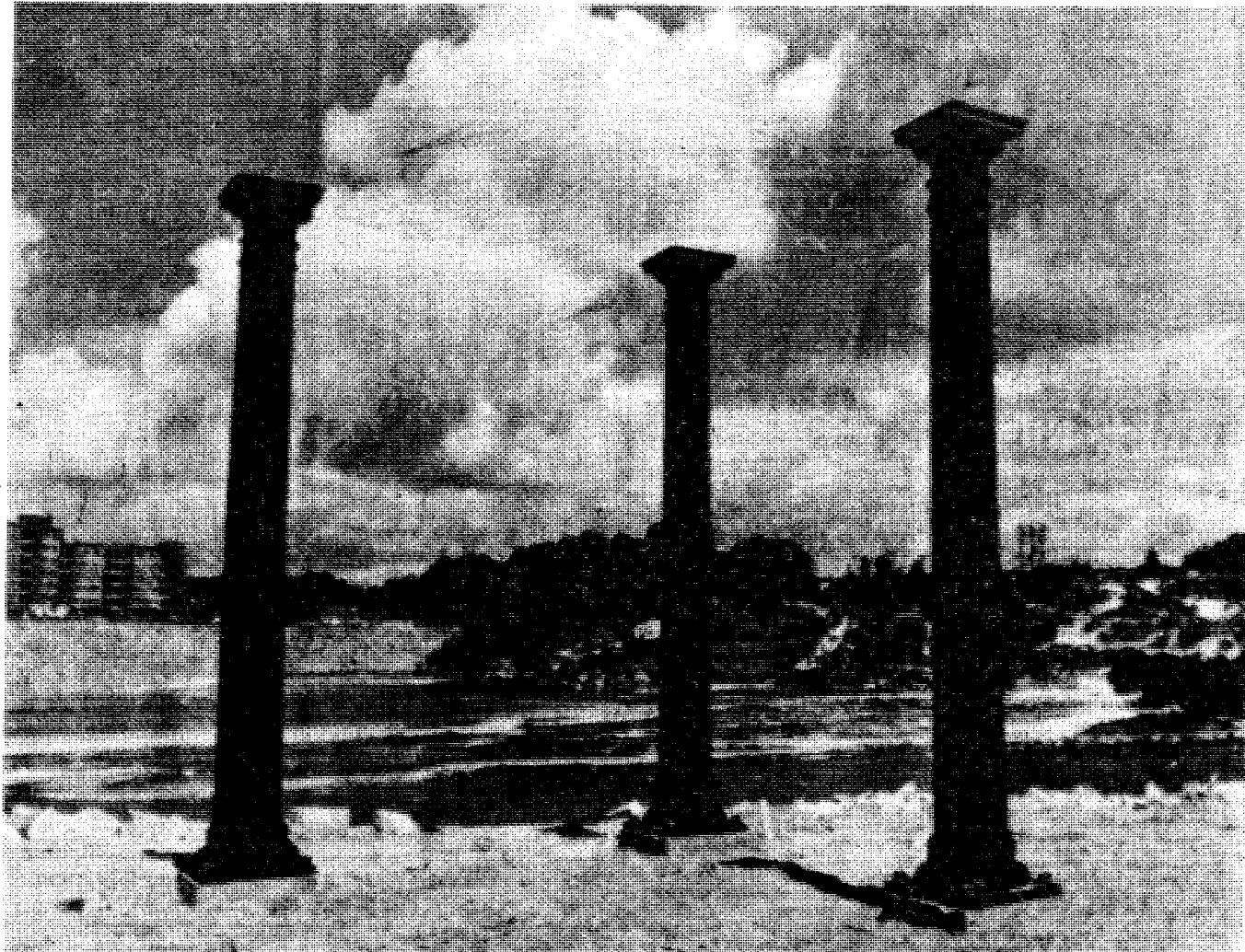
Historians, until now, have overlooked them and their colleagues have looked past them.

When their history and enormous worth is brought to public attention, though, appreciation will replace ignorance.

And when that occurs, the Franco-Americans will finally be recognized.

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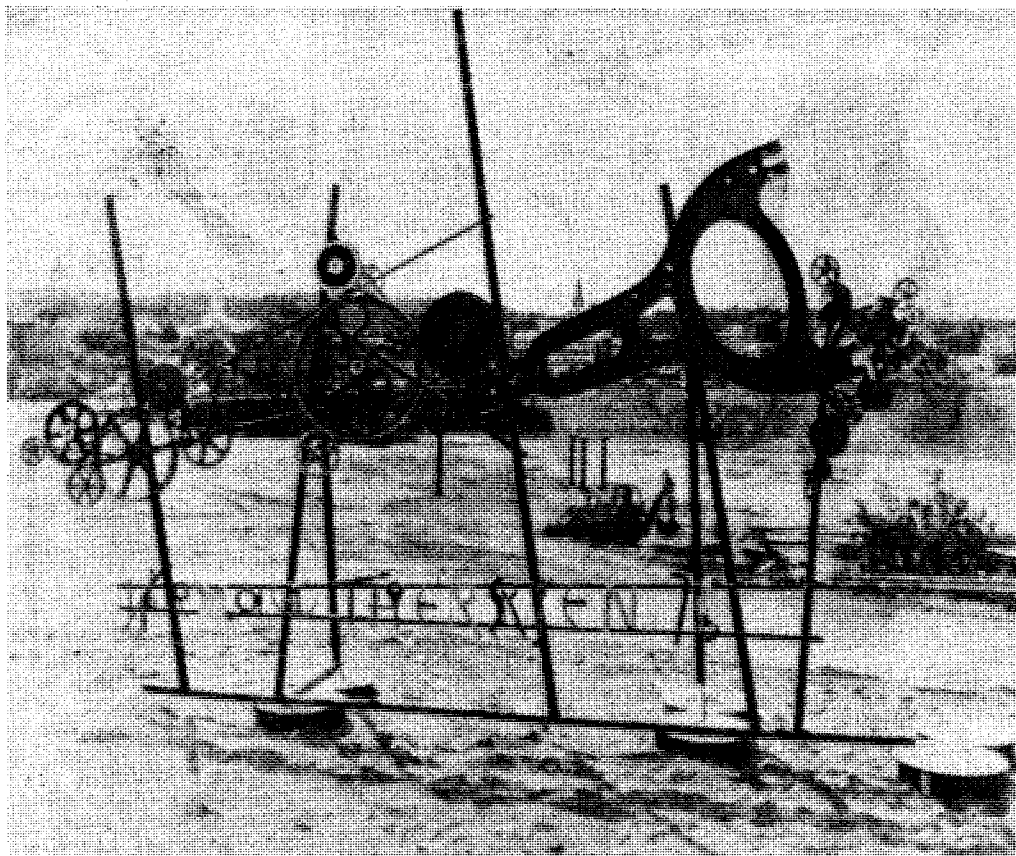
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CLASSICAL COLUMNS IN LEWISTON? — You'd better believe it. These Doric columns, the simplest of the classical Corinthian and Roman columns, were erected recently in the new park on Main Street in Lewiston. The majestic cast iron columns which stand about 10 feet high were originally used as structural supports for a Lewiston Gaslight Co. building on Lincoln Street. The new additions to the park add a touch of class to the Lewiston bank of the Androscoggin River. (Staff Photo by Wardwell).

LEWISTON-AUBURN, MAINE

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1977



NOT ALL THERE—It's not all there but it's really coming along nicely as the first two sections of the Norman Therrien sculpture are in place at the new Heritage Park on Main Street in Lewiston. There are five pieces to the sculpture in all, but according to Therrien, only one, and perhaps two pieces can be brought in at a time.

All pieces have to be anchored in cement. Also in the background can be seen the old Gas Works pillars which have just arrived at the park, making for a nice contrast between old style architecture and new innovative sculpture. (Staff Photo by Wardwell.)

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Karen Jean Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Mitchell of 181 Fairview Ave., Auburn was named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine Farmington from which she was graduated a few weeks ago, an elementary and early childhood major. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society in Education and Delta Rho Sorority.



IN WHO'S WHO — Pauline Bouchard is completing her junior year at St. Dominique Regional High School and has been notified that she has been accepted to be included in the most recent edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bouchard of 135 Rosedale Street, Lewiston she plans a college career and hopes to become an executive secretary.

A member of the drama club since entering high school, she was elected president this year and is a Student Senate Representative. She was a member of the Future Medics group for two years and as a sophomore was a member of the softball team. 6-17-77

Announce Coordinator of Franco-American Event

Angela Mickalide of 10 Leeds Street, Lewiston, has been named volunteer coordinator for the Franco-American Festival to be held in Lewiston's Kennedy Park July 25-31.

Miss Mickalide, daughter of Mrs. Theresa Mickalide, is currently working on lists of persons who have volunteered to work so far. Many more workers are needed however for a variety of jobs in conjunction with the week-long Festival in July. Persons with clerical skills, sign-making skills, and bilingual persons are needed.



MISS ANGELA MICKALIDE

Volunteers will be used as guides, translators, survey takers, waiters, and maintenance workers.

Miss Mickalide can be reached evenings at her home. Volunteer forms may be obtained by calling her or by contacting the Festival coordinator at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

A graduate of St. Dominic Regional High School, Miss Mickalide is a psychology major at Colby College and plans to spend her junior year in Athens, Greece. This summer she is working as administrative secretary for the SPEDY program.

"We're pleased to welcome Angela Mickalide to the Festival family," said Paul H. Belanger, chairman of the Franco-American Festival Committee. "She typifies the spirit and vitality that so many people are bringing to the Festival efforts," he added.

QUEBEC (AP) — Legislative hearings into Quebec's proposed language legislation were to begin today, with the Parti Quebecois optimistic it can dodge the pitfalls that plagued efforts by previous governments to make French the everyday language in the province.

Cultural Development Minister Camille Laurin exhibited confidence that a majority of Quebecers would support Bill 1, the law the government has dubbed the Charter of the French Language in Quebec. 6-17-77

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MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1977

Sheriff's Audit Nearly Completed

The audit of the Androscoggin Sheriff's Department, which was ordered by the county commissioners at their June 21 meeting, is nearly completed, Charles MacConney of the State Department of Audit revealed today.

He said that efforts to examine the "facts and figures" got underway Friday and he speculated that the actual scrutinizing of the department books would probably be completed within the next day or so. Robert Redman, director of the Maine Department of Audit, predicted that the findings might be available sometime next week.

When Commissioner Richard Charette made the motion requesting the complete audit, Commissioner Bertrand Pontbriand asked if his actions were made as a personal vendetta in response to Cote's previous allegations that he (Charette) is "in the back pocket" of Commission Chairman Roland D. Landry and that he is a "part of the machinery at the county building."

Has Firm Belief

Charette replied in the negative, adding "I have firm beliefs that there have been no records kept."

He noted that he called for a complete audit from the first of January up to date because he has reasons to believe that other transactions have not been carried out properly. Paying bills prior to receiving approval from the commissioners was cited by Charette as one possible example.

Sheriff Cote has stated that he welcomes the audit and today said that four or five different categories have been checked by the auditors and "everything appears to okay up to this point."

It has been no secret that Sheriff Cote and the county commissioners have been at opposite ends of the pole, but the sheriff has met with Landry recently and it appears that efforts to bury the hatchet are being made. — By URSULA ALBERT.

Benoit Is Sponsor Of FA Festival

One of Maine's largest chains of clothing stores has become the first business to sign up as a sponsor of the Franco-American Festival to be held in Lewiston the last week of July.

A check for \$1,000 was recently presented to organizers of the Franco-American Festival by Louis J. Benoit, president of A.H. Benoit and Co., which has its headquarters in Portland.

"Benoit's is very proud to be part of the Franco-American Festival. We've done business in Lewiston for many, many years and we consider our sponsorship of the festival as an investment in the people of Lewiston-Auburn," said Benoit.

The Franco-American Festival is a six-day event running from July 25 through the 31st celebrating the living heritage of Maine's more than a quarter of a million Franco-Americans. Most of the events will be held in Lewiston's Kennedy Park where a sidewalk cafe, a stage and a dance area and several tents will be set up. Thousands of visitors throughout the United States and Canada are expected to take part, according to the Franco-American Festival Committee.

The organizational committee is made up of officials of the city of Lewiston, the Lewiston-Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce and l'Unite Franco-Americain. Individual businesses are also becoming involved in an annual fund-raising event, A.H. Benoit and Co. becoming the first major sponsor.

We're Grateful

"We're grateful to Louis Benoit for his generous participation in the Franco-American Festival. It indicates a strong interest in the community where he does business," said Paul H. Belanger, Festival chairman.

A.H. Benoit and Company has stores in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and at the Maine Mall at South Portland.



SENIOR CITIZENS SEWING COSTUMES — Juliette Blais, left, and Florence Guay, right, members of the Lewiston Senior Citizens Nutrition Program, have been busy putting their creative efforts behind sewing needles and designing costumes that are reflective of their French Canadian background. Theirs and other costumes created by fellow program members will be entered in a costume contest opened to senior citizens of all ethnic backgrounds and sponsored in conjunction with the Franco-American Festival, scheduled for the last week of this month.

Judging of the most original costumes will take place at the Multi-Purpose Center July 26. A \$25 certificate will be awarded as first prize and other prizes which have been donated by firms doing business with the nutrition program will be awarded.

Nutrition Supervisor Mrs. John Aliberti, center, has concentrated her creative talents on making a Belgian flag, which will be flown with flags representative of other French countries in the parade kicking off the festival. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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Ms. Thyng Heads TAS Library Development

A recent Bates graduate, Deborah Thyng, has been named by The Androscoggin School advisory board to head the alternative high school's library development program.

Ms. Thyng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thyng of Waldoboro, attended Medonak Valley High School before entering Bates College as an English literature major. While at Bates she participated in the Little Sister program and served as a teacher assistant in the English Department. She is a June graduate of the college having earned her degree Summa Cum Laude.

According to Denis Ledoux, co-director of the competency-based high school which opens in September, Ms. Thyng will have two principal tasks. The first will be to catalogue the many books which the library has already acquired. In this she is being supervised by Donat Boisvert, librarian and archivist at the Centre D'heritage Franco-American, Ash Street, Lewiston. Boisvert, who holds a master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island, is a trustee of The Androscoggin School.

Ms. Thyng will also coordinate a book drive to be conducted later this summer. According to Ledoux, the book drive will be a city-wide undertaking to collect books not being used by area residents. Information on the book acquisition effort will be made public at a later date.

Ledoux pointed out that Ms.



DEBORAH THYNG

Thyng is a summer volunteer at the alternative high school. "We are looking for volunteer workers and volunteer teachers during our school year, we want to be able to organize community resources, people who wouldn't ordinarily teach but have a great deal to offer kids, and are people the kids wouldn't ordinarily come in contact with."

"We are grateful for Ms. Thyng's contribution," he continued, "and welcome others in the community to come by and volunteer their services. We are especially interested in all the uncertified 'teachers' out there who want to try their hand at helping kids out. We can be reached by calling 782-2201 or by writing to us at P.O. Box 844, Lewiston, Me., or by dropping in."

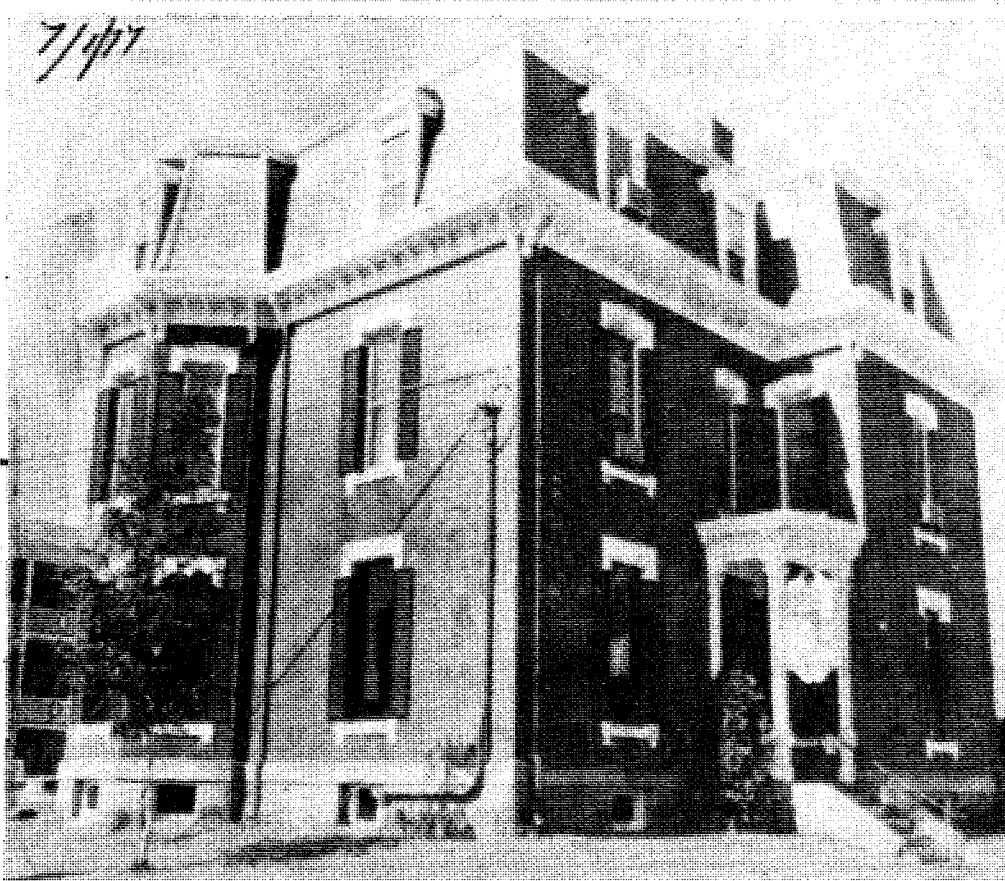
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ANNOUNCING FESTIVAL DATES—All visitors to Lewiston who cross the North Bridge from Auburn and points west will now be greeted with news of Lewiston's Franco-American Festival planned for the week of July 25-31. This

sign, which was erected Friday, is situated on the island at the intersection of Main and Lincoln streets just past the Lewiston side of the North Bridge. (Staff Photo by Gray)

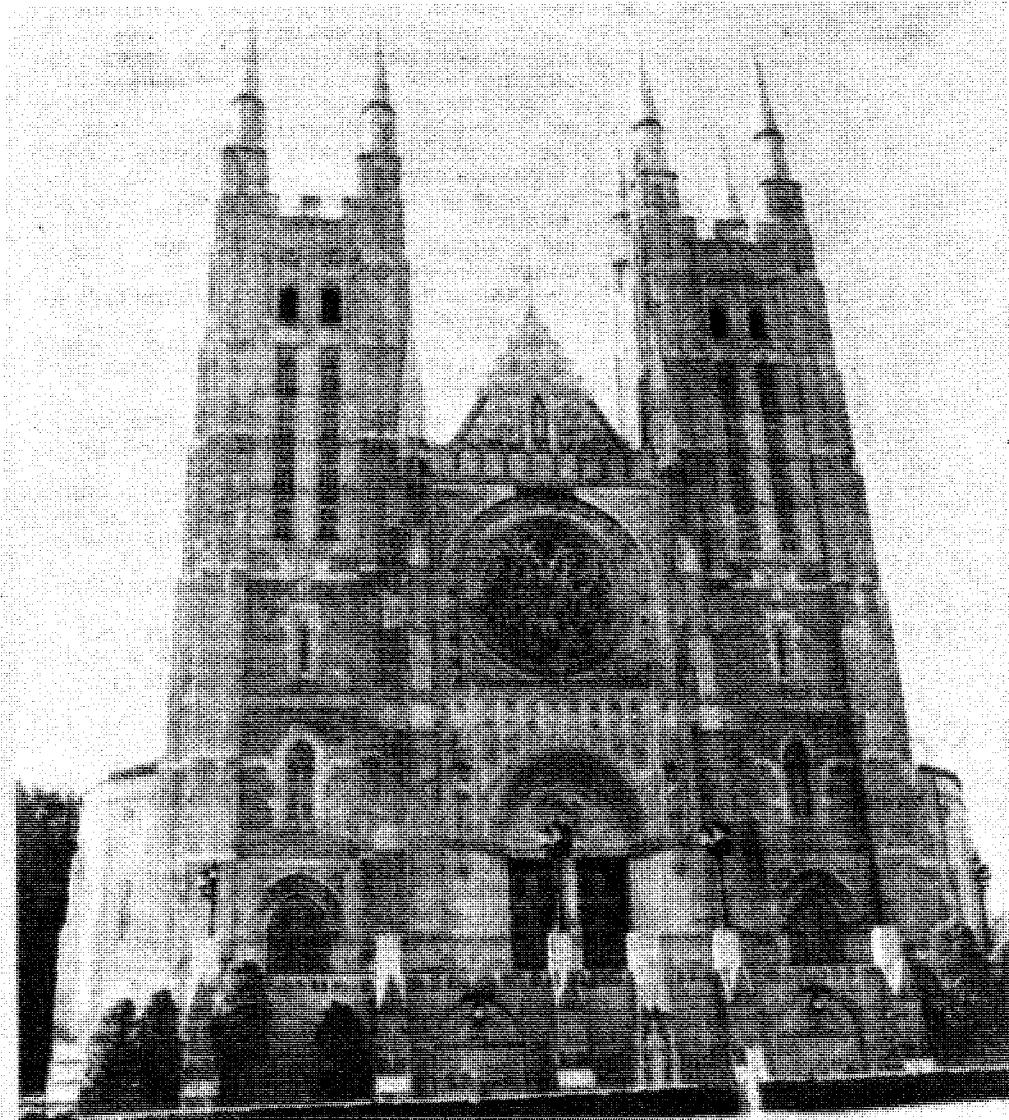


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FESTIVAL DANCERS— "Les Sortileges," a folk dance troupe from Montreal which has won worldwide acclaim, will appear in Lewiston during the Franco-American Festival. Pictured above are few of the 25 dancers who will give a demonstration of

traditional Quebec dances Saturday, July 30, in Kennedy Park at 6:30 p.m. The event is offered free of charge by the Franco-American Festival Committee.

French Canadian Dancers To Perform at Festival

An internationally known troupe of folk dancers from Montreal will participate in the Lewiston Franco-American Festival to be held July 25-31, it was announced Thursday.

Known as "Les Sortileges," the group includes about 25 young dancers and three or four musicians who specialize in the folk dances of French Canada. They will give a free presentation in Kennedy Park Saturday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m.

"We're very proud to have

this highly professional troupe with us for the Franco-American Festival," said festival coordinator Paul Pare.

"Les Sortileges" has played throughout Canada since it was founded in Montreal in 1966. The group has also participated in folk festivals in Nancy, France; Haifa, Israel; Sidmouth, Great Britain; Normandy; London; Martinique and Buffalo, N.Y. Last year they were seen on worldwide television as they took part in the opening

ceremonies of the Montreal Olympics.

In Lewiston the group will perform in the center of Kennedy Park, where a portable stage will be set up for the entire Festival Week. The dancers will lead the spectators in a street dance, festival organizers said.

Pare said that the participation of "Les Sortileges" in the festival is being made possible in large part by the Quebec government, which is

sharing the cost with the local Festival Committee.

Other events scheduled for Festival Week will soon be announced, Pare said, adding he anticipates being able to offer Lewiston citizens residents and their visitors many major events during the week, most of them free of charge.

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PLAYING TO BEAT THE BAND—After a long afternoon of competition between numerous drum and bugle corps units, "Les Renaissance" from St. Georges, Quebec, Canada, put on a final performance Sunday for a sizable crowd at Kennedy Park in Lewiston. The performance capped a week of activities for the

Franco-American Festival. Festival organizers called this year's extravaganza a success, and pledged to do even better next year. Sunday's weather turned out to be about the best of the week, with bright sunshine and warm temperatures providing a pleasant atmosphere for closing ceremonies. (Staff Photos by Simokaitis)



SASKATCHEWAN SINGERS— A group of young people from Saskatchewan presented a varied singing program of songs. They travelled here especially for the festival and from the appearance

of the crowd in the lower photo their performance was very much appreciated. The festival continues through Saturday and Sunday. (Staff photos by Gray.)

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Lewiston Redistricting

Results in 22 Voting Precincts

Sixteen voting places have been arranged to accommodate Lewiston voters in the Nov. 8 municipal election.

Lewiston City Clerk Gerald P. Berube said that the realignment of the city's ward lines has necessitated the set of 22 voting precincts as opposed to last year's 15 precincts.

Officials have opted to set up 16 voting areas throughout the city to minimize confusion and frustration on the part of the voters.

St. Joseph's

Registered voters in Ward One Precinct One and Ward Three Precinct One will be voting at the St. Joseph's Elementary School at 393 Main St.

Ward One Precinct One boundaries begin at the Androscoggin River and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge. The lines are then established to run along Main Street to Frye Street and from Frye Street to College Street. The boundary extends along College to Elm Street, along Elm Street to the Maine Central Railroad line. Ward One Precinct One then concludes encompassing the railroad line and returning to the Androscoggin River.

Ward Three Precinct One is divided into two areas designated "a" and "b."

Ward Three Precinct One "A" begins on Elm Street at the Maine Central Railroad line and extends on Elm Street to Oak Street. The boundary runs on Oak to Union Street and from

Union Street to Main Street. From Main Street, the precinct line runs southwesterly to Hammond Street then northwesterly on Hammond Street to Lowell Street. The boundary then returns southwesterly on Lowell Street and Lowell Street Extension to the Androscoggin River and returns to the Maine Central Railroad line.

Ward Three Precinct One "B" begins Elm at Oak Streets, running along Elm to College Street. From College Street the boundary extends southwesterly to Holland Street up to Nichols Street. Ward Three Precinct One "B" is then designed to run southwesterly along Nichols Street to Sabattus Street then to Main Street. From Main Street the line runs to Union Street, southeasterly to Oak returning to the corner of Oak and Elm Streets.

Voters living in these areas will cast their ballots at St. Joseph's Elementary School. **Pettingill**

Voters in Ward One Precinct Two will be voting at the Pettingill Elementary School at 405 College Rd.

Ward One Precinct Two boundaries begin on Main Street at King Avenue, running southeasterly on King Avenue and Fair Street to Montello Street. From Montello Street the precinct line runs easterly to College Street along College Street to Frye Street and from Frye Street to Main Street. The line then goes northeasterly on Main Street to ramp "D" of the Vietnam Veterans memorial

Bridge, down the ramp to the Main Central Railroad line. The boundary then extends along the railroad line to the Montello Street Extension then to Main Street and returns to the corner of Main Street and King Avenue.

Louis Chevrolet

Ward One Precinct Three voters will be casting their ballots at Louis Chevrolet, 675 Main St.

The last precinct in Ward One begins at the Androscoggin River and the Greene town line extending towards the city along College Road and College Street to Montello Street. From Montello Street the boundary runs to Fair Street then northwesterly along Fair Street and King Avenue to Main Street. The precinct runs southwesterly on Main Street to the Montello Street Extension and to the Maine Central Railroad line, to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge back to the river and the Greene town line.

Farwell

Registered voters in Ward Two Precinct One will be voting at the Farwell Elementary School on Farwell Street.

The precinct line begins on Sabattus Street at Sylvan Avenue running easterly on Sabattus Street to Farwell Street then southwesterly on Farwell Street to Warren Avenue. From Warren Avenue the line travels to Webber Avenue and from Webber Avenue to Webster Street, returning to Sylvan Avenue and back to the corner of Sabattus Street and Sylvan Avenue

Armory

Ward Two Precinct Two and Three and Ward Three Precinct Three voters will all be casting their ballots at the Lewiston Memorial Armory on Central Avenue.

Ward Two Precinct Two begins on Montello Street and Central Avenue extending southeasterly on Montello Street to East Avenue, along East Avenue to Russell Street extending to Sabattus Street. From Sabattus Street the line travels westerly to Vale Street, changes to a northwesterly course on Vale up to College Street. From College Street the boundary extends to Campus Avenue back to Central Avenue and the corner on Montello Street.

Ward Two Precinct Three begins at Stetson Road and College Street running southwesterly on Stetson Road to Hogan Road, along Hogan Road to Montello Street, extending to Central and Campus avenues returning to College Street and the corner of Stetson Road.

Ward Three Precinct Three begins on Vale at College Street extending southeasterly on Vale Street to Sabattus Street. The line then takes an easterly direction along Sabattus Street to Sylvan Avenue onto Webster and Sabattus Streets.

The line then goes west along Sabattus Street to Nichols Street, northeast along Holland Street to College Street, and then northeast along College back to the starting point on Vale Street.

HOLY FAMILY

Voters in Ward Four Precinct One will vote at the Holy Family Church on Sabattus Street. The ward is broken into Precincts One 'A' and 'B'.

Ward Four Precinct One 'A' begins on Montello Street at East Avenue and extends southeast along Montello to Old Greene Road. From there, the line goes northeast along Garcelon Street to Sabattus Street, and to Russell Street. The line then goes northwest along Russell Street to East Avenue to where it began.

Ward Four Precinct One 'B' starts on Sabattus Street at Farwell Street, goes east along Sabattus to Randall Road, along Randall Road to Pond Road, and then southwest to Webster Street. From there, the line extends to Webber Avenue to Warren Avenue, to Farwell Street and ends back at Farwell School.

HILLVIEW

Voters in Ward Four Precinct Two and Ward Seven Precinct Four will cast their ballots at the Hillview Community Building on Rideout Avenue.

Ward Four Precinct Two begins on Sabattus Street at Randall Road, goes to Pond Road southwest to Randall Road, and then northwest to the starting point.

Ward Seven Precinct Four starts on Sabattus Street at Pond Road, to the Sabattus town line, goes south along the line to the Maine Turnpike, and extends to Webster Road. The line

continues along Webster Road to Pond Road and back to where it began.

MONTELLO

Voters residing in Ward Four Precinct Three will cast ballots at Montello School on East Avenue.

Ward Four Precinct Three begins at the Greene town line on College Road, runs southeast to the Sabattus town line to the Sabattus Road. The line then extends southwest along Sabattus Road to Garcelon Street then northeast to Old Greene Road. From there, the line extends to Montello Street to Hogan Road and goes northeast to Stetson Road and to College Road.

MULTI PURPOSE CENTER

The Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street will be the voting place for voters in Ward Five Precinct One (upstairs) and Precinct Two (downstairs).

Ward Five Precinct One starts on Bartlett Street at Birch Street and extends southeast to East Avenue. The line then goes to Lisbon Street to Willow Street, and back to Park Street. Extending northwest along Park Street, the line goes to Birch Street to the point it started.

Ward Five Precinct Two begins on Sabattus Street at Jefferson Street and extends to Webster Street. From there the line goes southeast to East Avenue, along Bartlett Street to Birch Street, and from Birch to Blake Street. Running along Blake Street to Walnut Street and then to Jefferson Street, the line extends down Jefferson

Street back to Sabattus Street.

FRYE SCHOOL

Ward Five Precinct Three voters will go to the polls at Frye School on Horton Street.

Beginning at Sabattus Street at Howard Street, the Ward Five Precinct Three line goes east to Jefferson Street, south to Walnut Street, along Shawmut Street to Ash Street, and then back to Howard Street.

TRINITY CHURCH

Ward Six Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Trinity Church on Bates Street.

Ward Six Precinct One starts on Ash Street at Lisbon Street, extends to Blake Street, and goes to Birch Street. From Birch, the line goes to Lisbon Street and back to the intersection with Ash Street.

COUTURE REC. CENTER

Voters in Ward Six Precinct Two 'A' and 'B' will go to the Couture Recreation Center.

Ward Six Precinct Two 'A' starts on Main Street at the river and extends to Lisbon Street where it goes southeast to Cedar Street back to the river.

Ward Six Precinct Two 'B' starts on Cedar Street at the river, goes northeast along Cedar Street to Lisbon Street, and then to Birch Street. From Birch, the line extends to Park Street, to Willow Street, then to Lisbon Street until it gets to Gully Brook. The line goes west along the brook to the river and back to Cedar Street.

MARTEL SCHOOL

The Martel School (East Avenue side) will be the voting

place for voters in Ward Six Precinct Three and Ward Seven Precinct One.

Ward Six Precinct Three starts at the Gully Brook and the Androscoggin River and goes northeast to Lisbon Street. From there the line goes to the Lisbon town line, to the river, and then north to the point it began.

Ward Seven Precinct One begins on Pleasant Street at East Avenue, goes southeast to Baird Avenue, and along Baird to Lisbon Street. From there the line extends to East Avenue back to Pleasant Street.

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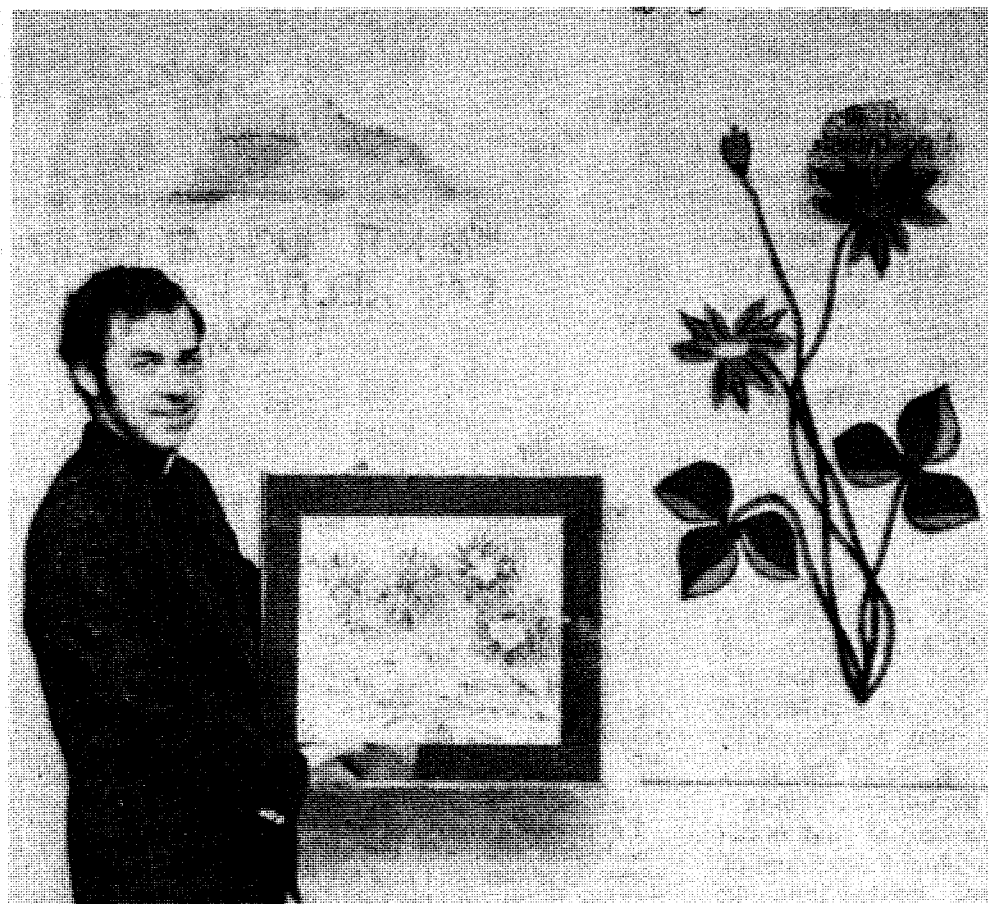
Voters in Ward Seven Precinct Two will go to the polls at the YWCA on East Avenue.

The ward starts on Webster Street at East Avenue, continues southeast to Mitchell Street, and extends southwest to Pleasant Street. From Pleasant Street the line extends to East Avenue and returns back to Webster Street.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

The Holy Cross School on Lisbon Street will be the voting place for residents in Ward Seven Precinct Three.

The ward begins on Pleasant Street at Baird Avenue, extends to Mitchell Street, and then northeast to Webster Street. From there, the line goes southeast to the Maine Turnpike, continues along the turnpike to the Sabattus Town Line, runs to the Lisbon Town Line, along the line to Lisbon Road, and then back to Baird Avenue.



AT CMMC ART GALLERY—Colorful banners bearing felt cut-outs are on display this month along with several oil pastels at the rotating art gallery at the Central Maine Medical Center, all the work of Rev. Paul A. Plante, assistant pastor at Holy Cross Church. A native of Sanford, Fr. Plante studied in Canada and the University of Maine at Orono and was ordained in 1971. He has

taken art lessons from several private instructors and has shown his work at various places including the Community Art Galley in Jay and in local exhibits. His works will be shown through the month of June. Mrs. Chakmakis James is chairwoman for the gallery at the hospital is sponsored by the Woman's Hospital Association.

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ST. DOMINIC SENIOR BANQUET — The annual senior banquet of St. Dominic's Regional High School was held last night at Happy Jack's Restaurant. Among those seated at the head table were, from left to right, Rev. Ronald Schmitt, school chaplain; Roland Dube, salutatorian; Brother E. Beaumont, assistant principal;

Gisele Blanchette, valedictorian; Brother Adrian Bouchard, principal; Lorraine Gervais, banquet mistress of ceremonies; Roland Roy, class moderator; Robert Tardif, co-historian; Brother Gerard Laffamme, guidance counselor; and Walter Shostak, class historian.

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So Who's Making The Shoes?

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I AM 100 per cent Franco-American. My grandfather was one of those people who felt threatened by the English language—he pouted for days once after I attended mass at the Irish-Catholic church. “Mautadis Irlandais,” he used to say, the only time he swore being when he referred to Irish Catholics.

It was an insult to him when any of us spoke English in his home.

Philip LaFrance saw to it that all of his children carried very, very French names. My aunts and uncles on my mother's side in order of appearance: Rosaire, Jeanette, Bertha, Mabel, George, Simone (my mother) and Jeane D'arc LaFrance. Jeane D'arc LaFrance literally translated is Joan of Arc of France. While in her 20's my aunt petitioned the court to change her name to Joan.

The intention of the good nuns at l'ecole St. Martin on Green Street in Somersworth, N.H. was not to form future Americans, but loyal Frenchmen. Most of our subjects were taught in French, except for those that had to be taught in English, like English grammar.

French is a beautiful language, but I was often embarrassed to hear my folks scold me in public while speaking what we ourselves referred to as Canuck French. Most words sounded like

someone gagging. I considered the language ugly...it fit right in with untanned skin, white sox, 1953 Buicks and mildew in the shower. My resentment is probably the reason I don't have a French accent today.

SINCE I thought the language was ugly when spoken in a North American slang, I began to think that my French relatives purposely sought out things that were difficult, uncomfortable and occasionally ugly. Later in life I discovered that I was not the only one that felt this way. French author Jean Kerouac also known as Jack Kerouac shared the same feeling when in one of his books, one of his characters, Scotty Boldieu is a baseball pitcher with major league potential who “all of a sudden, at 20 years of age, gives it all up to marry a fat Cannuck girl, sit in the kitchen, staring at French Canadian religious calendars, moping for the rest of his life. As if a secret timer in him had rung the bell forcing him to return to the ghetto from which he nearly escaped.”

I was encouraged to go to college. I was told it was the only way I could avoid the inevitable “working in the shoe shop.”

What I couldn't figure out was: If all my classmates were college bound...who would be left to manufacture shoes?

I was determined to defy the college myth and I did. I managed to avoid both college and the shoe shop.

I am now a reporter/anchor fill-in for WCSH-TV.

*Richard Gosselin
South Portland*

Married Boss' Daughter

I enjoyed your recent Franco-American articles very much.

My father's ancestors came first to Arcadia, then Nova-Scotia where he married a native of Louisburg, N.S. He had come from Chartiers in Beauce, France. They lived in 1752 at St. Pierre du Nord P.E.I.

Dad and his oldest brother came to the United States first. Dad was naturalized as a laborer Sept. 20, 1913. He travelled from Sunnyside, P.E.I., via Canadian Pacific to Vanceboro, Maine. He was the only one that lived in Maine. The others, as they came, settled in Massachusetts where I have many cousins.

Dad learned the tailor trade from an uncle. Later he worked in saw mills. Eventually he came to Keen's Mills, now Gulf Island, to work for my grandfather, who did custom tailoring for men. He would place the orders and dad drafted the patterns and did the pressing, plus teaching the new girls how to make the pants, suits and overcoats.

Eventually he married mother, who was the boss' daughter.

Keen's Mills was named for my

mother's people and the only house left there is where the five of us children were born. I have 10 generations from France and three grandsons that I hope will carry on the line.

The way I got this information was that I wrote to the parish priest in Egmont Bay hoping there was a church record. Just as I had given up, I received a letter with all the data from France up to and including my dad. It gave his parents. He was baptized Nov. 23, 1869, by Father Cajelan Miville. I had been trying to get this information for 40 years.

Tracing my husband's family was easier, as his had to be researched to get into the D.A.R.

From that material I have 12 generations from England, male line and three grandsons. I have followed every line that I could on mother's side as well as my husband's.

Once you start on genealogy you always hope to get a little more. It is a very fascinating hobby.

*Verna (Bernard) Gathcell
South Paris*

6-5-77

By Horse And Team To Biddeford

TODAY BEING the anniversary of my mother's birth, I could not let it pass without mention. Not many people remember her I presume, but it is possible that there are members of the Cartier family who will.

She was born May 16, 1850 here in Biddeford. She was, to the best of my knowledge, the first French-Canadian girl born here. I have her birth certificate still. There being no Catholic Church here at the time, she was taken to Portland to be baptized on the 18th. Msgr. Heally was Bishop at the time. Her godparents were Mr. Moise Cartier (Moses Quarter) and his wife, named Cadran.

My mother was named Augusta Emily Lafleur, her parents having arrived from Stanstead, P.Q., a few weeks before her birth. They came by horse and team loaded with all they possessed; also three sons and possibly three daughters.

The second daughter to be born here was Sarah, wife of the late John B. Morin, druggist for five years here in Biddeford.

Another older sister born in Canada, Mrs. Joseph Bousquet, lived in Saco for many years. I wish to mention them because they were my godparents. They owned a farm on Ferry Road, Saco, for many years. They sold part of the wooded area to the York Mfg. Co. but retained the house and a large piece of land. The house is next to Garsides and is still the same as I knew it.

In 1910 they sold it and built another house across from the first front gate of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

MY UNCLE then worked for a number of years for Laurel Hill Cemetery. My mother and her sister, Mrs. Morin, went to work in the Pepperell Mills when they were 10. They had to stand on stools to reach their work.

My mother attended some private school for a short time — enough to read a little and write her name, but all the children learned how to talk English as soon as was possible so they could mix easier than most.

One boy got married young, but the two others went out West and to war. When they returned, they brought back some new things they found in their travels. For instance, an oil-burning lamp, and a bag of coal for the stove, which no one around here had seen as most people used candles. The first time they lit the lamp, people would come and peek in the windows to see what was going on — they were sure that the Lafleurs were going to be blown up.

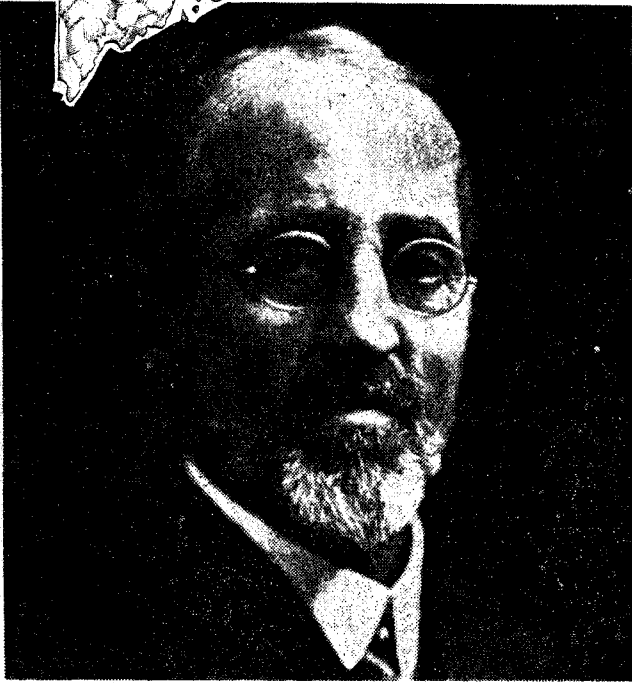
Another thing that people found strange was a little tin cup made by her married brother to nurse his infant, his wife being sick and unable to nurse the baby. He made this cup with a little spout and punched some holes on the tip and it worked. At one time during the War of 1861, they lived on Elm Street on Spring Island. The three brown houses still exist. They were owned by Rushworth Jordan. They occupied the middle one, and those were the very worst years for them as the mills were shut down for four years and the father, Edouard Lafleur, was a seafaring man and was out for over two years on a trip.

In the meantime, they had to live so the girls, early in the morning in summer, would start out for blueberries. They would fill two, 10-qt. pails and sell them in Saco for 75¢, sometimes \$1. When the berries were gone, they sewed, and the army sent ready-cut suits and underwear to be made for the soldiers to those who qualified. That filled in and also they did a lot of fishing along the Saco River. Those were hard times, but they never went to bed hungry.

When the Civil War was over, they had gotten four years older, so they went to work in the summer. My mother worked at the Staples Inn, (still there) across from City Hall, Old Orchard Beach, Portland Avenue. When Mrs. Staples died, they bought some of the silver plate knives and forks, etc. I still have some left.

This may not be of interest, but if I see some of it in print, I shall be very proud of some of my ancestors.

Mrs. Hervey (Lilhy) Dubreuil
Biddeford

*J. Philias Gendron*

Threatened With Excommunication

THIS IS the story of a Franco-American who never considered Anglicizing his name yet who, while holding onto his language, traditions, heritage and religion, became a patriotic, and civic-minded American.

If ever a man was self-made, my father, J. Philias Gendron was that man. Arriving in Biddeford with his family shortly after the Civil War, my father, then in his teens, could not speak a word of English although he had a good French education. He bought himself a first English reader and soon became a naturalized American, acquiring such a mastery of the language that anyone hearing him could never imagine him anything but American born.

His first job was delivering groceries with horse and wagon. The hours were terribly long, what with feeding and currying the horse before starting delivery in the early morning hours. And the winters were hard in an open wagon facing north winds and deep snow. So father decided to improve on his way of making a living for the family.

He purchased a set of double-entry bookkeeping and learned the system by himself, so well, in fact, that he was the bookkeeper at the Biddeford & Saco Coal Co. for over 25 years.

MY FATHER never forgot his roots. He became a charter member and active supporter of the Cause Nationale, which was founded to oppose Bishop Walsh who wanted to eliminate the teaching of French in our parochial schools. He served as secretary of the Cause many years, resigning only under threat of excommunication. Fervent Catholic that he was, my father would never consider being cut off from his beloved Church. After his death, I found the minutes of that group's meeting in his own handwriting, which I gave to the Francophone Center at St. Francis College. I consider these a part of the history of Maine.

Father was a good orator and was often called on to speak either in French or English. He attended many conventions in the interest of the Cause Nationale, or the Societe des Artisans, whose treasurer he was for 27 years.

Father became interested in politics and taught my mother to read English so she could vote. He served two terms on the school board, was one of three assessors, was overseer of the poor under Mayor Ulysses Fosdick and later a candidate for mayor.

Father believed in education and saw to it that none of my older brothers or sisters worked in the mills at nine years of age, as some did around here. Slim as his salary was, he managed to have four of us younger girls take piano lessons at the same time.

After his retirement, my father did some research, locally for a distant cousin, an old retired priest who traced our family tree to Ile d'Oleron off the coast of France. From there the first Gendron, called "the doctor of the poor," left for Canada in 1643 to care for the Hurons.

My father was never rich, but he was a gentleman and looked it. Best of all, he was a good influence both civil and religious and a fine example of honest ambition among the Franco-Americans of Biddeford.

*Aline Gendron-Neveux
Biddeford*

6-5-77

A Language 'More Precious Than Money'

I AGREE with Ronald Couturier (Sunday Telegram, May 15) when he says it is sad that the French language is disappearing. It is especially true in this State of Maine, which takes its name from the province of Maine between Normandy and Brittany in the northwestern part of France. From this part of old France, adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean, came the explorers and settlers to our Maine coast. They left French names here: Cadillac Mountain and Sieur des Monts Spring at Bar Harbor; and Ste Agathe, Calais, Daigle, Ste Croix Island in the northern part of Maine, just to mention a few.

In my small way, I am trying to do what I can to prevent the complete extinction of the French language here and to preserve the culture which is the heritage of every person who bears a French family name or whose mother bore such a name. I hold French adult classes in Lewiston at St. Mary's General Hospital and at the Multi-Purpose Center, and at my own home; this last for children.

Napoleon once said, "For every language a man knows, he is another man." And Goethe said, "A man who is ignorant of foreign languages is ignorant of his own."

With these two thoughts in mind, I cannot see how the people of French descent in Lewiston, Auburn, and quite a number of other Maine cities and towns, can let the French language slip out of their possession. For me, it is a precious possession, more precious than money. It was for me a means of earning money, in stores and offices, while I was going to school, and also it helped me to receive a Fulbright grant to teach in Holland, where I taught French, English, history and geography. I also studied Dutch there and, thereby, was able to offer it for the requirement of another foreign language, necessary to obtain my M.A. in French at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.

MY MOTHER was born in Nicolet in the province of Quebec. Her father, who owned a tannery, decided to emigrate to Southbridge, Mass., where he bought a farm. Mother was four at the time, so, although she spoke French and learned the folk songs at home, she did not learn to read and write French because she went to public school. She learned to read it later when she heard her children recite their Catechism lessons.

Mother came to Maine at the age of 18 to work in the Bates Cloth Hall, where she met my Irish father. His mother was born in Birmingham, England, but was of Irish descent. My Irish grandfather was born in Cork. These two are buried in Lewiston.

My mother was 22 and my father 27 when they were married in Sts. Peter and Paul Church. At about that time, the French Dominican Sisters were expelled from France and came to Lewiston.

We, of course, did not learn French at home as our father did not speak it, so we were sent to the Dominican Sisters for this purpose. So, at the tender age of five, I was sent off to, for me, a foreign country on Bates Street, to be educated.

Because I was a "foreigner" I had to be placed in a first grade where the teacher could speak English. That teacher was Mere Marie Antonin, a Franco-American, whose father, Joseph Caron, was for many years dispatcher for the Maine Central Railroad, at the Bates Street Station. My first-grade teacher died just a few months ago at Ave Marie Convent at Sabattus. She was nearly 90.

After the first grade, however, most of my teachers were native French nuns. So that is the kind of French I learned and despite some acquisition of a French-Canadian accent, I have heard and spoken French in many foreign lands, always been understood and always understood them. For example, I

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spoke French to a priest in Iceland, to a policeman in Cairo, to a salesclerk in Rome, and had no problem getting what I wanted in Beirut, Lebanon, where I taught French a year at the American Community School, I asked for a zipper in English at an outdoor market, called a "souk," and the merchant asked if I spoke French, so I said "fermetureeclair" (lightning-closing) and he produced what I wanted.

KNOWING FRENCH well has made a big difference in my life, and I know it could for other people so, since my retirement from public school teaching, I have been organizing classes in that language for both adults and children. I must say that children do remarkably well with pronunciation. They have no inhibitions about trying something new.

My life has certainly been much richer because I know French and I have known many more interesting people than I would have met otherwise.

A quite recent event, in fact, just a year ago, illustrates what I mean. I took a trip to the Caribbean on a Dutch ship; I brought my Dutch-French and French-Dutch dictionaries along thinking I would review my Dutch; instead of much Dutch I began Indonesian.

The Indonesian youths who waited on table told me that they had a French class on the ship, so I asked them to get permission from their teacher for me to visit. It was held at 11 p.m. after the second sitting for dinner — who can stay awake for a class at that hour? But these boys did, and I was invited to teach as we discovered that the text they were using is what I use. What a delightful group of young men! They appeared to be between 14 and 20 years of age, but I found out later that they had to be at least 21 to get a job on board.

At the end of the lesson a young man paid me a nice compliment. He said: "Je suis content avec vous!" What he really meant was, "Je suis content de vous!" Maybe only Francos who really know their French can unravel the difference.

A STRIKING contrast to the seeming indifference of some Franco-Americans to their French heritage is the enthusiasm with which my six students of Modern French Literature are reading and reporting to the class the results of their study and research. I really enjoy doing this teaching as I think that I am learning as much or more than they are and they evidently enjoy it, too.

We had a slight problem at first. These people nearly all had their early education at a time when students were not trained to speak before the class.

There was the same problem with my students in Holland. My supervisor, in charge of all Fulbrighters, one day visited my class when we were having a Junior Town Meeting and remarked that the Dutch children needed work like that.

My French Lit. group has already studied two French-Canadian authors and we are planning to move into the field of Franco-American authors as well. We already have quite a long list of possibilities for future study. I believe that we will find gold treasure there.

I could go on and on but I have already cut this down so that I could mail it to you today.

Thanks for the opportunity to have my say about some of the things I think are very important to us Americans, no matter who the ancestors are. I have also been investigating my Irish background. I have told my students in the past that they should try to develop in themselves the best aspects in their heritage, no matter what it is.

*Miss Helene W. Murphy
Lewiston*

L-A Mayors to Meet with Gov. Longley on Turnpike Issue

BY MICHAEL CARSON

Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron and Auburn Mayor Jack O. Smith will meet Tuesday with Gov. James B. Longley to discuss the effects of the toll-free Interstate 95 roadway on the Twin City Area.

The 18-mile long stretch between West Gardiner and Topsham is expected to shift tourists from the Maine Turnpike Toll road to the Interstate 95.

The toll free Interstate project is expected to attract a minimum of 3,000 to 4,000 more vehicles per day, the bulk of which will be avoiding the tolls on the Turnpike.

Consultants estimate that the decrease in traffic will cost the Maine Turnpike Authority about \$1.1 million in lost revenue annually, according to David Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the MTA. Stevens said, however, that the revenue loss will be absorbed by retiring bonds for the Turnpike construction less quickly.

Lewiston-Auburn officials are concerned that once the new I-95 stretch is opened to the public travelers will by pass the Twin Cities. They claimed that the I-95 road will discriminate against Lewiston-Auburn by discouraging traffic along the Portland to Augusta stretch of the Maine Turnpike.

In a letter addressed to Mayors Caron and Smith, Governor Longley said "Very candidly, I am very much concerned about the adverse impact on all of Maine, and in particular the Central Maine area, and I seriously wonder whether or not removing the tolls (from the Turnpike) wouldn't be far more beneficial to Maine, with an increasing

revenue attributable to industrial expansion and travel in Maine than keeping tolls on the highway.

"However, I do not have a firm position at this moment, and I would welcome any input or thinking from each of you, but I do feel there is room for great concern for each of you in your respective capacities. While I want to do what is best for all of Maine, I want to minimize adverse impact on any areas of Maine such as I think we have in your areas."

Lewiston Mayor Caron said Monday that she and Mayor Smith will meet with the governor of Tuesday, June 7, at 3:15 p.m.

Both mayors have gone on record saying they recognize the need to continue toll collections on the Turnpike past the current deadline of 1981.

Mayors Caron and Smith have said that the toll-free zone between Lewiston and Auburn would be of little use because of the roadway's position.

The Twin City Mayors are proposing that a single toll barrier be placed on the turnpike north of Portland between the Portland North and Gray interchanges. A toll of 35 cents would probably be collected there. The mayors estimate that the barrier would bring in collections of \$1.5 million annually.

If a traveler chose I-95, he or she would be charged the same 35 cent toll when passing through the already existing barrier where I-95 rejoins the the Turnpike at West Gardiner, for another \$1.3 million.

Mayor Caron said Monday that she and Mayor Smith will undoubtedly discuss the compromise plan with Gov. Longley.

Petition Urging Lewiston To Remove Park Sculpture

By DENNIS M. BAILEY

Since it was erected in Heritage Park in Lewiston, the 60-foot long sculpture by Boothbay artist Norman Therrien has come under some criticism from residents who object to its looks, locale, or price tag. Now a petition is being circulated in Lewiston to get the piece removed from the park.

Louis-Philippe Gagne III, a local singer and recording artist is behind the drive to gather the signatures. Gagne said the sculpture may have value as a piece of art, but not as a cultural mascot.

"It is not my intention to personally offend Norman Therrien," explained Gagne, "but I must say his creation turned out to be a joke when some people allowed it to represent the Franco-Americans in this community."

The sculpture, an assemblage of brightly colored pieces of machinery salvaged from local mills and welded onto a black vertical support, was placed in the park last month. The piece cost \$11,000, a portion of which was paid for by the Maine Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and by local donations.

Therrien has stated that people could very easily be offended by his work but said once the trees and other landscaping are in place, he believes Lewiston residents will appreciate it more.

But if the petition is a success, Lewiston residents may not get a chance. "Everyone seems to dislike it," Gagne said.

"Why it's still there is beyond me. It irritates me to no end when the general public settles for less by retreating instead of advancing with a common force."

Gagne said his petition will be circulated in stores and meeting places in the city. The petition asks that the Main Street Park Design Review Committee remove the sculpture by Aug. 1.

Anyone interested in signing the petition can contact Gagne at 782-0888. The singer also has asked for the support of merchants in making the petition available to the public.

"It makes me sick to think that young people are being shamed by leaders of their own sect," Gagne continued. "I think the people of the Twin Cities should start thinking of forming a Separatist Movement for the two-fold purpose of breaking away from old images and providing a face-lifting of culture. Lewiston is ripe and ready, just waiting to be picked."

The petition reads as follows: "We, the undersigned, by this petition, do hereby declare our sentiments that the sculpture placed by the roadside at the Main Street site of Lewiston's Our Heritage Park fails to comply with our aesthetic standards, and is a gross assault on our American ideals of representation. We, therefore, are petitioning the Main Street Park Design Review Committee, by whose authority the sculpture exists, to prevent any further local disgrace, and remove the sculpture from public view as soon as practicable, but not later than Aug. 1, 1977."

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Her Pepper Steak's Special

Among the many area residents who have graciously shared their favorite recipes with us, we add the name of Mrs. H. Irene Marcotte of 180 Walnut St., Lewiston.

Long active in community affairs, Mrs. Marcotte is a member and former president of the Patronesses of St. Mary's General Hospital, and has directed their Penthouse Workshop in which decorations are made for their annual Christmas Open House. She is a trustee of the Franco-American Heritage Center and a member of the Ladies of St. Ann of SS. Peter and Paul Church.

The recipe she has chosen to provide is for Pepper Steak and is as follows:

1 pound beef (sirloin or rib) sliced thin,

2 tablespoons salad oil, 1 large green pepper, cut in thin strips, 2 green onions, thinly sliced, 1/2 cup diagonally sliced celery cut very thin, 1/4 cup molasses, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1/2 cup water, 2 teaspoons cornstarch.

Heat the oil in a large skillet. Add beef and cook over high heat, stirring frequently until well browned, about 5 minutes. Add pepper, onion and celery; cook 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Reduce heat; stir in molasses, soy sauce, lemon juice, Tabasco sauce, and seasonings. Blend water and cornstarch; quickly stir into beef mixture. Cover. Simmer 5 minutes. Serve with hot cooked rice. Serves 4. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)



RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS—Three students representing St. Dominic's, Edward Little and Lewiston High Schools were presented scholarships Thursday by the Franco-American Heritage Club. Raoul Pinette, far left, president of the club, awarded the scholarships to, left to right, Gary Gilbert, LHS to

attend Bates College; Lorraine Gervais, St. Dom's, to attend the University of Connecticut; and Kathy Hodgdon, ELHS, to attend the University of Maine at Orono. Clair Bolduc, far right, is a teacher at Lewiston High School and the chairman of the scholarship committee. (Staff Photo by Wardwell)

Jalbert's 1.3% Retiree Benefits Hike Is Enacted

AUGUSTA — The Maine Legislature this week enacted a plan sponsored by Rep. Louis Jalbert (D-Lewiston) to increase state employee and teacher retiree benefits 1.3 per cent.

Jalbert's bill, introduced in

March, will take effect immediately upon the governor's signature. It will bring this year's total increase in retirement benefits to 7.7 per cent.

Jalbert noted that the bill will not require any new appropriations. The 1.3 per cent

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In Lewiston

Tours Scheduled to Visit and Study Building Architecture

BY JAMES KILEY

Two sets of walking tours will be held this summer in Lewiston which will stress both the historical and architectural value of many of the city's buildings.

Jane Smith, a member of the Lewiston Historical Commission, said the first walking tour will be held on July 10 and will be open to all Lewiston residents and visitors. The downtown section of the city will be featured in four July tours while the residential section of the city near Bates College will be included in another four tours scheduled for August.

All of the tours will be held on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. The downtown tours will begin on Sundays July 10 and 24 at 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays July 13 and 27 at 2 p.m. Each of these four guided tours will begin at the Lewiston Public Library on Park Street.

Mrs. Smith said the downtown walking tours will visit some 20 buildings running from Oxford Street around Chestnut Street to the Bates Street side of Kennedy Park. She said each of the tours will take about 90 minutes to complete.

The downtown tour will particularly stress older city buildings, schools, churches, and mills. Mrs. Smith said this tour will especially detail buildings which will stress the historical as well as the architectural eras in Lewiston running from the 1850's to the 1930's.

Mrs. Smith said these tours will tie in with an historical building inventory being developed by the Lewiston Historical Com-

mission. The commission has been working over the last five years on a major project of recording all the city's buildings and their historical pasts in city files.

She said this is a first step in creating some sort of an historical district in the City of Lewiston. As part of this, Mrs. Smith said there have already been five Lewiston buildings placed on the National Register. They are the Lewiston City Hall, the Dingley School, the Kora Temple, the Sen. William Frye House, and Hathorn Hall at Bates College.

The downtown tour scheduled for July 27 will also tie in with the city's Franco-American Festival Week. Many of the activities scheduled for the festival during the last week of July will be centered in and around the buildings in the downtown tour.

Mrs. Smith said commission members Adelard Janelle, Richard Gross, and William O'Connell will conduct this tour which they hope will attract many of the visitors in Lewiston for the festival. Mrs. Smith said in addition all but two of the tours will have at least one French-speaking guide.

She said some 14 Historical Commission members will volunteer their time to act as guides for the scheduled tours. However, she added, anyone can take the tour on their own anytime during the summer.

Pamphlets describing the tour routes and listing the buildings for the downtown walking tours can be picked up at the Public Library.

Mrs. Smith said this year these pamphlets will also be printed in French for some of the city's residents and many of the expected visitors who will be entering Lewiston for the festival.

Mrs. Smith said these tours were in 1975, but without as much of the French heritage included. However, she said they were being re-instituted this year because there has been quite a demand for them.

Mrs. Smith also said the tours are being given again to benefit the great number of people who either live around the historic buildings or who drive by them every day without really noticing the special types of architecture built in such a small area of the city.

She said the commission hopes Lewiston residents would be able to see the historical and architectural value of the buildings through the tours. The commission also hopes to give the citizens a strong sense of their heritage, she added.

Gridley Barrows, an architect with Alonzo J. Harriman Architects and Engineers, developed the downtown tour. Mrs. Smith said he has already taken the commission members through both sets of tours in preparation for their own work as tour guides.

In addition to the structures pictured on this page, the downtown tour will include the old Grand Trunk Railroad Station at Lincoln and Beech streets. This 1885 building was the site

of the arrival of many French-Canadian immigrants into Lewiston. It has a "stick style" type of architecture with a high-peaked roof.

The downtown tour will also visit the 1865 Mill Block on Oxford Street. The Greek Revival building was a tenement constructed for mill workers and later adapted for St. Mary's School. Canal Street's Bates Mill, built by Albert Hannibal Kelsey for the Franklin Company, will also be visited.

Other structures to be seen are Chestnut Street's Wisemen Bridge, Lincoln Street's Dominican Block, the Holy Trinity Greek Church on Lincoln Street, as well as the Frye Grammar School and St. Patrick's Church.

Mrs. Smith said the emphasis on the August tours will be a little different. Most will visit residential dwellings along Main, College, Frye, Wood and Nichols streets.

She said these tours will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday Aug. 10 and 24 and at 4 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 14 and 28. Mrs. Smith said these tours will probably start at Hathorn Hall on the Bates College campus.

The guided tours will also be 90 minutes long and will visit St. Joseph's Church, the Kora Temple, and the Calvary United Methodist Church. Numerous older homes will also be seen in this tour of studying both the historical and architectural aspects of Lewiston's buildings.

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Cohen Seeks To Make Sure All Franco-A.s Are Counted

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Bill Cohen (R-Maine) today urged a Congressional subcommittee to insure that Franco-Americans are accurately counted in the 1980 U. S. Census.

"In order for the Franco-Americans to make the best use of resources and to better understand its own needs, it is essential to have this data available," Cohen said in testimony before the House Post Office Subcommittee on Census and Population.

Less Assistance

Cohen called for inclusion of a listing of "Franco-American" or "Francophone" as an option under the "ethnic origin" question in the upcoming census. Cohen said that unless Franco-Americans are so identified, their numbers could be seriously undercounted. This, he said, could result in Franco-Americans receiving less Federal assistance for educational and cultural programs than they are entitled to.

Cohen said that in 1970, no specific responses were supplied in the census questionnaire, forcing each person to supply a response with a write-in entry. The Maine lawmaker said this created confusion and exasperated the problem of minority undercounting.

"It is far more desirable to list a variety of responses to the ethnic question," Cohen said. "Including a long list of such choices on a national survey can, however prove

extremely costly."

Cohen suggested to the subcommittee that the needed information could be secured without excessive cost by regionalizing responses to census questions. He said such an approach would permit full and accurate counting of Franco-Americans in New England, Louisiana and Texas, and other parts of the country where they are concentrated.

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THE SCULPTURE HAS ARRIVED — The remaining three parts of Norman Therrien's sculpture, a tribute to Lewiston's beginnings as a mill town, were set in place this morning in the city's new and still-under-construction Our Heritage Park on Main Street. The two

end pieces of the sculpture were delivered late last week, and the middle sections added on today. The sculpture is made of parts from old machinery, painted by Therrien in bright colors.

Completed, it stretches about 60 feet (Staff Photo by Simokaitis.)



Lewiston City Officials Get Sneak Preview Of Sculpture For New Park

BY STEVE GREENE

It wasn't the sleek sloops, the salt air and sunshine, or a sudden irresistible urge for some fresh lobsters which attracted a small delegation of Lewiston residents and officials to Boothbay Harbor yesterday. Rather, it was the opportunity for a sneak preview of what is sure in the months and years ahead to become a famous Lewiston landmark.

The small piece of Lewiston is being housed temporarily in what, seen from the outside, appears a plain, ordinary building of cement blocks, nearly indistinguishable from the boatyard buildings which surround it on the crowded East Boothbay quai.

But the visitor who enters the building, perhaps intrigued by the small "Boothbay Foundry" sign on one of its tall, narrow doors, sees when his eyes adjust to the dim light that this is workspace of a different purpose than its nautical neighbors. Pressed close to the wall, a cluttered desk and hectic workbench at one end wall face a metal-sheathed casting furnace and several squat, heavy melting kilns at the other end. Square metal casting forms, liquid gas cylinders, and coiled metal ingots fill up spaces between them, and a layer of fine sand covers the entire floor of the spacious building—some 30 by 50 feet, and over 20 feet high.

All these details are absorbed gradually, after the initial impact of entering the building has somewhat worn off. For what first meets the eye is a wildly colorful collection of wheels, gears, shafts, and other machinery parts welded together and supported by black steel rods, which takes up most of the space in this sculptor's studio.

For the Boothbay Foundry is in fact the studio of sculptor Norman Therrien, who melts, hammers, bends, and welds a variety of metals into artwork of varying designs and sizes. And the painted machinery parts now wowing visitors to his studio are destined to be erected as a massive sculpture in Our Heritage Park in Lewiston, at the entrance to the city's North Bridge.

Five Separate Pieces

The one-ton work has been built in five separate pieces, which will be carried by flatbed truck to Lewiston next month and erected in a semicircle facing Main Street traffic near the entrance to the W.S. Libbey mill.

The reaction of the Lewiston delegation to the sculpture was uniformly enthusiastic. "Fantastic!...Chic!...Exciting!...A colorful jungle gym," were among their comments of delighted approval. The group spent over an hour with

Therrien examining his work before adjourning to a Boothbay lobster house for lunch.

"It's really nice to see it at last," said Molly Turlish, a member of the Main Street Park Design Review Committee which interviewed sculptors for the piece over a year ago. "We've been planning this for a long time."

"It's quite a thing, isn't it?" commented John Telow, a member of the Franco-American Festival Committee. "I just hope it doesn't cause any auto accidents with people turning to look at it."

The sculpture is certainly eye-catching. The machinery parts—all of which were salvaged from and donated by Bates Manufacturing and W.S. Libbey Co.—are painted in a kaleidoscope of greens, yellows, blues, reds, oranges, and white on a framework of black-painted steel standards. Some of the pieces are over 15 feet high, and when set in place together, they will stretch some 60 feet long.

The intended effect, according to Therrien, is for the black supporting structures to be so inconspicuous that the colorful mill machinery will seem to float in a long, wavy line. "The effect will be one of lightness and airiness," he commented. "Those pieces are really going to fly." He noted that he will be as anxious as anyone to see the sculpture set up at its site, as he

has never seen the pieces lined up in their final arrangement.

A Sense of Motion

Even chopped into pieces like the snake on a colonial flag, a sense of motion and kinetic energy livens the sculpture. One looks for a button to press which would send all the gears and sprockets spinning and whirring, like some immense Rube Goldbergian contraption. But in fact, nearly all the pieces are solidly welded together.

The qualifier is necessary because, somewhere along the sculpture, there are at least two "movable parts," as the Lewiston visitors discovered yesterday upon a close examination of the work. Are there any more? Therrien isn't saying, but Lewiston youngsters (and oldsters) will have fun trying to find them when the piece is in place.

And even if their search involves climbing all over it, the sculptor said, it's built to stand up to their activity. "It won't resist a sledgehammer or a stick of dynamite," he noted, "but as long as people respect it, it should last a long time."

At present, the five pieces are ready to be moved into place as soon as the park contractors finish landscaping the sculpture site. When the work is set up on its concrete foundations, the sculptor noted, he will touch up the paint work here and there to ready it for the park dedication ceremonies during Franco-

American Festival Week at the end of July.

"It's a beautiful start to enhancing the entrance to the city," commented City Planning Director Nathaniel Bowditch. "It's also a unique Lewiston-oriented sculpture, which combines much of what Lewiston is and has been and reuses it in a bright and exciting new way. This kind of relatively inexpensive improvement project needs to be extended up Main and Lisbon Streets and into other areas of the city."

Community Development Coordinator Carol Tracy agreed. "We hope the sculpture and the park will be a catalyst," she said, stimulating similar activities by other groups and in other places.

The \$11,000 sculpture is being funded in part by a \$8,800 grant from the Maine Commission for the Arts and Humanities, with the difference being made up by private donations.

Visiting Therrien to see his sculpture yesterday were Ms. Tracy, Ms. Turlish, Bowditch, Telow, Multi-Purpose Center Director Paul Belanger, City

Controller Lucien Gosselin and his wife Ann, Public Library Director Richard Gross, Planning Department employee Winslow Durgin, Mrs. Theresa Pleau (wife of Ward Four Alderman Ernest Pleau Jr.), Mrs. Roland Lajoie, and Marcel Mathieu, who submitted the winning name for the park in which the sculpture will be installed. The trip was by chartered bus, funded through a federal HUD account for citizens participation.

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ST. JOHN'S DAY — Lewiston's Montagnard Band, seen here as it marched down Pine Street in the 1960 St. John's Day Parade, is being reactivated for the Franco-American Festival.

For many years a feature of local St. John's Day parades, the Montagnard Band was widely known more recently for its Sunday night band concerts in Kennedy Park. St. John's Day parades were held for almost 100 years in Lewiston each June 24th, the feast day of St. John the Baptist, patron saint of Franco-Americans.

Jerry Der Boghosian and Robert Rabassa are working on a Montagnard Band concert for Wednesday, July 27, in Kennedy Park where most of the activities of the week-long Franco-American Festival will take place. The concert will be made possible by the Music Performance Fund and the Central Maine Musicians Association, A.F. of M. (M.A. Bonenfant Photo).



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Srs. Paul, Dupre Honored For Community Service



SR. JULIETTE PAUL

Two members of the Society of the Sisters of Charity, assigned to Lewiston, were recently honored by their community on the advent of their 50th anniversary of religious life.

Being so honored at a special ceremony held at the community's Mother House in St. Hyacinth, Quebec, were Sister Yvonne Dupre and Sister Juliette Paul.

Sr. Dupre, a native of Woonsocket, R.I., is a pastoral associate at St. Mary's General Hospital. She is a graduate nurse having received her degree from St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N.H. Prior to being assigned to pastoral services, where she visits with the sick and their families, Sr. Dupre was associated with the hospital's nursing service.



SR. YVONNE DUPRE

Sr. Paul, originally from St. Anne de Sorel, Quebec, is a sister visitor at the Marcotte Nursing Home. A registered nurse, she is also a registered medical technologist. Prior to her assignment to the Marcotte Home, Sr. Paul was evening supervisor in nursing service at St. Mary's Hospital. She also worked in the hospital's pharmacy for five years.

The two sisters were also honored by St. Mary's, and were presented awards of appreciation on behalf of the hospital by administrator Sr. Rachel Baillargeon.

Both avid hockey fans and horticulturalists, Sisters Dupre and Paul enjoy reading, sewing and knitting. Both have spent nearly half of their religious lives serving the people of Lewiston and Auburn.

'Alternative School' People May Meet Here

The possibility of an autumn conference of alternative schools in Maine is now being explored, it was learned yesterday when the advisory board of The Androscoggin School met at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Denis Ledoux, a co-director of the high school, said this idea is being explored with other alternative schools and that the meeting might be held in Lewiston to discuss common goals and problems.

The board was also told that student recruitment is well under way and it is now important for the school to outline its scholarship aid schedule. The school has a fixed tuition but a scholarship aid program has not yet been established.

All Income Levels

The school is seeking students from all income levels and is ready to discuss scholarship aid with parents needing help. A special committee has been set up to study the matter.

The board was also briefed on developments in the staff and

was told that a science teacher is now being considered by the trustees and, she brings with her many years of teaching experience.

Another position to be filled at TAS is that of teacher aid/secretary, a position recently funded by CETA.

According to Ledoux, the trustees of the school have determined that the position requires a person who holds a B.A., is familiar with alternative education, is a French/English bilingual, and have basic secretarial skills.

The co-directors also reported on visits they have been making to local banks and businesses to request contributions to the school.

The board decided to launch a book acquisition program during the summer months. A book drive for the library is also contemplated.

The board will next meet July 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. The public is invited to attend.

Lewiston Tomorrow Has Kick-Off Session

Some 125 area residents who showed up at Bates College's Schaeffer Theater for last night's kickoff meeting of Lewiston Tomorrow Inc. were invited to sign up on four separate committees organized to look into ways of meeting the downtown needs they had identified earlier in the meeting.

After introductory remarks from Lewiston Tomorrow president Guy Vigue, executive director Nathaniel H. Bowditch, and Bates College president Dr. Thomas Hedley Reynolds, the audience was broken up into smaller groups of 10 persons to come up with a list of their 10 highest priorities for revitalizing the downtown area.

The highest priority needs identified by the groups were better vehicle and pedestrian access to the downtown, installation of such pedestrian amenities as benches, public restrooms, wider sidewalks, and plantings, and construction of a parking garage near the downtown commercial center.

Other needs assigned lower priority by the groups included better building, sign, and zoning codes, rehabilitation of lower Lisbon Street, and creating a central downtown focus such as an arts center, downtown motor inn, specialty shops, or thematic motif for the area. Other suggestions called for easing congestion on Lisbon Street, perhaps by closing off one section of it altogether, to create a mini-mall served by public mini-buses.

Dr. Reynolds, in addressing the group, urged that Lewiston capitalize on "its one supremely unique asset — its Frenchness, its rich ethnic heritage." In looking for models, he suggested that the city look to Montreal and Quebec, as other northern French-heritage cities, rather than to Portland, Boston, and other cities which have completed successful downtown renovations.

After seeing the locally-produced slide show of downtown Lewiston, the audience was invited to join four committees whose chairmen were announced last night. Finance Board member and local attorney Philip Isaacson will chair Lewiston Tomorrow's committee looking into pedestrian needs, Donald LaRochelle of Aliberti, LaRochelle & Hodson Engineering Co. will lead the committee on vehicular concerns, Attorney Robert Clifford will head the building needs committee, and attorney John Orestis will serve as chairman of the implementation committee.

Bowditch said that the committees will organize themselves during September, will identify and prioritize specific needs in October and November, and tie their work together into a

comprehensive development program in December, after which the organization will seek state, federal, and private funds to implement the program.

A Great Beginning

The Lewiston Tomorrow kickoff meeting last night at the Schaeffer Theater at Bates College was an outstanding success. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine it being more of a success than it was, as some 120 to 130 persons were on hand to express their views as to the major needs of Lewiston's downtown area.

Those attending were split up in random fashion into groups of 10 with the direct charge of setting up priorities on these needs. Then two groups would meet and compromise their opinions with respect to a priority listing. The system of the small discussion groups worked well. When all of them had concluded their deliberations the consensus was tabulated by officers of the organization.

The outcome of the discussions emphasized the need of improved access for both pedestrians and vehicles to the downtown sector. Right along beside this need was listed pedestrian amenities which would include such diverse matters as park benches, tree and flower plantings and public restrooms. Ranking a close third was a parking garage. The last obviously ties in with the top need of better vehicular access to downtown Lewiston.

Following the group meetings those in attendance were shown an excellent slide presentation featuring shots of downtown. This was a highly professional film showing that brought out the major pluses and minuses of the area. It revealed graphically some of the basic needs the Lewiston Tomorrow organization will be dealing with in future months.

At the conclusion of the meeting the people present signed cards expressing their preference with respect to working on four key committees. These bodies will deal with pedestrian needs, vehicle needs, building needs and implementation of the needs found by the first three committees.

What should be noted in commenting upon the accomplishments of the session is the fact it was one wherein those who attended played a significant role. Every one had an opportunity to speak his or her mind. Furthermore, virtually all who attended will continue to work for a renaissance in downtown Lewiston. It wasn't a case of going, hearing several people speak and then go back home with nothing further to do.

The way to meet a community challenge such as the one undertaken by Lewiston Tomorrow is to get widespread citizen involvement. This took place last night. We are confident there will be many significant developments in the downtown area, with the meeting of August 25 remembered as the real beginning.

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FEDERAL MONEY EARMARKED BY GOVERNOR

Lewiston Tomorrow Inc. Gets Some Welcome Help

Lewiston Tomorrow Inc. received a big shot in the arm this week with the announcement that \$10,000 in state-apportioned federal funds have been reserved for the organization to support its downtown development program.

Lewiston Tomorrow Executive Director Nathaniel Bowditch confirmed that Gov. James B. Longley has earmarked \$10,000 for the recently-formed group out of the pool of Section 304 federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds to be appropriated at the governor's discretion.

"This gives us a great psychological boost," noted a jubilant Bowditch. "Our first application for outside support was looked upon favorably. This builds confidence in other potential donors, and should help us in our private fundraising efforts," he said.

While he cautioned that Lewiston Tomorrow must still apply to EDA before being awarded the grant, the governor's recommendation gives the group "every expectation of receiving the money." The award at this stage is only contingent upon compliance with EDA guidelines.

First Year Budget

The \$10,000 will be added to the first-year budget for the group, explained Bowditch, because most of the development program is expected to be put together within that time. The grant leaves the group about \$15,000 short of its first-year budget of \$48,000, with some \$33,600 raised as of July 31.

The total includes the \$10,000 and one-third of the \$70,800 of privately raised funds, which are to be pledged over three years.

The grant was awarded to the Lewiston development group, said State Planning Director Allen Pease, because of the "immediacy of the need" for a development program and in light of the demonstrated "commitment and support" of the organization by local businessmen and other residents.

Bowditch gave much of the credit for obtaining the grant to Mayor Lillian L. Caron, Michael Bancroft of the Economic Growth Council, and Leslie Stevens of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Planning Commission.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1977

Franco American Festival Was A Big Success

By STEVE GREENE

Although not all the statistics are in yet, organizers of last month's Franco-American Festival today expressed delight at the success of the week-long festivities, and indicated that plans for next year's festival are already being made.

At a press conference this morning in Lewiston's city hall, representatives from the Festival Committee, city government, l'Unite Franco-Americaine, and the Downtown Merchants Association united in citing the festival's success in attracting visitors to Lewiston, boosting the area's economy, and exposing residents and

visitors alike to various examples of Franco-American culture and heritage.

"Reports from every segment of the community and from outside the community overwhelmingly confirm that the week of July 25-31 was one of the most exciting and productive weeks in Lewiston's recent history," declared Festival Committee chairman Paul Belanger.

The estimated attendance figure at all activities for the seven days of the festival is 67,300, said Belanger. This figure was calculated, he said, by adding the hourly average of daytime festival visitors to the estimated evening totals and participants at events held outside Kennedy Park.

At All Events

The figure therefore represents the estimated number of separate festival visits rather than the number of actual persons visiting the events, as many persons undoubtedly attended several events on several different days. Festival Coordinator Paul Pare noted, however, that most area motels and hotels reported few or no vacancies during festival week.

Belanger noted that the nearly 2,500 signatures in the guest book at a festival exhibit included persons from 27 states and three foreign countries, only 65 per cent of whom bore French surnames. The festival thus attracted persons from many places and from varied backgrounds, he said.

Although final financial

figures are not yet available, Belanger reported that expenses for the 1977 festival total some \$19,600. Revenues to date leave the committee about \$2,000 short of this total, he said, but fund raising activities are now being studied to make up the deficit.

Mayor Lillian Caron noted that the recent festival "went far beyond Kennedy Park and touched every aspect of the community. What impressed me most," she continued, "was the spirit of the people, those who worked to make it possible and the thousands of Lewiston residents and their guests. That spirit, that pride in one's identity and in one's community is probably the most valuable and long-lasting of all the benefits of the 1977 Franco-American Festival."

Maurice Silverman, co-chairman of the Downtown Merchants Association, remarked that "in my many years as a merchant in Lewiston, I've never seen a week or a weekend as busy, active, and bustling as that particular (festival) weekend. The business it brought in is absolutely unbelievable."

A Lot Of Meals

And l'Unite Franco-Americaine president Richard Charette announced that the

C'Est Si Bon cafe in Kenndy Park served as many as 5,000 meals in the course of the week, and cleared about \$1,500. "The money will be put to good use," said Charette, adding that l'Unite already is planning for the 1978 festival.

Howard Sachs of the Festival Committee said that merchants at the Promenade Mall were pleased to participate in the festival, by coordinating their sidewalk sale with that held by the downtown merchants. "We definitely intend to participate more actively next year," he added.

Next year's festival is again scheduled for the last week of July, it was announced today. Belanger said the festival committee will meet tomorrow afternoon for a work session to discuss what directions the festival should take.

Festival Coordinator Paul Pare, whose one-year appointed runs through next April, said he and his secretary will continue work on next year's festival, throughout the winter.

Belanger acknowledged that the festival's deficit this year might be traced in large part to the financially disappointing Lougarou concert and unanticipated high costs for installing electrical wiring in Kennedy Park.

Attendance at the concert was estimated at about 100 persons — far short of the number necessary to meet the \$4,000 price tag for the event. "It was a tremendous concert," commented Belanger. "Unfortunately, we misjudged the response (to the Canadian rock group)."

Mayor Lillian Caron added that "hindsight is better than foresight, but people seemed to want to participate in events rather than sit back and listen to something."



FESTIVAL DECLARED SUCCESS — Last month's Franco-American Festival in Lewiston was declared a resounding success today by representatives from various groups which participated in the week-long celebration.

At a morning press conference in city hall, representatives from the Festival Committee, city government, the Downtown Merchants Association, and l'Unite Franco-Americaine announced that festival events attracted thousands of people to Lewiston's Kennedy Park,

jammed area hotels, and boosted area businesses.

Plans are already afoot for next year's festival, which has been scheduled for the week of July 24 through 30.

Seated at the table this morning were l'Unite president Richard Charette, Mayor Lillian Caron, Festival president Paul Belanger, and DTMA co-chairman Maurice Silverman. Seated behind them were Festival Committee members John Telow, William Tewhey, and Howard Sachs. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)

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Lewiston Tomorrow Sets Access as First Need

BY JAMES KILEY

More than 125 persons attended Lewiston Tomorrow's kick-off and planning meeting Thursday night and made the development of better vehicle and pedestrian access to the downtown area its number one need and priority.

Lewiston Tomorrow Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing the downtown area, attracted a wide array of area residents, businessmen and city officials to its first working, planning meeting.

The assembly took part in small group working sessions at the meeting at Bates College's Schaeffer Theater. Each group developed a list of what it felt were the most pressing needs in the downtown area.

Lewiston Tomorrow's officers randomly broke up the audience into groups of 10 for the work of setting priorities for the downtown area's needs. Each group spent 30 minutes together sifting through ideas before setting up a "top ten" list.

Each group of 10 then combined within another group for 30 minutes, comparing priority lists and organizing another set of needs to present back to the full audience. Some of the ideas which Lewiston Tomorrow's followers thought of included setting up parking facilities over the canal, constructing a parking garage on Park Street, and creating a mini-mall by eliminating Lisbon Street traffic between Spruce and Main streets.

Other ideas discussed were rehabilitating lower Lisbon Street, changing truck delivery times, and creating a theme for store fronts and signs to be modeled after. And the smaller pedestrian comforts such as park benches, restrooms, and bus shelters were also put high on the list of some participants.

The group leaders for these discussions were young Lewiston professionals and city

workers. Among the leaders were Lewiston Community Development officer Carol Tracy, Lewiston Planning Department director Gore Flynn, Franco-American Festival coordinator Paul Pare, Planning Board chairman Robert Hark, and Zoning Board chairman Ronald Lebel.

Also assisting with the small groups were Don Peterson of the Alliance for Better Housing, architect Stephen Blatt, and attorneys Pasquale Maiorino, Ken Young and Ray Pasquale. The priority lists each group leader received were then tabulated to come out with a list of needs for Lewiston Tomorrow to work with.

The number one need which the audience asked Lewiston Tomorrow to fill was providing better access to the downtown area for both vehicles and pedestrians. The second most important item to plan for, according to the groups, was pedestrian amenities.

Lewiston Tomorrow president Guy Vigue explained this second need includes working for items such as landscaping, plantings, park benches, wider sidewalks, and public restrooms for downtown streets.

The item which received the next highest priority was constructing a parking garage close to the downtown area. Some of the audience already had specific ideas of where and how to construct such a facility, however the planning for specific items like a parking garage will come later this year by a Lewiston Tomorrow committee.

Vigue explained the top three priorities listed as the most pressing needs by the audience were all very close. He said these first three items were high on the list of all of the groups for immediate action.

The next two priorities set up Thursday night dealt with the physical aspects of the downtown buildings themselves. Building, sign, and zoning codes were asked for as well

as a particular theme to be used as a design motive for the downtown buildings.

Bates College president Dr. Thomas Hedley Reynolds spoke about themes for the downtown area at the beginning of the meeting while welcoming Lewiston Tomorrow to Bates College. He said, "The Frenchness and the ethnic richness of Lewiston could give a central, constructive objective which is needed before the downtown work can begin."

Dr. Reynolds also said, "No other city in the entire nation has an asset like that. I think Lewiston Tomorrow should adopt the theme of Frenchness for its programs."

The Bates College president's ideas were also discussed in the small groups. Many of the participants indicated they'd like to see a French flavor with small shops and cafes added to a mini-mall for the downtown area.

The audience also listed three other major priorities to work for. One was to allow only walking traffic in a certain area of Lisbon Street. The other two included rehabilitating lower Lisbon Street and developing a 24-hour use area with a theater for the arts, more restaurants, and a mid-town hotel.

Following the setting up of the priorities, Lewiston Tomorrow executive director Nathaniel H. Bowditch outlined where his organization will go from Thursday night's meeting.

Bowditch said four committees will be formed with four Lewiston professionals leading each. Lewiston attorney and Finance Board member Philip Isaacson will be heading up Lewiston Tomorrow's pedestrian committee.

Donald R. LaRochelle, of the Aliberti, LaRochelle, and Hodson Engineering Co., will be leading the committee on vehicles. While attorneys Robert Clifford and John Orestis will chair the building and im-

plementation committees respectively.

Bowditch explained the committees will all have a simple structure, will work at each particular problem area, outline the needs and draw up an action plan to fill them. At the end of the meeting over half of the audience signed up to work on the committees.

The Lewiston Tomorrow executive director also set up a four-month timetable for the committees. He said in September the committees will organize themselves and begin to learn about the problems of their specific area.

Bowditch said, "October and November will be when we really sit down and wrestle with the specific problems." He said by the end of November the committees will have set up plans on which problems should be corrected first and how it can be done.

December will be the month when all the committees' work will be processed and placed into a comprehensive development program for revitalizing downtown Lewiston. Starting in January, Bowditch said, Lewiston Tomorrow will be attempting to implement these planning ideas with funding proposals for the improvement of the area.

However, Bowditch did tell the audience his organization won't be asking for city money. He said private capital will be involved in the development program first and Bowditch said Lewiston Tomorrow will then try to supplement this with various forms of federal and state funding to get a construction program off the ground.

Lewiston Tomorrow officials were pleased with Thursday night's turnout. They are convinced it is the enthusiasm which is shared by both Lewiston's private and public sector which will eventually revitalize downtown Lewiston. They feel Thursday's meeting was a big first step.

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LEWISTON TOMORROW PLANS AHEAD—
Lewiston Tomorrow Inc. held its first working
and planning meeting Thursday night at Bates
College's Schaeffer Theater. At top are Lewiston
Tomorrow executive director Nathaniel H.

Bowditch and president Guy Vigue. Above is
part of 130 persons who attended the meeting.
The audience broke up into smaller groups, one
of which is at right. Seated left to right are
Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron, Fern Dubois,

Peter Legendre, Julius Wise, William B. Teh-
wey, Jules Dostie, George Friedman, Frank
Mitchell and Paul Pare. (Staff Photos by
Simokaitis)

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Support For Cohen Runs Deep In Lewiston, Former Mayor Believes

By NANCY GRAPE

Former Lewiston Mayor Robert L. Couturier, one of several prominent Lewiston Democrats joining Rep. Georgette B. Berube in urging Republican Congressman William Cohen to seek Maine's U.S. Senate next year (see page one story), today predicted support for the Bangor Republican runs deep in this Democratic stronghold.

"I think it's very deep," Couturier said of Lewiston support for Cohen over announced Democrat contender Sen. William Hathaway of Auburn.

Cohen is scheduled to announce next week whether he will seek election to the Senate or the Governorship in 1978, giving added impetus to today's urgings from Lewiston Democrats that he try for the Senate.

Couturier and several other Lewiston Democrats have signed a letter to Cohen in Washington urging him to seek the Senate seat and pledging to "do all we can to help you get elected."

He's The First

"From the Franco-American point of view," Couturier said today in explaining his decision, "Congressman Cohen is really the first member of Congress to pay any attention to the Franco-Americans of this State."

"Congressman Cohen's work in keeping Franco-Americans informed of what's going on in the Congress," Couturier suggested, "has earned him the respect of Franco-Americans throughout New England."

He cited particularly Cohen's efforts on behalf of minority education and the census bill.

Couturier denied any suggestion that in supporting a Cohen candidacy over Auburn incumbent Hathaway he and other Lewiston Democrats are, in effect, working against a hometown boy.

"I don't look at it that way," Couturier declared, suggesting Auburn is merely Hathaway's "legal residence," and, "I've never looked at the situation as pitting a hometown boy against a man from Bangor."

"It's a contest, if he will run against Sen. Hathaway," Couturier suggested, "between a man who has been a doing a good job for us and another man who has ignored us."

For Couturier, a vote for Cohen for the Senate would be, he acknowledged, the first time he has voted for the Bangor Republican.

An Accident

Prof. Madeleine Giguere, another Cohen supporter who has voted for him in the past, suggested, on the other hand, that the fact Franco-Americans here have been Democrats is "an accident of history."



ROBERT COUTURIER



MADELEINE GIGUERE

"Franco-Americans," she cautioned, "are much more moderate than the liberal wing of the Democratic Party, and we have been completely ignored. It's an accident of history that we are known as Democrats."

Does the support for Cohen of himself, Ms. Giguere, Marcel Bilodeau, Morris Silverman and Vincent LeBlanc today indicate any shift to Republicanism in Lewiston, Couturier was asked?

"I don't know what it is," he responded. "I think it's a clear signal to the Democratic Party to be more responsive to our needs. I do hope the Democratic Party gets a message from this."

Couturier also was firm in urging Cohen seek the Senate and not the governor's chair.

"I don't think Augusta's where we need him. I think we need him in Washington," he declared.

Unlike Rep. Berube, Couturier and the others indicated in their letter to Cohen that they will actively campaign for his election.

Do they think Cohen could carry Lewiston in a Senate contest?

"Yes," came the quick reply.

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Committee Planning French Textbook

By JOHN N. DIAMOND

Five members of Lewiston-Auburn's l'Unite Franco-Americaine organization are in the midst of planning a French textbook dealing with the history of the Twin Cities to be used in classrooms around the country.

"Our purpose is to supply the students with a text that will be closer to home for Franco-Americans and non-Franco-Americans," said Paul Pare, one of the members of the book's committee. Pare said that the textbooks currently being used in schoolrooms to teach the French language deal with life in France, and not with the Franco-American communities that are more familiar to the students.

"We're preparing a 40-page textbook on Lewiston, the Franco-American community, its history, and all other aspects," he explained. "We will be interviewing department heads of the language departments of area schools to go over what should be included in the book. After we go over the text with them, we'll submit it for publication."

Unlike most first-time authors, the committee already has a publisher. Pare said that the National Materials Development Center in Bedford, N.H., has agreed to publish and edit the book as part of a series of books it is handling. The center was established by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to produce educational material for minority groups in the country, mainly for Portuguese and French communities.

"We're getting \$1,500 to be put toward the writing and photography fees," Pare said. "The department heads will get consultation fees."

Pare stated that the book will be geared for high school French classes, and will include the work of some Franco-American authors who are unknown to most French students, due to the classroom emphasis on the study of France and its authors. The book will also be adaptable for some bilingual classes of elementary students in other areas.

"We're preparing a reader," he said, "that can be plugged into any high school French class."

"The philosophy is to create a text which puts emphasis on local values," he continued. "For Franco-Americans, that's extremely important."

The five committee members (Pare, Romeo Boisvert, Marie Badeau, Denis Ledoux and Donat Boisvert), met Wednesday night to start planning the book's contents. Pare said that the publisher has set a deadline of Dec. 15 for the book, and that the actual writing should begin next week. He added that the role of the local department heads will determine much of what is included.

"We're hopeful," he said, "that we can produce a book that will be useful and helpful to them in the classroom. It will be a waste of effort if it is not."

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Franco-American Exhibit At Maine State Archives

A month-long exhibit opened Monday at the Maine State Archives building in Augusta featuring items of historical significance arranged by the Franco-Americaine Centre of Lewiston.

The items were part of the Musee en Marche held in Lewiston during the recent Franco-American Festival.

This will be the first major French exhibit in the Archives building located in the same building as the State Museum and Library.

Included will be copies of *Le Massager*; books entitled "Canuk" by Camille Lessard, "Jeune Franco Americaine" by Alberte Gastonguay Sasseville who is a founding trustee of the Centre, and "En Europe" by J. B. Couture; a copy of "H.S.M. Pinefore" translated into french by J. B. Couture; needlework from the family of Dr. and Mrs. Eustache Giguere; pictures of the Lepage family; Lewiston script which was issued during

the term of Mayor Henri Paradis; a letter from Gen. John Pershing to Mayor Charles Lemaire.

The month-long exhibit represents the combined efforts of the trustees of the Centre, staff members Don Boisvert, Suzanne Roy and JoAnne Lapointe, the curator, Mrs. Raoul Pinette, the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Archives and State Rep. Louis Jalbert.

Raoul Pinette, president of the Centre, announced the exhibit. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

New St. Dom's Principal Names Assistant and Five Instructors

Brother Roger Lemoyne, SC, new principal of St. Dominic Regional High School, has announced the following new teacher appointments for the 1977-78 school year, including that of Brother Burgin, SC, as assistant principal.

Brother Daniel St. Jacques, SC, has been named to the French Department, Mrs. Diane Robitaille and Mr. Frederick Ebert to the Business Department, and Mrs. June Roux and Ann Gosselin to the Science Department.

Brother Burgin, a native of Madawaska, holds a master's degree in French from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. He taught at St. Peter's School in 1959, served at Sacred Heart School in Andover, Mass., and is a founding teacher of Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, N.H.

Brother Burgin has also served at Sacred Heart Academy in Central Falls, R.I., and at Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., where he served as dean of resident students as well as French teacher.

Brother St. Jacques is a graduate of Providence College where he holds a bachelor's degree in French. He has taught at Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., for the past five years where he was selected as Teacher of the Year for 1977.

He has been involved in the Christian Life Community and has helped raise thousands of dollars each year in Operation Good Cheer, a project to help the needy at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Robitaille has previously taught at Windham High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in business education. She is a member of the National Education Association and the business Education Association in Maine.

Ebert is a graduate of the University of Maine where he holds a bachelor of science degree in business education and a master's degree in education. He has taught business education at Erskine Academy in South China for the past 10 years, where he served as athletic director and coach of softball and basketball as well as football. He was also a class advisor.



BROTHER LEMOYNE



BROTHER BURGIN

Mrs. Roux studied at St. Joseph College in Windham and at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Trinity College in Burlington, Vt. Previously, she had been involved in the Home Tutoring Program for the Lewiston School Department.

Miss Gosselin holds a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from Bates College. She has recently worked as greenhouse and animal room attendant in the Department of Biology at Bates. She has also worked as podiatry assistant for Dr. Louis Talarico.

Brother Lemoyne, is a graduate of St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., where he holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in religious education. He has done post-graduate work in pastoral and social ministry at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He has taught at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg, Mass., where he was debate and speech coach.

For the past five years, Brother Roger has organized and directed religious education programs in St. James Parish, Manville, R.I., St. Thomas Parish in Madawaska, and St. Joseph's Parish in Nashua, N.H. He is a member of Christian Life Communities and has served as president of the New England Association of Christian Life Communities.

Brother Roger gave a workshop on ministry in the church at the National Federation of Christian Life Communities' 1975 Convention at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He is a member of the Education Committee of the New England Province's Provincial Chapter of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart as well as of the Peace and Justice Commission of his Province and the Vocation/Formation Committee. He is also a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry.

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PROVIDING PATIENTS' COMFORT AND CARE - Seventeen nursing assistants have received their certification from St. Mary's General Hospital, where they underwent an intensive program combining study and clinical experience.

From left to right they are, standing, Rachel Fortin, Ann Forest,

Debra Ferron, Suzanne Dulac, Anita Dube, Cynthia Dodge, Charlene Cote, Kelly Casey and, seated, Tina Vallee, Marylou Tiongson, Ann Robinson, Lynne Provencher, Genevieve Perry, Reinette Morin, Paula Gendron, Karen Franck, Gina Fournier. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis.)

Nursing Assistants Graduate At St. Mary's

Seventeen nursing assistants at St. Mary's General Hospital were awarded their certifications Friday afternoon during graduation ceremonies held in Desaulniers Hall.

Jeanette Pelletier, R.N., medical surgical supervisor, representing Nursing Services presented certificates

to Kelly Casey, Charlene Cote, Cynthia Dodge, Anita Dube, Suzanne Dulac, Debra Ferron, Ann Forest, Rachel Fortin, Gina Fournier, Karen Franck, Paula Gendron, Reinette Morin, Genevieve Perry, Lynne Provencher, Ann Robinson, Marylou Tiongson, Tina Vallee.

Prior to becoming certified

nursing assistants, the graduates underwent an intensive six week training program combining 240 hours of study and two weeks of actual clinical experience. The instructor for the course was Lucille Langlais, R.N., of St. Mary's Department of Education.

C.N.A.'s work closely with

the professional nursing staff in providing for the patients' comfort and care.

Addressing the graduates were John E. McWhinnie, director of Human Resources, and Eleanor Blais, R.N., coordinator of the Organization, Education and Development Department.

Sister Baillargeon Conference Chairman

St. Mary's General Hospital Administrator Sr. Rachel Baillargeon was recently named chairman of the Region II administrator's conference for the

Maine Hospital Association.

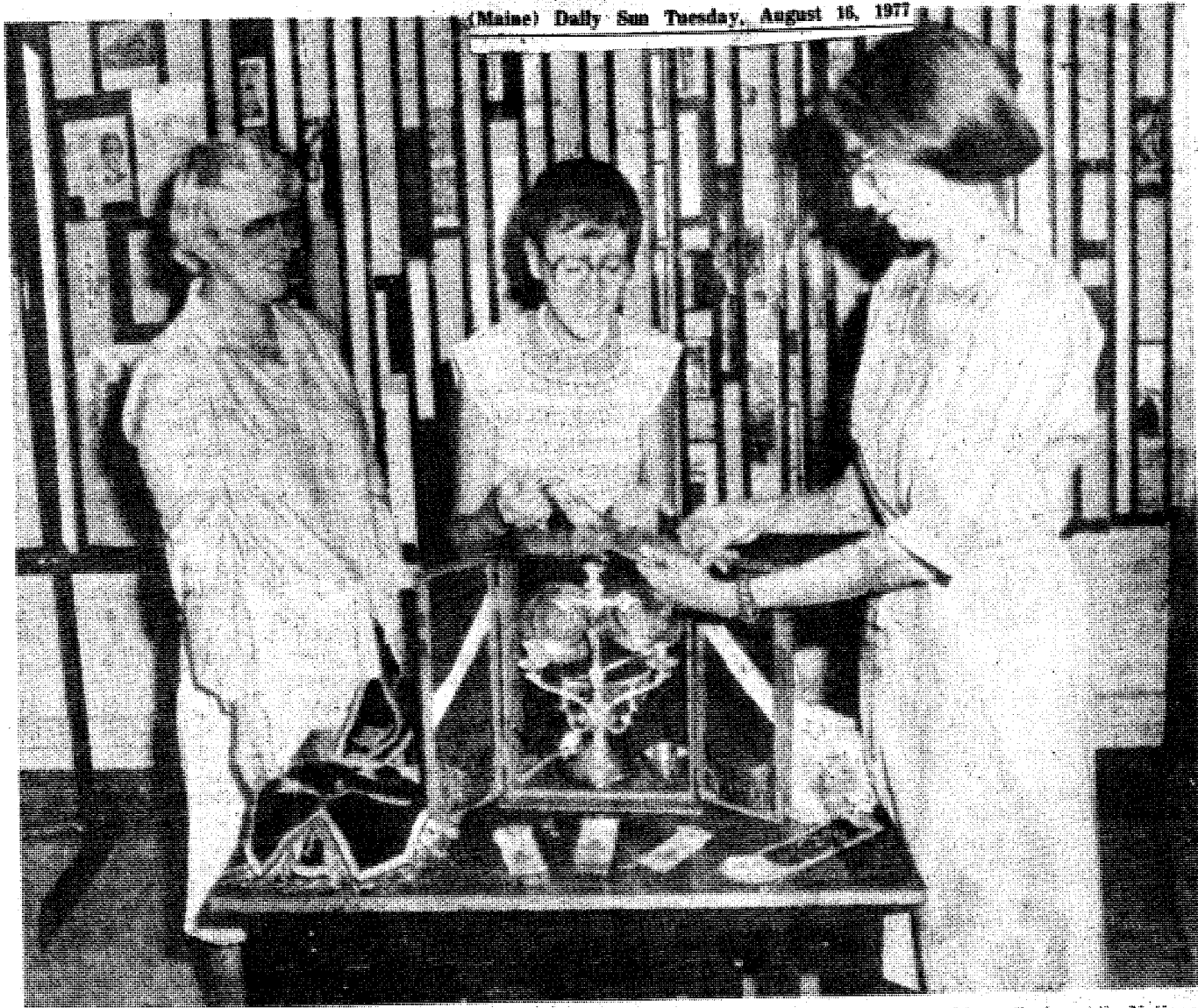
As chairman, Sr. Baillargeon meets monthly with administrators of M.H.A. member hospitals in Oxford, An-

droscoggin, Franklin, Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties. The meetings are held on an alternate basis between St. Mary's and Central Maine Medical Center.

She feels the administrators' conference is a good vehicle for member hospitals to exchange ideas and goals. It was organized to provide a closer liaison between hospitals for the

exchange of ideas and the information for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Having been named chairman, Sr. Baillargeon is automatically appointed to the M.H.A.'s board of directors and meets regularly with the four other regional chairmen to keep abreast of the new developments within their respective regions.



BORROWING ARTIFACTS — Photographed left to right at Le Heritage Centre, Lewiston, are Joanne Lapointe, curator; Barbara Riley, conservator of the National Museum of Canada at Ottawa; and Suzanne Roy, researcher at Le Centre. Ms. Lapointe and Ms. Roy are assisting Ms. Riley in the selection

of artifacts which are being borrowed for a display at the National Museum in Ottawa. The trio is admiring the epaulets of l'institute Jacques Cartier won by Louis Bossee which will be included in the artifacts which will go to Ottaway. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

Heritage Centre Artifacts Will Go to Ottawa

Ms. Barbara Riley, conservator of the National Museum of Canada at Ottawa, Canada, is currently in Lewiston at Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain where she will borrow artifacts for the permanent History Hall of the National Museum of Man in the Victoria Memorial Museum Building, Ottawa.

Included in the artifacts to go to the Ottawa museum will be a June 1922 copy of Le Messenger, a copy of a "Declaration of Intention" dated 1918; a l'Institut Jacques Cartier" three ribbons of lace work from the family of Dr. and Mrs. Eustache Giguere; a cabinet Vitatigue and epaulets of l'institute Jacques Cartier won by Louis Bossee.

Assisting in the assembling of the materials for the display were Miss Suzanne Roy, Researcher for Le Center d'Heritage, and Mrs. Joanne Lapointe, curator of Le Center.

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ONE FOR THE BOOK — Brothers Samuel (left) and Emmanuel Lussier, believed to be the world's oldest living twins, will celebrate their 100th birthday Aug. 11. The Canadian natives

headed families of 19 children, 32 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. (AP Wirephoto)

70 Years Ago Today — '27

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"Two planes missing, four held to the ground by unfavorable weather and two planes in the air, was the status of long distance flights today..."

"J.A. Greenleaf and Sons of Auburn have the contract for the construction of the foundation of the million cubic foot gas tank on lower Lincoln street. The tank is to be constructed within six weeks for the Lewiston Gas Light Co. Stacey Bros., Gas Construction Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, will construct the tank following the completion of the foundation."

"The suspicious case as reported Thursday has now been determined as one of infantile paralysis, Dr. L. J. Dumont, Lewiston-Auburn health officer stated. A four year old Lewiston boy is the victim. He has been ill for two weeks. It is thought that he contracted the disease while on a visit in New Hampshire."

"John J. Butler, principal of Jordan high school, Lewiston, will be at his office at the school for four days next week beginning Tuesday from 10 o'clock in the morning to 12:30 p.m. All pupils who wish to register or make any changes in their studies are asked to meet him there between those hours."

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Canadian Briefs

MONTREAL (AP) — Even though French-speaking Quebecers hold 60 per cent of the province's university degrees, they are still badly under-represented in private business management, says a report prepared for the Quebec government's Regie de la Langue Francaise.

The study on highly qualified workers was prepared by Metreq, an economic consulting firm, on the basis of 1973 figures collected by Statistics Canada.

Francophone university graduates dominate public service management positions but unless the Quebec government intervenes, the growth of Frenchspeaking management in private industry will be slow and costly, the report says.



NEW PRINCIPAL AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL— Sister Trina Suydam, a graduate of Immaculata College in Pennsylvania, has been named principal of St. Peter's School. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

Seventy One More CETA Positions Okayed

The Androscoggin County Commission today approved the following 71 CETA Title II positions, which were previously approved by the Androscoggin County Manpower Council:

American Red Cross: assistant blood coordinator, \$150 a week; assistant director of safety program, \$150.

Androscoggin County Head Start, Inc.: cook aide, \$70; teacher aide, \$87.50.

Androscoggin Home Health Services: two homemaker-home health aides, \$109.19.

Androscoggin Valley Regional Planning Commission, planner I, \$166.40.

Cathedral Pines Nature Center, Inc.: instructor trainee, \$170.

Lewiston-Auburn Y.W.C.A.: intervention secretary, \$110; pool activities assistant, \$120.

Lewiston Housing Authority, housing management aide, \$130.

Pathways, Inc.: volunteer coordinator, \$145.

Salvation Army, maintenance person, \$69 (30 hours).

Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority: laboratory assistant, \$134.

City of Auburn: engineering aide II, \$136.81; four instruction assistants, \$95.28; three maintenance men I-Highway Department, \$118.40; janitor assistant-Library, \$121; maintenance aide-Auburn Housing, \$129.20; laborer, Water District, \$132.80; laborer, Sewer District, \$132.80.

City of Lewiston: nurse aide-transfer, \$103.50; engineering aide, \$128.76; two physical assets inventory technicians, \$138.43; dispatcher aide, \$128.76; Youth Bureau receptionist, \$108.68; two janitors, Multi-Purpose Center, \$126.27; two library aides, \$105.19; three teacher/clerical aides, \$108.68; six special education aides, \$108.68; special

education clerical aide, \$108.68.

Lisbon: security guard, \$120.

Mechanic Falls: juvenile officer, \$153.

Poland: recycling technician, \$116; truck driver-laborer, \$116.

Sabattus: secretary, \$105; laborer, \$104.80; youth aide officer-Sabattus Police Department, \$155.

Turner: two heavy equipment operators, \$130.

Lewiston Adult Learning Center: intermediate clerk typist, \$105; teacher assistant, \$125.

Livermore Falls: land use planner, \$170.

Androscoggin County B.C.E.P.: assistant plans and training officer, \$158.40.

Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department: maintenance man, \$120.

Union #30-Durham School Department: teacher of exceptional children, \$178.85.

Mechanic Falls School Department: special education teacher, \$169.



FESTIVAL REVIEWED—Members of the Lewiston Franco-American Festival Committee are joined by Mayor Lillian Caron Thursday morning at a meeting in the Multi-Purpose Center to review Franco-American Festival Week which was held at the end

of July. Committee President Paul Belanger, Mayor Caron and representatives from l'Unité Franco-Américaine and the Downtown Merchants Association will hold a press conference Monday regarding the festival. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

8/19/77

Poland Spring Water Stages A Comeback, Appearing Nightly At Caesar's Palace

POLAND SPRING — Paul den Haene of Paris, France and Los Angeles has big plans for Poland Spring Water...some of which might send the legendary tale spinners spinning in their eternal resting spots and bottle aficionados spinning another game. Poland Spring Water is going in plastic bottles.

Nevertheless, den Haene, who purchased the Poland Spring Bottling Company last May says sales have doubled since then and predicts that "By the end of the year they (sales) will be tripled."

Den Haene and his associates discussed marketing this week and produced a new label that will be adorning all Poland Spring Water glass and plastic containers. As he sat with Saul Feldman who is president of the firm, and Ernest Bilodeau as facility manager at Poland, Den Haene disclosed that his firm has recently signed an agreement with Canada Dry for the distribution of Poland Water throughout the New England states.

"In three months," he said, "we have sold as much water in New England as was sold in all of last year."

Sales seem to be climbing in the west more than in the east, and Feldman cites the ample supply of good water in New England as the reason for that being the poorest spot in the country for water sales. Even so, the Lewiston distributor is selling 500 cases a month. "But I expect that to go down at the end of the season" Feldman remarked.

Den Haene also owns the Seven-Up Bottling Co. of Las Vegas and utilizes his outlets for that company to market Poland water.

"When I compared Poland water with any other I came across," he declared, "it was amazing."

Before purchasing the operation earlier this year, he said he had found only two waters in the nation that were of top quality...Poland Spring and Mt. Valley Water from Arkansas Hill Spring; Poland water, he said, far surpassed the other.

Operating out of Las Vegas puts him in a good position to boost the Maine water, as is apparent when from a folder he extracts a list of the famous nightspots of Vegas.

"Caesar's Palace sells Poland Water exclusively, as do the Riviera and Union Palace," Den Haene said. As he refers to the list, Den Haene points out that under the heading of Poland Water are the names of the three spots selling Poland Water, and that all the other Vegas spots are in a second column headed Mt. Valley. With a smiling conviction, Den Haene says "Next year they will all be under the first column."

Caesar's Palace sells 120 cases of Poland water a week, according to Den Haene, and in California it is now being sold in all leading chain stores and supermarkets.

Why is the natural nectar from the springs of Poland now replacing Arkansas water?

The handsome young entrepreneur believes the reason is promotion. "I talked to a prior distributor in Las Vegas who said he couldn't get our water, which at one time had been sold there." The same reason for the declining popularity of Poland water kept drifting back into the conversation, den Haene said...the previous owners were not promoting the water.

A New Image

A new poster designed to tout the qualities of Poland Spring water uses the phrase "It's like having a mountain stream on tap."

"Poland water is chlorine free," Den Haene said, and further discussed that interesting fact.

"We found that when the water was bottled it had four parts per million of chlorine, through when the water comes out of the spring it is chlorine free." Upon investigation it was learned that water to wash the bottles contained chlorine, so filters were installed to eliminate that minute bit of chlorine, which had remained on the bottles.

"The practice of treating public water supplies with chlorine has helped boost the sale of Poland water," den Haene says. "As water becomes more and more polluted, more chlorine is being added."

For this reason people are turning off the tap and "turning back to spring water", in an effort to find good, clear, pure drinking water, den Haene claims.

And Better Yet

Another change planned by den Haene is dropping the "club soda" designation, declaring instead a "sparkling water".

"We have found a well of pure natural gas at Cortez, Colo.," den Haene explained, "and we will be shipping that gas here to mix the purest of Colorado with the purest of Maine."

When Hiram Called The Shots

Poland Spring water has been bottled commercially since 1845 when the Ricker family discovered its so-called therapeutic qualities. One of the containers, a glass bottle known as the Hiram Ricker, has become a cherished antique.

Mrs. Maynard House of North Turner has in her extensive bottle collection several of the old containers. Among the first were green and brown, both in two sizes; a clear bottle with a cork and wire, later with a glass stopper, and finally screw tops. One of the very first Hiram Rickers was blue-green in color and is valued at over \$100 now, Mrs. House said. The Hiram

were shaped and pressed in the form of a bust resembling the patriarch.

Other bottles were in more conventional shapes, and were green in color. In more recent years the bottlers have used collector type bottles of other types which may at some later date be as cherished as the Hiram Ricker.

The legends go that long before the Rickers constructed their first inn on the hill during the post revolutionary days, bands of Indians would camp on the shores of nearby lakes, bringing their sick and maimed to the spring to partake of the water flowing from the rock.

The rise and decline of commercial values of the spring waters is explained in the accessibility of tap water over the year, the need for pure water decreasing. But so far as den Haene is concerned, the pure natural mineral water from Poland Spring is what everyone should drink.

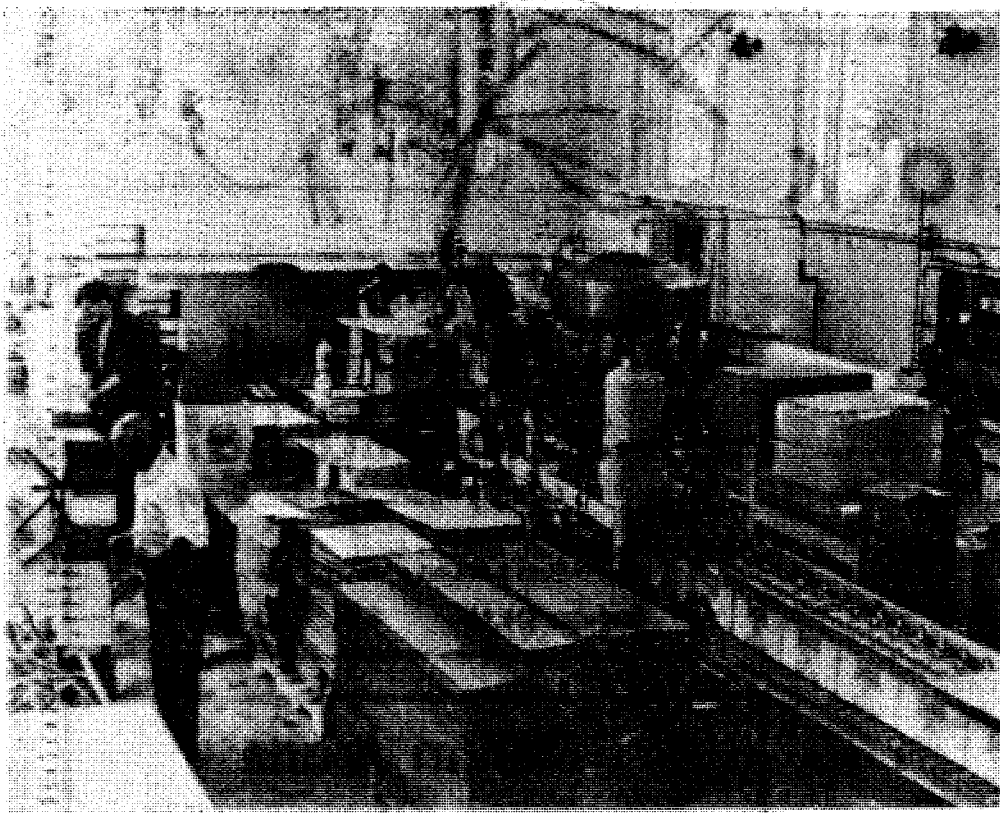
The bottlers cite the numerous celebrities who have used it; Pres Eisenhower and Joan Crawford, to name two. Jimmy Durante, said Feldman, always demanded in his nightclub contracts that two cases of Poland water a week be provided to him. Gloria Swanson not only drank it, she washed her face with it. Jack Webb (Just the facts, Ma'm) is said to drink it exclusively, and according to Feldman the sergeant at arms in the U.S. Senate now stocks it again.

Today Las Vegas, Tomorrow The World

As the trio discussed business, tourists strolled through after looking at the world-famous spring in an adjacent building. Salesmen came to sell and through a wide expanse of glass wall workers were observed as they went about their work on a lower level, bottling more Poland Water to be shipped to Florida, Ohio, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Santo Domingo, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Venezuela.....



THE OWNER AND THE SYMBOL — Paul den Haen of Paris, by way of Los Angeles, stands with the Poland Spring Bottling Co. plant tower in the background, the enthusiastic owner since May 1. Inscribed in the circle near the top of the tower is the Poland Spring Water symbol which den Haen's organization will retain in a new label to identify Poland Water and which will be imprinted on the new crowns for the plastic bottles. (MacDonald Photo)



BOTTLING OPERATION — Workers are seen in the bright Poland Water bottling plant as they worked at bottling the mineral water that flows from a nearby spring. The spring is off to the left and when the water is bottled (right rear) and placed in carton (far right) it then is taken through a tunnel to adjacent warehouses for storage before shipment throughout the world. (MacDonald Photo)

8/11/77

Carter's Alien Plan Has Raised Many Serious Questions

By ROBERT B. CULLEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Carter's proposals for dealing with illegal aliens have raised many questions, government officials say.

The Carter plan would allow aliens who came to the United States before Jan. 1, 1970, to become permanent legal residents and eventually citizens.

Aliens who arrived between then and Jan. 1, 1977, would be eligible for a new, five-year "temporary resident" status that would allow them to work but would prevent them from receiving social services such as welfare and from bringing their families into the country.

The proposals call for civil penalties for employers who "knowingly" hire illegal aliens. There is no penalty for doing so now.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about the Carter plan.

Q. Is there now an amnesty for aliens living illegally in the United States?

A. No. President Carter's proposal will have to be approved by Congress before an amnesty can take effect. Current law provides that illegal aliens who have resided in the United States for seven years or more may apply for legal status. But they must have close relatives living in the United States or be able to show that they would suffer extreme hardship if they were deported. And there is no guarantee that applications will be approved.

Q. What would happen to an illegal alien who tries to register for an amnesty now?

A. The Immigration and Naturalization Service's director, Leonel Castillo, says that such aliens would be subject to immediate deportation, just as if they were caught by the Border Patrol.

Q. How soon is Congress likely to act on the proposals?

A. The Senate will hold hearings in September, and the House will follow soon afterwards. But, given a heavy congressional workload, it does not seem likely that controversial issues such as President Carter has raised can be settled before Congress recesses in late October or November. That would mean final action would be unlikely before sometime next year.

In addition, some powerful congressmen have said they oppose portions of the Carter plan. Rep. Joshua Eilberg, D-Pa., head of the House immigration subcommittee, favors criminal penalties, not civil ones, against employers. And he opposes Carter's plan for a five-year "temporary legal resident" status for aliens who arrived between 1970 and 1977.

Q. If the amnesty proposals are enacted by Congress, how will the government decide who gets an amnesty?

A. Castillo is not certain, but his agency has begun planning. It anticipates spending \$4 million to advise aliens on how the program would work.

It now appears likely that each amnesty applicant would have to undergo a personal interview. He would have to make a sworn statement and back it up with evidence.

Q. What kind of evidence?

A. That has not been decided.

The immigration agency would likely accept such items as payroll records that indicate a person has been employed in the United States for a certain period of time. Other things, like utility and rent receipts and affidavits from such people as ministers, would probably be accepted too.

Q. How would the agency guard against forged documentation?

A. With potentially millions of applicants, Castillo says the agency hopes that most applicants would tell the truth. But it would select some applications at random for extensive checking. If a significant percentage proves to have been forged, the immigration service would have to reevaluate its position.

That would probably mean that each application would be checked out, slowing down the process.

Q. How would employers be affected?

A. Each employer would be

responsible for asking for identification from his employees. The types of identification would be defined by the attorney general.

Right now, the government is thinking of asking for a Social Security card as this is the only form of identification that every legitimate worker is required to have. But it might decide to add another form, or perhaps to require employers to ask for a Social Security card and one of several other cards, including a driver's license or an alien identification card.

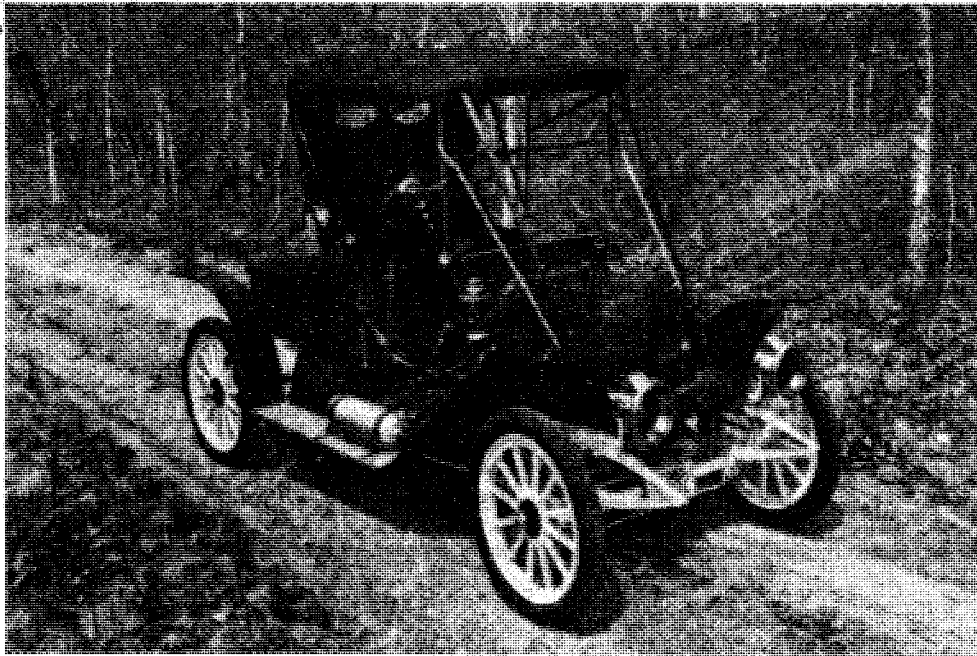
As long as the employer required employees to have the necessary identification, he would be fulfilling the terms of the law. If the identification proved to be counterfeit, it would not be considered the employer's fault.

Employers who did not ask for identification would be subject to fines of up to \$1,000 for each illegal alien found in their employ.

Q. Would all employers be covered by the proposal?

A. Yes. The government says, however, that it does not envision active enforcement against small businessmen with no past record of employing illegal aliens.

Castillo says the immigration service has a list of farms, factories and restaurants where it has found illegal aliens employed. The agency would concentrate its enforcement efforts in those places, he said.



1911 STANLEY STEAMER — People no longer smile when they view this in the Round Barn exhibit at Heritage Plantation. In view of the impending

gasoline problems, they just wish they could buy a Stanley Steamer these days. *August 20/77*

Brother Roger Lemoyne, To Head Saint Dom's

Brother Roger Lemoyne, director of religious education at St. Joseph's Parish in Nashua, N.H., has been appointed principal of St. Dominic's Regional High School, Br. John Hebert, provincial superior of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart said Friday

Br. Lemoyne holds a master's degree in religious education

from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., and serves on the Provincial Chapter of the New England Province.

He previously served in the same capacity at St. Thomas Church in Madawaska, and began his teaching career at St. Peter's School here in Lewiston in 1960-61. He will assume his new duties beginning in June.

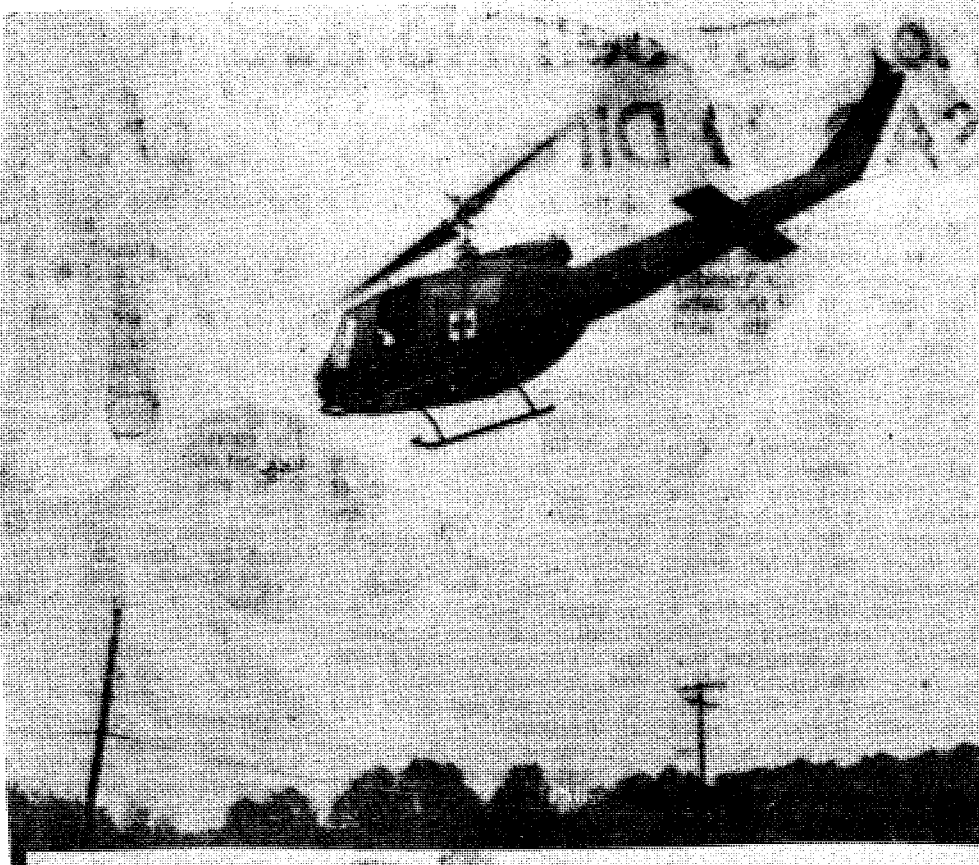
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

CETA 8/19/77

Has funded the following CETA Title II positions. Eligibility criteria for participation in the program is as follows. Individuals must be (1) unemployed for at least thirty (30) days; (2) a resident of ANDROSCOGGIN County; (3) meet an income guideline.

Individuals who feel they may be eligible should contact the Local Job Service Office at 522 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, Maine or call 783-917.

AGENCY	POSITION
American Red Cross	Assistant Blood Coordinator
Androscoggin County Head	Assistant Dir. of Safety Program
	Cook Aide
Head Start, Inc.	Teacher Aide
Androscoggin Home Health Services	Homemaker-Home Health Aide (2)
A.V.R.P.C.	Planner I
Cathedral Pines Nature Center, Inc.	Instructor Trainee
Lewiston-Auburn Y.W.C.A.	Intervention Secretary
	Pool Activities Assistant
Lewiston Housing Authority	Housing Management Aide
Pathways, Inc.	Volunteer Coordinator
Salvation Army	Maintenance Person
L-A Water Pollution Control Authority	Laboratory Assistant
City of Auburn	Engineering Aide II
	Instruction Assistants (4)
	Maintenance Man I-Highway Dept. (3)
	Janitor Assistant-Library
	Maintenance Aide - Auburn Housing
	Laborer-Water District
	Laborer-Sewer District
City of Lewiston	Engineering Aide
	Physical Assets Inventory Technician (2)
	Dispatcher Aide
	Youth Bureau Receptionist
	Janitors-Multi-Purpose Center (2)
	Library Aide (2)
	Teacher-Clerical Aide (3)
	Special Education Aide (6)
	Special Education Clerical Aide
	Nurse's Aide
Town of Lisbon	Security Guard
Town of Mechanic Falls	Juvenile Officer
Town of Poland	Truck Driver-Laborer
	Recycling Technician
	Secretary
	Laborer
Town of Sabattus	Youth Aide Officer-Police Dept.
Town of Turner	Heavy Equipment Operator (2)
Lewiston Adult Learning Center	Intermediate Clerk Typist
Town of Livermore Falls	Teacher Assistant
Androscoggin County	Land Use Planner
B.C.E.P.	Assistant Plans & Training Officer
Androscoggin County Sheriff's Dept.	Maintenance Man
Union No. 30 - Durham School Dept.	Teacher of Exceptional Children
Mechanic Falls School Dept.	Special Education Teacher
Oak Hill High School	Art Aide
	Teacher Aides (2)
	Media Aide
Poland School Department	Special Education Teacher
M.S.A.D. No. 36	Secretary (2)
	Teacher Assistant Music



UP...UP...AND AWAY— Lewiston and Auburn officials were ecstatic Wednesday following a tour of Army National Guard construction projects around the area. Their transportation for the trip was two Army helicopters, the first experience of copter flight for the officials. The group traveled to Wells, Alfred, Sanford, and Hollis and saw members of the 133rd Engineer Battalion of Company C of the Lewiston Army National Guard at work on several construction projects, including an air strip and two athletic fields. The trip was coordinated by Capt. William

R. Donovan, training officer for the 133rd. Taking part in the tour are, left to right lower photo, Sgt. Robert L. Dionne, recruiter; Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron; First Lt. Phillip Hastings, Company C Commander; Auburn Mayor Jack O. Smith; Carroll Minkowsky, Lewiston Finance Board; and Auburn Ward Three Councilman R. Peter Whitmore. State Representative Georgette Berube, absent for this photo, joined the group in Hollis. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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Pay Of MCCA, CETA People Aggravating To Cty. Employees

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By CLIFF HODGMAN

Androscoggin County's Salary Study Committee met in another productive session today, set up more pay categories and steps, reaffirmed others, and appeared to be well on the way to producing a tentative pay package for use in the next county budget.

Dissatisfaction with pay variances between regular employees of the county and those who are paid with CETA funds reared its head and the committee voiced its opinion that CETA people should be paid in scale with regular county people.

This was a reaffirmation of previous stands.

However, in a new stand it was noted that there was a wide pay differential between some county people and those who are working for the Maine County Commissioners Association. The County Commissioners have no control over these pay scales but the committee went on record, with a motion and vote, to instruct to the MCCA to keep pay totals in line with the county.

In Bangor, Too...

District Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II, who is chairman of the pay committee, said that a similar situation occurred in Penobscot County, in Bangor, and that the MCCA office there was moved out of the county building to avoid a pay differential conflict.

It was obvious from the comment of committee members that the pay of MCCA people is irking a lot of county employees.

During this morning's two and one half hour session the committee set up several categories and pay scales.

Drawing the most discussion was the matter of clerk hire and several committee members, especially Register of Probate Paul Genest and Registry of Deeds Clerk Dorothy Violette felt strongly that there are specialist types of jobs done in their office and that the simple category 'clerk hire' should be applied.

As a result, this was divided into three categories: Clerk Hire I, Clerk Hire II and Clerk Hire III.

The first category would simply be for clerk/typists/receptionist type of work while the other categories would include special machine operating status, special kind of bookkeeping which is done in the Probate Office, and the like.

Inexperienced People

In another move connected with clerk hire, Commissioner Bertrand Pontbriand suggested that something be done about the hiring of new, inexperienced people, who have absolutely no previous experience.

What the committee came up with on this score was setting a starting salary of \$100 for such inexperienced people with their being on a probationary six month working period. This, if they are successful, would be followed at the end of the six months by putting them up to Step One of the clerk hire category, which has been tentatively set at \$110.

In the first clerk hire category, workers, with the exception of the totally unexperienced, would start with \$110 at step one and go on to hikes to \$120, \$129, \$137 up to a top of \$145.

In Clerk II they would start at \$115 and go up to \$150 with hikes to \$125, \$134 and \$142 in between.

And, he added, there didn't appear to be any set pattern in the pay of legal secretaries.

Administrators

The committee also completed its tentative work on a pay scale for administrators to the County Commissioners and the District Attorney.

It was decided to let the same pay scale used for department deputies be applicable in this category.

It was noted that Delahanty's office now has an administrator but that job is running out of CETA funds and currently there is no administrator for the county commission but there's legislation which will provide that move.

Members of the committee suggested that perhaps they shouldn't set this category up, but Delahanty commented that it would be wise to be prepared rather than have to go back and set up such a category later.

Executive or administrative secretaries also came up at today's meeting and it was noted that such positions exist in the offices of the DA, the county commission and the Sheriff's Department.

The committee decided to go along with a scale starting with \$140 then moving into steps of \$150, \$159, \$167 and \$175 tops.

This was described as "being consistent with business and law offices in this area."

It was noted that the range in this category in the municipal government of the City of Lewiston goes from \$144 to \$173; in Penobscot County, from \$127 to \$154 and Aroostook County, from \$148 to \$158.

A Review Of Its Work

At the beginning of today's meeting the committee went through a review of its work up to date and doubled checked to see if the committee members were in agreement fully with what has transpired in the several meetings already held.

The members started off by agreeing with previous voting on the salary scale for the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

Okayed in this category was a starting pay of \$200 with steps of \$21, \$219, \$228 and a top of \$235.

It was noted in discussion of this category that as of Oct. 24, no more civil fees will be allowed deputies, and it was further noted that an 11 county survey made last year showed that the pay of Chief Deputies varies from \$164 to \$215 in Maine, but it was added that wage hikes aren't taken into consideration here.

The committee was reminded that it would be easy to bring a chief deputy's pay above that of a sheriff and Genest noted that he didn't feel it was ever fair to put any subordinate's salary above any department head.

Delahanty noted, however, that would also depend on the magnitude of work for he said he knew of categories within the DA system throughout the country in which some Deputy DAs were paid more than the DAs.

It was revealed that the Chief Deputy in Penobscot county has a pay range of \$170 to \$210.

Delahanty also supplied some pay figures for Lewiston Police, noting that the Deputy Chief ranged between \$286 to \$317; the captains, from \$262 to \$290; the lieutenants, from \$240 to \$266; and the sergeants, from \$220 to \$244.

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The third category would start at \$130 and go from there to \$140, \$149, \$157 to a top of \$165.

Facing the committee in this group however, is the question of who goes where and that might be a sticky situation, at the next meeting of the committee which is scheduled for two weeks from today, Sept. 2.

At that meeting the committee will also be taking up the last category, that of the custodians.

It "Burns" Him

Pontbriand opened the door on the pay of CETA people and told his fellow committee members that "it just burns me" to see these people getting more money than some of the people that have been around here for 22 or 23 years."

The committee seemed to be in close agreement that these categories be carefully scrutinized so that CETA people fall within the pay guidelines.

Also set up today was the category for deputy department heads, such as those who serve in that capacity in the offices of the treasurer, Registry of Deeds and Registry of Probate.

After discussion, the committee decided that a minimum of \$155 be set with the maximum going to \$190. In between, the steps will be \$165, \$174 and \$182.

Previously, the committee had decided what the qualifications would be and noted that all persons appointed deputy department heads (this is done by the department head) shall have a minimum of three years experience in that particular department or have advanced training, education or previous experience in a similar field for three years or a combination thereof.

As has been the case in previous meetings, the committee is armed in its work with figures from various other counties, showing what the pay range is in those counties. Some municipal figures are also included.

Chairman Delahanty told the group this morning that he had done some checking with local law firms as well as other counties and municipalities to give the committee some ideas of pay scales.

He noted that the law firms present "quite a range" which run from \$100 to \$180 for their clerical help.

And, someone commented, there's also overtime available to the Lewiston officers.

Other Sheriff's Department figures which were reviewed were as follows:

Lieutenants: Starting pay of \$190, with steps of \$200; \$209; \$217; and \$225.

Sergeants: Starting pay of \$183, with steps of \$193; \$202; \$210; and \$218.

Regular Deputies: Starting pay of \$175, steps of \$185; \$194; \$202; and \$210.

Part-time deputies: Starting with \$3 per hour, with steps of \$3.15; \$3.30; \$3.40; and \$3.50.

The committee also went through some guidelines which received tentative approval and for the most part everything remained the same.

This explains how people are to be hired and into what category they will be placed if he or she has had previous employment. One condition is that no person may begin a position at more than the third step level.

At The Bottom

All must begin at the bottom unless they meet certain criteria established for the position and possess advance training or experience which may justify a higher level.

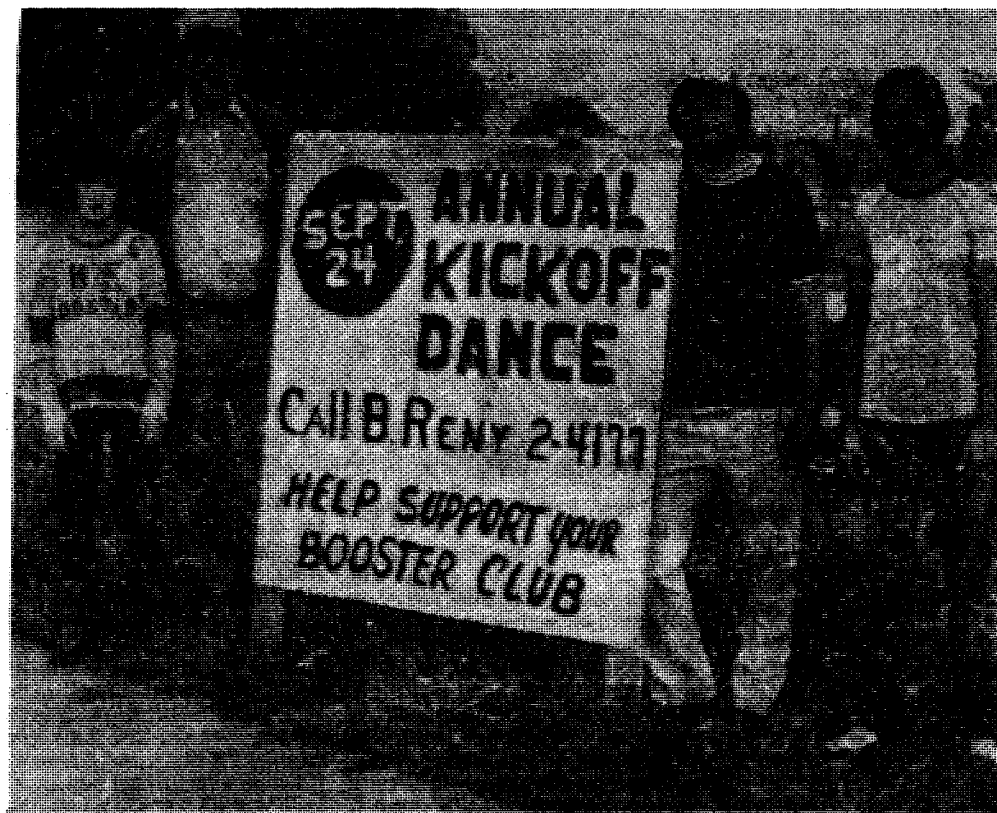
When these people are hired, the department head must inform the commissioners of the classification into which the person falls, and further certify to the commission any and all facts which may be considered to classify the person at other than the base minimum salary.

The one change in the wording came during the review of these rules today when the committee reviewed the section relative to reaching the final level. In this paragraph, it had stated that increases at that point shall be limited to the cost of living raises as may be awarded by the legislature.

At this point the committee okayed the adding of commissioners as an authority as well.

The response to the County Salary Study Committee appears to be very good and the input indicates that the county will, for the first time probably in the county's history, have a comprehensive pay scale plan which will leave no questions as to categories and job status of those employed by that form of government.

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KICKOFF FOR A NEW SEASON—Activities for the Holy Family Booster Club for the new season will get underway on Sept. 24 at the third annual Kickoff Dance at the parish hall and setting up a sign proclaiming the event are, left to right, David Anctil, Roger Anctil, Bob Reny who is club president and Sharon Marquis. Proceeds

will benefit the athletic programs in the parish. Anyone interested is invited to attend the event for which live music will be provided and advance reservations may be made by contacting Mr. Reny at 782-4177 or Carol Roy at 783-3909. (Staff photo by Gray) 8/18/77

Festival Report 8/18/77 Scheduled Monday

A full report on this summer's Franco-American Festival and the planned dates of next year's festival will be revealed Monday at a press conference at Lewiston's city hall.

Festival Committee President Paul Belanger will appear with Lewiston Mayor Lillian Caron and representatives from l'Unite Franco-Americaine and

the Downtown Merchants Association to announce the attendance and financial figures for the festival, including the figures for the sidewalk cafe run by l'Unite and the sidewalk sale by the downtown merchants.

The Festival Committee will meet again next Tuesday afternoon for a workshop session to discuss the pros and cons of the recent festival, which was held the last week of July in the city's Kennedy Park.

Festival Coordinator Paul Pare said the committee hope to hold a public workshop session at a later date to which area residents will be invited to comment on the direction next year's event should take.

Bilingual Program To Open Sept. 12

Registration for the Bilingual Program in Human Services, to be offered at the University of Maine, Lewiston-Auburn site, is currently in its third week, and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the 35 available openings are filled, a program spokesperson said today.

The federally-funded one-year certificate program will get underway Sept. 12.

The University of Maine, Lewiston-Auburn site, is coordinating the program for

the second year. The program spokesperson said today the course was very successful last year, with 15 Franco-Americans receiving certificates qualifying them to become para-professionals in the field of human services.

For more information one may call Lou Spugnardi at 784-7366, or toll free, 1-800-452-1947 Ext. 300. 8/18/77

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murdered by a regime armed with French weapons?"

France announced two years ago that it was phasing out arms contracts with South Africa. During a visit to Zambia earlier in his tour, De Guiringaud denounced as "nothing but a lie" a Soviet report that a French nuclear generating plant sold to South Africa will be used to manufacture atomic weapons.

The French minister also visited Mozambique and Kenya. He called South Africa's apartheid policy of racial segregation and suppression "stupid" and made a point of meeting black nationalist leaders fighting the white governments of South Africa and Rhodesia.

Diplomats in Paris say France's new wider interest in Africa stems from such practical considerations as her need for petroleum and uranium. But they contend it also flows from concern that racial struggles in southern Africa and regional conflicts in North and East Africa could explode into large-scale war.

Previously France's African policy has been focused on such French-speaking former colonies as Senegal and the Ivory Coast. French civil servants still play a key role in running Djibouti, the tiny new republic on the East African horn which got its independence from France earlier this year.

Canadian Briefs

8/19/77
QUEBEC (AP) — Eskimos are abandoning their traditional diet in favor of white man's food with a resulting decline in health, says Dr. Harold Draper of Guelph University.

Draper told a group of nutritionists at the Fifth Western Hemispheric Nutrition Congress on Thursday that Eskimos are contracting in greater numbers diseases common to industrial societies—obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease and tooth decay.

In northern settlements where the Eskimos still follow the old way, Draper found little or no evidence of vitamin deficiencies.

But in southern villages, Eskimos showed levels of undernourishment, hypertension, overweight, heart trouble and other diseases equal to those found in low-income industrialized communities in the south.

Pipeline

OTTAWA (AP) — Negotiators for the Canadian and United States governments are basically setting the stage for ministerial talks on a northern pipeline in the series of meetings now under way, government sources said Thursday.

Officials from both sides emerged from a nine-hour session to say they had fruitful and productive discussions, but declined to outline what specific positions they had taken.

"They are actually clarifying points of disagreement, not really bargaining the major issues," the government sources said Thursday.

The talks at the officials level are expected to resume in Washington on Tuesday, with the ministers meeting later in the week or early the next week.

At issue is a proposal from Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. of

Calgary to build a pipeline across Canada to move natural gas from Alaska to the lower 48 states.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1977

Canal Data Is Still Not Ready But There's Hope It Will Be Soon

By STEVE GREENE

Data about proposed fencing for Lewiston's canal network, requested last April by the city's Public Safety Board in calling for passage of an emergency ordinance, has not yet been wholly assembled.

But City Building Inspector Charles Buteau said yesterday he hopes to have the necessary information available next week, while Safety Board and Lewiston Police Commission chairman Sawyer Sylvester stated that he will be making "informal inquiries" to determine when it will be sent back to the board.

"Emergency" Ordinance?

Lewiston's police and fire commissioners, who together form the city's Board of Public Safety, voted April 19 to recommend that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen pass an emergency ordinance requiring fencing along the banks of the city's canals where they are accessible to the public.

Their action followed incidents in January of this year and November of last year in which vehicles crashed through the present wooden fencing and plunged into the canal waters. A Lewiston man lost his life in the November accident.

At its April meeting, the board delegated three public safety officials to draw up specifications for the fencing required and to determine the ownership of the various sections of canal where stronger fencing is needed. The committee includes Buteau, Police Chief Lucien Longtin, and Fire Chief Reginald Doucette.

Still waiting...

Buteau stated yesterday that the committee has prepared specifications for the recommended fencing, and is awaiting word from a Union Water Power Company engineer who is researching the ownership question. Still to be determined are the owners of two sections of canal, he said.

Although the UWPC owns much of the property adjacent to the canals along a 10-foot right-of-way, over the years it has granted easements to various businesses to allow them to build bridges over the canals, said Buteau. Some of these proposed bridges were never constructed, he explained, so research in the company files must be done to determine who now is responsible for maintaining each section of canal.

The building inspector said he hopes to have all the data available by next week, at which time he said he would send letters to the fire and police chiefs, who would jointly report to their commissioners.

Concern Still There

Sylvester said yesterday he feels the Public Safety Board is still concerned about the need to improve fencing along the city's canals. "I assume (the three-man committee) would get back to us as soon as they could," he added.

In calling for passage of a new law to regulate canal fencing as an emergency ordinance, the Public Safety Board had hoped to speed the process by which a proposed ordinance becomes law. The process normally takes about 2½ months, observed City Clerk Gerald Berube, but as an emergency ordinance can become effective in about two weeks.

Like a regular ordinance, an emergency ordinance is referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to its Ordinance Committee, which reports its recommendation back to the full board. The proposed ordinance must be posted for public hearing as usual, but the first and second readings may occur the same day under the emergency provision.

And whereas 30 days must pass for a regular ordinance to take effect, an emergency ordinance becomes effective 7 days after passage.



Diane Langlois: The Winner!

Lewiston Girl Is Maine Teen Titlist

Diane Langlois of Lewiston was crowned Maine United Teenager of 1977 Saturday night, when finals of the state pageant were held at Ramada Inn in Lewiston.

A petite brunette, Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Langlois of 12 Bushey Circle. She will begin her junior year at Lewiston High School in the fall.

She was presented her official trophy, tiara and banner, a course in reading dynamics and a scholarship from the John Robert Powers School of Modeling. In December she will represent Maine in the National Pageant at Washington, D.C., the finals being scheduled for Dec. 30.

Runners-up in the beauty pageant were Selena Ford of Sanford, second; Celeste Beleckis of Kezar Falls, granddaughter of Mrs. Lilliette Beleckis of Auburn and the late Arnold Beleckis, a former Auburn policeman, third; Julie Fitzpatrick of Houlton, fourth; and Sandry Evrard of Bowdoinham, fifth.

Miss Evrard was winner of the essay contest which was a feature of the pageant, each girl having had to write an essay on the subject, "My Country."

Miss Langlois placed third in the essay contest and Deb Myshall of Freeport, second.

TAS School Board Forms Building Search Committee

The advisory board for the Androscoggin Valley School (TAS), Lewiston's new alternative high school, has organized a building search committee to find a permanent site for the school.

TAS headquarters is now located at Trinity Episcopal Church on Spruce and Bates streets for the fall semester. However, board members stressed at Thursday's organizational meeting that another building will be necessary for future use.

Martha Blowen, TAS co-director, announced the addition of two members to the TAS staff. Susan Hayward a University of Maine graduate, will head the math and science programs. Marc Madore, an intern-student from the College of the Atlantic, will assist Ms. Hayward in the math and science departments.

Board members formed a scholarship committee headed by Sharon Packer, 12 Wildwood Drive, Lewiston. According to Packer, who holds an M.S. in special education, the Androscoggin school is in "a good position to offer scholarships this year." She said many students have requested aid to take part in the alternative

school program which begins Sept. 12.

Advisory board members heard reports on a two-day state-wide alternative school conference, slated for Aug. 26-27 in Lewiston.

The fall semester at the Androscoggin Valley School will open with students and teachers taking a four-day hiatus Sept. 13-17 to be spent away from the school. Mini-courses taught by the in-house faculty and other persons selected from the TAS resources will also be a prominent part of the September curriculum at the school, according to Denis Ledoux, TAS co-director.

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winner of the Photogenic Award was Brenda Brainerd of Auburn while Miss Ford won the Citizenship Award and Debbie Brown of Orrington the Volunteer Service Award.

Other semi-finalists in the beauty pageant were Carla Chase of Gorham, Martha Eames of Westbrook, Marcia Eaton of Litchfield, Mary Garland of Alfred, Denise Skivers of Cornish, Arline Smart of Stockton Springs and Carol Wisda of Richmond.

Other semi-finalists in the essay contest were Miss Brainerd, Miss Eames, Miss Ford, Tinka Davis of Bridgton, Becky Dougherty of Fort Fairfield, Andrea Harris of Orr's Island and Cindy Vachon of Berwick.

A good-sized crowd of relatives and friends of the contestants was present for the pageant, which was followed by a pizza party for the girls.

An Awards Breakfast took place Sunday morning before the girls returned home.

Mrs. Margaret Strickland of Stone Mountain, N.C., was state director of the pageant. Miss Anne Marie Lepage of Auburn provided organ music for the program.



PROCLAIMING ITS PRESENCE at 81 Ash St., Lewiston, is a newly erected sign on the lawn of Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain. Staff members, from left to right, Nancy Kenfield,

Suzanne Roy, Donat Boisvert and Raoul Pinette, are admiring the new acquisition. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)

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New Sign Shows Location Of Le Centre d'Heritage

The location of Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain will now be easier to locate since a new sign has been placed on the lawn at 81 Ash St., Lewiston.

The Centre is located in the In-town Manor which was previously the Healy Asylum, a building rich in Franco-American history.

Housed within the building is a library-museum containing material available for research purposes. Presently the Centre has on loan from its permanent collection artifacts of Franco-American life to the History Hall of the National Museum of Man in the Victoria Memorial Museum Building in Ottawa, Canada. The official opening of the exhibit will be in October according to Ms. Barbara Riley, conservator for the National Museum.

A major display is also located in the lobby of the Maine State Archives Building in the Maine

State House complex and is open daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Le Centre d'Heritage recently had a display at the Franco-American Festival and its guest book registered 2,425 names with 92 per cent of the people from the Twin Cities area and the other eight per cent representing 26 states and three foreign nations.

Founded in 1971, the Centre has become widely respected for its documentation of Franco-American history and literature.

This has been accomplished with the assistance of Twin Cities residence who have donated artifacts to the Centre and, if anyone has anything to donate, the Centre may be called at 783-9248 and a staff member will pick it up.

Le Centre d'Heritage is opened Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 in the afternoon.

8/24/77 New Police Station on Park Street Approved by Lewiston Planners

BY DENNIS BAILEY

By a unanimous vote Tuesday, the Lewiston Planning Board voted to go along with the finding of the Police Building Committee in recommending the Coca-Cola building on Park Street as the site for a new Lewiston Police Station.

The decision came after some discussion on whether the board should take a position on renovating the structure as opposed to demolishing it and building a new station. Planning Board Chairman Robert S. Hark said rehabilitation should not be ruled out but added the Planning Board was in no position to make a judgement on the matter.

But Planning Board member Arthur Bisson vehemently disagreed.

"The days of using paper clips, scotch tape, and glue to patch up structures are over," he said. "It's time we give the police in this city a suitable building to work in."

The Police Building Committee—consisting of members of the Finance Board, Board of Aldermen, the chairman of the Police Commission, and Police Chief Lucien Longtin—unanimously agreed on Aug. 10 to recommend that the Coca-Cola building be torn down and a new structure be constructed.

Bisson told the board Tuesday that the building committee "is involved with public safety and I can't tell Chief Longtin what he should be doing down there."

Hark disagreed with Bisson, saying rehabilitation of existing structures is a viable alternative to construction, especially in these days of soaring construction costs. "I'm not comfortable in making a recommendation of rehab over new construction," Hark said. "I happen to like rehab, but I don't know if we have enough data to make that recommendation."

The Police Building Committee chose the Coke building after reviewing proposals to renovate the existing police station, to use the Dingley Building, or construct a new station in the Franklin Pasture area. The Coke site was chosen primarily for its downtown location. Architect Deane Woodward, in a report to the committee, estimated the cost of renovating the structure at \$80,000 as opposed to more than \$1 million for a new police station.

The ultimate decision on whether to renovate or construct a new building rests with the Finance Board and Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Hark said he would hope the Building Committee would get proposals

from architects on the exact costs of renovation vs. construction before a decision is made.

Police Commission Chairman Sawyer Sylvester explained to the board that the Coca-Cola building is "an empty shell," and the architect said it is really up to the city to decide whether to build on it or tear it down and use the site for a new building.

The proposal now goes to the Finance Board for review where it will then be forwarded to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

In other matters, the board took a step forward in beginning the City Scale Project which involves designing aesthetic improvements to three areas of downtown Lewiston. The board voted to solicit design proposals from various architects of which three will be selected to become consultants for the program.

Planning Director Gore Flynn told the board the consultants would be involved in a series of workshops with downtown merchants to discuss the problems in the areas and solutions.

"I don't anticipate this will lead to a master plan or a grandiose design for the downtown area," Flynn said, "but I am hoping it will generate many individual ideas for design

The area involves most of Lisbon Street, from Lincoln to Park Street, and from Main Street to Cedar Street. Three specific areas have been designated for design study by the consultants at a fee of \$5,000 each. Flynn said the schedule to get the proposals back from the consultants, interviewing the applicants, and the actual selection of the three consultants is tight. He said a consultant could possibly be given multiple contracts depending on the proposals.

Flynn said he hopes to have the workshops and design proposals completed by the end of November so the Finance Board could act on the recommendations in early December. Landscaping and placement of park benches will be part of what the consultants will deal with. The decision to carry through with the plans will rest with the Finance Board and aldermen.

The Planning Board also voted unanimously Tuesday to concur with a recommendation to place the Trinity Episcopal Church on the National Register of Historic Places. The church, located at the corner of Bates and Spruce streets, was built in 1879 and has a high rating on the Lewiston Historic Commission's list. It is also on the Maine

Historic Preservation Commission's list of eligible structures and is included on the Architectural Heritage Walking Tour of Lewiston.

The Planning Department discussed the nomination of the church to the National Register with Ken Connor, the rector of the church. The Planning Staff reported that he understood both the benefits and obligations of the designation and favored its approval.

The major restriction to being on the register is federal funds cannot be used to substantially alter the structure without the consent of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

In other business, the board finally completed the approval of the Birchwood Mobile Home Estates expansion. The issue has been hanging over the heads of the Planning Board for over a year. Although the expansion plans were approved at the last meeting, the only thing left to be resolved was whether a performance bond could be posted in lieu of requiring certain work be completed before the lots were occupied.

The board had approved the plans with a number of conditions, the major one being that the developer complete a number of stormwater drainage improvements. Paul Cote, an

attorney representing the developer, asked at the last meeting that a performance bond be posted in lieu of completion of the improvements.

An opinion from the Corporation Counsel advised that the board could require a performance bond, but the board became bogged down when Arthur Bisson refused to second a motion asking for the posting of the bond. Two board members were absent and since Hark removed himself from the board to avoid a possible conflict, only three members were left to decide the fate of the expansion.

Board member Olga Savitsky was appointed acting chairman but she relinquished that position and handed the gavel to Bisson to allow a vote to be taken (without a second, a motion dies). Bisson, who opposed the expansion saying that improvements to the drainage system would adversely affect abutting property, reluctantly served as acting chairman while the vote in favor of allowing the performance bond was taken.

The board also approved a minor five-lot subdivision on Taylor Hill Road, and approved the payment of half of sick leave time for Bill O'Connell, a Planning Department employee who will be retiring next month.

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FESTIVAL DECLARED SUCCESS — Last month's Franco-American Festival in Lewiston was declared a resounding success today by representatives from various groups which participated in the week-long celebration.

At a morning press conference in city hall, representatives from the Festival Committee, city government, the Downtown Merchants Association, and l'Unite Franco-Americaine announced that festival events attracted thousands of people to Lewiston's Kennedy Park,

jammed area hotels, and boosted area businesses.

Plans are already afoot for next year's festival, which has been scheduled for the week of July 24 through 30.

Seated at the table this morning were l'Unite president Richard Charette, Mayor Lillian Caron, Festival president Paul Belanger, and DTMA co-chairman Maurice Silverman. Seated behind them were Festival Committee members John Telow, William Tewhey, and Howard Sachs. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)

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C'Est Si Bon cafe in Kennedy Park served as many as 5,000 meals in the course of the week, and cleared about \$1,500. "The money will be put to good use," said Charette, adding that l'Unite already is planning for the 1978 festival.

Howard Sachs of the Festival Committee said that merchants at the Promenade Mall were pleased to participate in the festival, by coordinating their sidewalk sale with that held by the downtown merchants. "We definitely intend to participate more actively next year," he added.

Next year's festival is again scheduled for the last week of July, it was announced today. Belanger said the festival committee will meet tomorrow afternoon for a work session to discuss what directions the festival should take.

Festival Coordinator Paul Pare, whose one-year appointed runs through next April, said he and his secretary will continue work on next year's festival, throughout the winter.

Belanger acknowledged that the festival's deficit this year might be traced in large part to the financially disappointing Lougarou concert and unanticipated high costs for installing electrical wiring in Kennedy Park.

Attendance at the concert was estimated at about 100 persons — far short of the number necessary to meet the \$4,000 price tag for the event. "It was a tremendous concert," commented Belanger. "Unfortunately, we misjudged the response (to the Canadian rock group)."

Mayor Lillian Caron added that "hindsight is better than foresight, but people seemed to want to participate in events rather than sit back and listen to something."

Aug 12/77 Franco American Festival Was A Big Success

By STEVE GREENE

Although not all the statistics are in yet, organizers of last month's Franco-American Festival today expressed delight at the success of the week-long festivities, and indicated that plans for next year's festival are already being made.

At a press conference this morning in Lewiston's city hall, representatives from the Festival Committee, city government, l'Unite Franco-Americaine, and the Downtown Merchants Association united in citing the festival's success in attracting visitors to Lewiston, boosting the area's economy, and exposing residents and

visitors alike to various examples of Franco-American culture and heritage.

"Reports from every segment of the community and from outside the community overwhelmingly confirm that the week of July 25-31 was one of the most exciting and productive weeks in Lewiston's recent history," declared Festival Committee chairman Paul Belanger.

The estimated attendance figure at all activities for the seven days of the festival is 67,300, said Belanger. This figure was calculated, he said, by adding the hourly average of daytime festival visitors to the estimated evening totals and participants at events held outside Kennedy Park.

At All Events

The figure therefore represents the estimated number of separate festival visits rather than the number of actual persons visiting the events, as many persons undoubtedly attended several events on several different days. Festival Coordinator Paul Pare noted, however, that most area motels and hotels reported few or no vacancies during festival week.

Belanger noted that the nearly 2,500 signatures in the guest book at a festival exhibit included persons from 27 states and three foreign countries, only 65 per cent of whom bore French surnames. The festival thus attracted persons from many places and from varied backgrounds, he said.

Although final financial

figures are not yet available, Belanger reported that expenses for the 1977 festival total some \$19,600. Revenues to date leave the committee about \$2,000 short of this total, he said, but fund raising activities are now being studied to make up the deficit.

Mayor Lillian Caron noted that the recent festival "went far beyond Kennedy Park and touched every aspect of the community. What impressed me most," she continued, "was the spirit of the people, those who worked to make it possible and the thousands of Lewiston residents and their guests. That spirit, that pride in one's identity and in one's community is probably the most valuable and long-lasting of all the benefits of the 1977 Franco-American Festival."

Maurice Silverman, co-chairman of the Downtown Merchants Association, remarked that "in my many years as a merchant in Lewiston, I've never seen a week or a weekend as busy, active, and bustling as that particular (festival) weekend. The business it brought in is absolutely unbelievable."

A Lot Of Meals

And l'Unite Franco-Americaine president Richard Charette announced that the



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ALL SMILES AS NEW DIRECTOR — Peter Van Gagnon was officially appointed director of the Androscoggin Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness today by the Androscoggin County Commissioners. He has been acting director since the death of Normand J. Vermette several weeks ago and is expected to assume his new responsibilities next Monday.

Pleased to be named director and pleased to name him to the

position, Gagnon and the three commissioners were all smiles this morning when the announcement was made during a special commission meeting.

Gagnon is shown shaking hands with Commission Chairman Roland D. Landry, with Commissioner Richard R. Charette looking on (at left) and Commissioner Bertrand L. Pontbriand (at right). (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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ADDRESSING THE BOARD— Attorney Paul Cote, standing, speaks to members of the Lewiston Planning Board Monday night in relation to the expansion of the Birchwood Estates mobile home park. The Planning Board, which has been dealing with the plans for over a year, voted Tuesday to allow the developer to post a performance bond instead of requiring drainage work to be completed before the lots are occupied. Planning Board member Arthur Bisson strenuously objected to the motion, saying the city ordinances were being enforced at the expense of neighboring residents. He said the drainage improvements would adversely affect property of Paul Richards, seated right, who also addressed the board on the matter. At the meeting, the board also approved plans for a new police station at the Coca-Cola building site on Park Street, and recommended that the Trinity Episcopal Church be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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Peter Van Gagnon Is Named As Andy County B.C.E.P. ^{8/22/77}

BY URSULA ALBERT

Peter Van Gagnon today was officially named director of the Androscoggin Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, replacing the late Normand J. Vermette.

Meeting in executive session last Thursday, the Androscoggin County Commissioners voted him director, but wouldn't disclose this information until they received approval from State B.C.E.P. Director Nicholas L. Caraganis.

He telephoned the commissioners' office and voiced his approval at approximately 9:30 this morning, Commission Chairman Roland D. Landry said.

Because the Androscoggin B.C.E.P. director also functions as director of Auburn's Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, the commissioners' appointment must also meet with the approval of Auburn City Manager Bernard J. Murphy, Jr.

Landry noted, however, that receiving Murphy's official nod of

approval will only be a formality because he, according to Landry, has already expressed his approval. And, the commission chairman remarked, Caraganis is aware of Murphy's backing of the commissioners' decision.

Unique Position

Still obviously distraught over Vermette's death several weeks ago, Gagnon said that he is assuming a "unique" position — replacing not only his boss but his best friend.

Gagnon, who has been with the Androscoggin Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness for 12 years, commented that it would be most difficult for him to come in and fill Vermette's shoes.

He stated quite candidly that he doesn't know if he will do as good a job as his former boss did, pointing out that like snowflakes, no two individuals are alike.

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"The Best I Can"

He will, however, he affirmed, "attempt to do the best I can."

For the next six months, Gagnon, who will officially take over as director next Monday, pledged to maintain the status of emergency programs provided now, and simultaneously look toward future improvements.

He said he plans to meet with local directors and government heads of communities within Androscoggin County to "ferret out their support" and explore areas they believe need improvement.

Plans And Training Officer

During his years of service with the B.C.E.P., Gagnon has served as assistant plans and training officer, plans and training officer, assistant bureau director and acting director.

Overseeing the operational functions of the department should not be anything new, he observed, noting, however, that assuming administrative duties is another story.

Commissioner Richard R. Charette this morning moved that Gagnon be appointed director effective Aug. 29 at a starting salary of \$11,480. In addition, he requested that his salary be reviewed Oct. 29 when his next merit increase would have been expected. Fellow Commissioner Bertrand L. Pontbriand seconded the motion.

Praising Gagnon, Landry said, "We know that there is no doubts in our minds that you (Gagnon) will continue the good work you were taught" by Normand Vermette.

Charette remarked that Gagnon has "shown his capabilities" during his 12 years with B.C.E.P. and stressed that, in his opinion, the commissioners made an "excellent choice." Pontbriand also offered his congratulations.

Gagnon, who resides at 169 Davis St., Auburn, told the commissioners he appreciates their support and promised to consult with them about emergency programs and to cooperate with them fully.

Beer A Day May Keep Heart Attacks Away

By DANIEL Q. HANEY 8/25/77

BOSTON (AP) — A beer a day may keep heart attacks away, a new study says.

Researchers on a project called the Honolulu Heart Study have found that deaths from heart disease were almost twice as common among teetotalers as among men who downed one or two beers a day.

"This finding is consistent with a possible direct beneficial effect of alcohol intake on the risk of coronary heart disease," the researchers wrote.

Their findings were published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

An accompanying editorial in the journal warned that while moderate drinking may be beneficial, heavy use of alcohol has been shown to cause serious heart trouble.

The researchers examined the drinking habits, over six years, of 7,705 Japanese men living in Hawaii. Of these, 294 developed heart disease, and the report said the illness was far less common in those who drank up to four beers a day.

Among the non-drinkers, there were 6.8 deaths due to heart disease for every 1,000 people. Among those who drank the equivalent of one or two beers a day, there were 4 deaths per 1,000.

The researchers could not explain the difference, but they speculated that drinking may alter the cholesterol level in the blood.

About two-thirds of the drinkers in the study used only beer, so the researchers were not able to determine the effects of wine and hard liquor on heart disease.

The report also found no link between coffee-drinking and heart disease.

The journal's editorial said: "It is encouraging to note that not everything one enjoys in life predisposes to cardiovascular disease."

"There is nothing to suggest, for the present, that we must give up either coffee or alcohol in moderation to avoid a heart attack. I am sure that many who read this editorial will be quite willing to drink to that statement."



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Holy Name

Society Plans

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic for members of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter and Paul Parish will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, at Camp Tekawitha in Leeds.

Serving as general chairman is Gerald Bilodeau, 20 Pineview St., Lewiston.

A mass at 10 a.m. will open the events of the day and a roast beef dinner will be served at noontime. During the afternoon many sports activities for both young and old will be enjoyed.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting St. Peter's rectory or from any of the League officers.

Guard Takes Officials On Helicopter Tour

BY DENNIS BAILEY 8/25/77

It was overcast and rain was threatening Tuesday when two helicopters from the Maine Army National Guard lifted off from the field at the Lewiston Armory. On board were Twin-City officials who were being taken on a tour of construction projects in progress by the 133rd Engineer Battalion of Lewiston.

The tour lasted about four hours and took the officials to several areas in the state, including Alfred, Hollis and Wells. The group viewed construction projects at each stop and was accompanied by First Lt. Phillip Hastings, Company C Commander, and Recruiter Sgt. Robert L. Dionne.

For most of the officials, including the mayors of each city, Ward Three Councilman R. Peter Whitmore of Auburn, and Lewiston Finance Board member Carroll E. Minkowsky, it was their first time aboard a chopper. Lewiston State Representative Georgette Berube, who joined the crew in Hollis, had to be coaxed aboard by the officials, but after the trip admitted she had enjoyed the ride.

First stop on the tour was near Gorham at a place called Hatchet Pit where the members viewed a rock-crushing operation. Next on the tour was Hollis, where Guardsmen are constructing a 1,000-foot emergency air strip. The units also had a bivouac area where tent platforms had been constructed.

From there, the copters flew to Alfred and viewed a massive multi-purpose athletic field which will have a baseball diamond, tennis courts, and an outdoor skating rink. About 30 men from the Lewiston unit are involved in building the field and a spokesman noted that they expect to do most

of the grading and landscaping needed to develop the community area, located off Alfred Road near the old York County Jail.

A similar construction project was viewed in Wells.

All of the projects are being done by Company C during their annual two-week summer training, which began Aug. 14. Sgt. Dionne emphasized that the projects are costing the communities nothing except for the materials and at the same time is providing valuable training to the Guardsmen.

Due to the overcast weather, the trip was cut a little short. For the trip back, the helicopters traveled at about 400 feet due to the low cloud cover and gave the officials a good chance to view the Maine territory. Most of the them described the trip as smooth and were impressed with the takeoffs and landings as well as the low elevations. Earplugs were supplied for the trip but few of the officials found them necessary.

Councilman Whitmore called the trip productive. "It was quite an experience," he said. "It gave us a good chance to see some of the real heavy equipment the troops are using that you really only see in major road construction projects."

Also enjoying the experience were the troops. "They were real surprised and pleased at the VIPs showing an interest in their work," said Sgt. Dionne. "They work on the projects and think that no one really cares what they're doing. So it meant a lot to them."

The trip was coordinated by Capt. William R. Donovan, training officer for the 133rd Battalion. The helicopters were from the 212th Guard unit from Bangor and were flown back to their station following the tour.

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Seventeen, Including Mayor, Will Be Named Without Opposition

BY EDMUND A. MacDONALD

Seventeen of 22 candidates for municipal office in the Sept. 12 Auburn election were assured of winning as of 4:30 p. m. Friday as they moved into office without opposition with the passing of the deadline for the filing of nomination papers.

Mayor Jack O. Smith thus became the first Auburn chief executive to gain office without opposition since 1965 when then Mayor Harry W. Woodard Jr. gained unopposed re-election.

Also named Friday without opposition were one city councilman, five school committee candidates including three incumbents, and warden and ward clerk candidates in each of the city's five wards.

The only surprise on the last day for the filing of nomination petitions came when Mrs. Norma K. Eule of Lake Shore Drive filed petitions to become the eighth candidate for the Charter Revision Study Commission.

Six persons in that field of eight candidates will be selected for the charter commission, if the voters approve a referendum question authorizing the creation of the commission.

The only contests for municipal office are for the council seats in wards one and five.

A half-hour after the filing deadline Friday, City Clerk Leroy R. Linnell conducted the required draw for ballot position. In Ward One, candidate Joe M. Appleton will be listed first over the other council candidate, Paul G. Ward Jr.

Because of the small number of candidates only one other draw was necessary and that was for the Ward Five council race where John J. Cleveland won the draw to be listed first with incumbent Councilman Camille Carrier being listed second and Joseph A. Paradis third.

The candidates for the charter commission will be listed alphabetically on the ballot, Linnell said, and they are David E. Adams, James F. Barnett, Norma K. Eule, Ross A. Green, George A. Hess, George E. Tabor, Richard L. Trafton and Carole W. Walker.

Ward Three Councilman R. Peter Whitmore moved back into office without opposition, assuring a hold-over of at least three councilmen from the present panel.

The five school committee candidates are: Ward One-Richard C. Williamson, Ward Two, Pennell C. Woodard, Ward Three-Eleanor M. Darling, Ward Four-Normand R. Demers, Ward Five-Martha A. Chabot. The three in-

cumbents assured of re-election are Woodard, Mrs. Darling and Demers.

There was a possibility that Mayor Smith might have opposition from Thomas E. Daley who opposed him unsuccessfully two years ago and also was defeated when Mayor John R. Linnell won his second term four years ago.

Daley said Friday night that he decided against being a candidate this year because he has recently opened a small business operating a ceramics shop at 144 Main St. and feels that operation will keep him too busy for the next two years to be involved in government.

"But the next time I possibly might be in a better position to run for office," said Daley.

Another candidate who took out nomination papers but failed to file is Leslie F. Stewart, a retired Auburn police captain who had indicated he might run for the Ward Five council seat.

But he said Friday night that "the time was not right for me to run this year," indicating that in two years "I might reconsider and be a candidate at that time."

Another person who took out nomination papers but did not file is Fred Sanborn. When he obtained the papers he did not indicate what office he planned to seek. He could not be contacted Friday night for comment.

Also taking out nomination papers was Mrs. Beverly Heath, who said earlier this week she had decided against running for the charter commission, and Franklin H. Goss who obtained the papers for someone else.

City Clerk Linnell said Friday afternoon that absentee and specimen ballots should be ready Wednesday or Thursday by the latest.

Ballots for the municipal election will not list council candidates in wards two and four. Under the present city charter councilmen serve four-year terms and are elected on a staggered basis. This year the terms of the councilmen in wards one, three and five expire, and the ward two and four councilmen have two years to go on their terms of office.

Candidates for warden in the election, all unopposed, are: Ward One-Janice P. Rand, Ward Two-Sylvia G. Leblanc, Ward Three-Ruth V. Williams, Ward Four-Rosena M. Capano, Ward Five-Louise E. Cormier.

Candidates for ward clerk are: Ward One-Anita L. Collins, Ward Two-Evelyn N. Colby, Ward Three-Madlyn J. Atkins, Ward Four-Phyllis M. Bernard, Ward Five-Gloria Bilier.

Cites Voucher System Need for Students

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Representatives from seven of Maine's alternative schools took preliminary steps over the weekend to form a state alternative school committee which, among other activities, would sound out the Maine legislature and education officials on establishing a voucher system for students in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

According to Denis Ledoux, co-chairman of the Androscoggin School in Lewiston which hosted the two-day alternative schools conference, such a system would give public school students the option to attend

either public, private or alternative schools in the area.

"Students in surrounding towns like Green, Lisbon and Durham have a choice on what kind of school they want to attend, but a few miles away in Lewiston and Auburn, students have no choice but to attend public schools," Ledoux said, noting that the situation "needs to be corrected."

About 25 members attending the conference will meet Nov. 4 to solidify the committee idea and to break into task force groups. According to Ledoux,

the committee will also serve the alternative school system in public relations, and in purchasing school materials by bulk to get a cheaper price.

Senator William Hathaway of Auburn (D-Maine) keynote speaker at the conference, told the group Saturday he is prepared to introduce a bill to financially assist parents who pay tuition for their children attending private or public schools.

Hathaway said the bill, which will be introduced when Congress reconvenes, will assist

people of middle-class backgrounds who pay their children's tuition by crediting them the amount of tuition paid on their following year's income taxes.

The Androscoggin School is scheduled to open Sept. 12 for the fall semester. According to Ledoux, the school has an approximate enrollment of 20 students with five faculty members. Ledoux said he was "encouraged" by the enrollment number "because it will give the teachers and kids a chance to develop a good rapport."

New St. Dom's Principal Names Assistant and Five Instructors

Brother Roger Lemoyne, SC, new principal of St. Dominic Regional High School, has announced the following new teacher appointments for the 1977-78 school year, including that of Brother Burgin, SC, as assistant principal.

Brother Daniel St. Jacques, SC, has been named to the French Department, Mrs. Diane Robitaille and Mr. Frederick Ebert to the Business Department, and Mrs. June Roux and Ann Gosselin to the Science Department.

Brother Burgin, a native of Madawaska, holds a master's degree in French from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. He taught at St. Peter's School in 1959, served at Sacred Heart School in Andover, Mass., and is a founding teacher of Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, N.H.

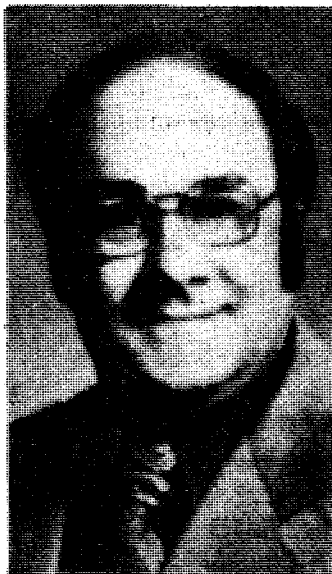
Brother Burgin has also served at Sacred Heart Academy in Central Falls, R.I., and at Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., where he served as dean of resident students as well as French teacher.

Brother St. Jacques is a graduate of Providence College where he holds a bachelor's degree in French. He has taught at Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., for the past five years where he was selected as Teacher of the Year for 1977.

He has been involved in the Christian Life Community and has helped raise thousands of dollars each year in Operation Good Cheer, a project to help the needy at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Robitaille has previously taught at Windham High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in business education. She is a member of the National Education Association and the business Education Association in Maine.

Ebert is a graduate of the University of Maine where he holds a bachelor of science degree in business education and a master's degree in education. He has taught business education at Erskine Academy in South China for the past 10 years, where he served as athletic director and coach of softball and basketball as well as football. He was also a class advisor.



BROTHER LEMOYNE



BROTHER BURGIN

Mrs. Roux studied at St. Joseph College in Windham and at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Trinity College in Burlington, Vt. Previously, she had been involved in the Home Tutoring Program for the Lewiston School Department.

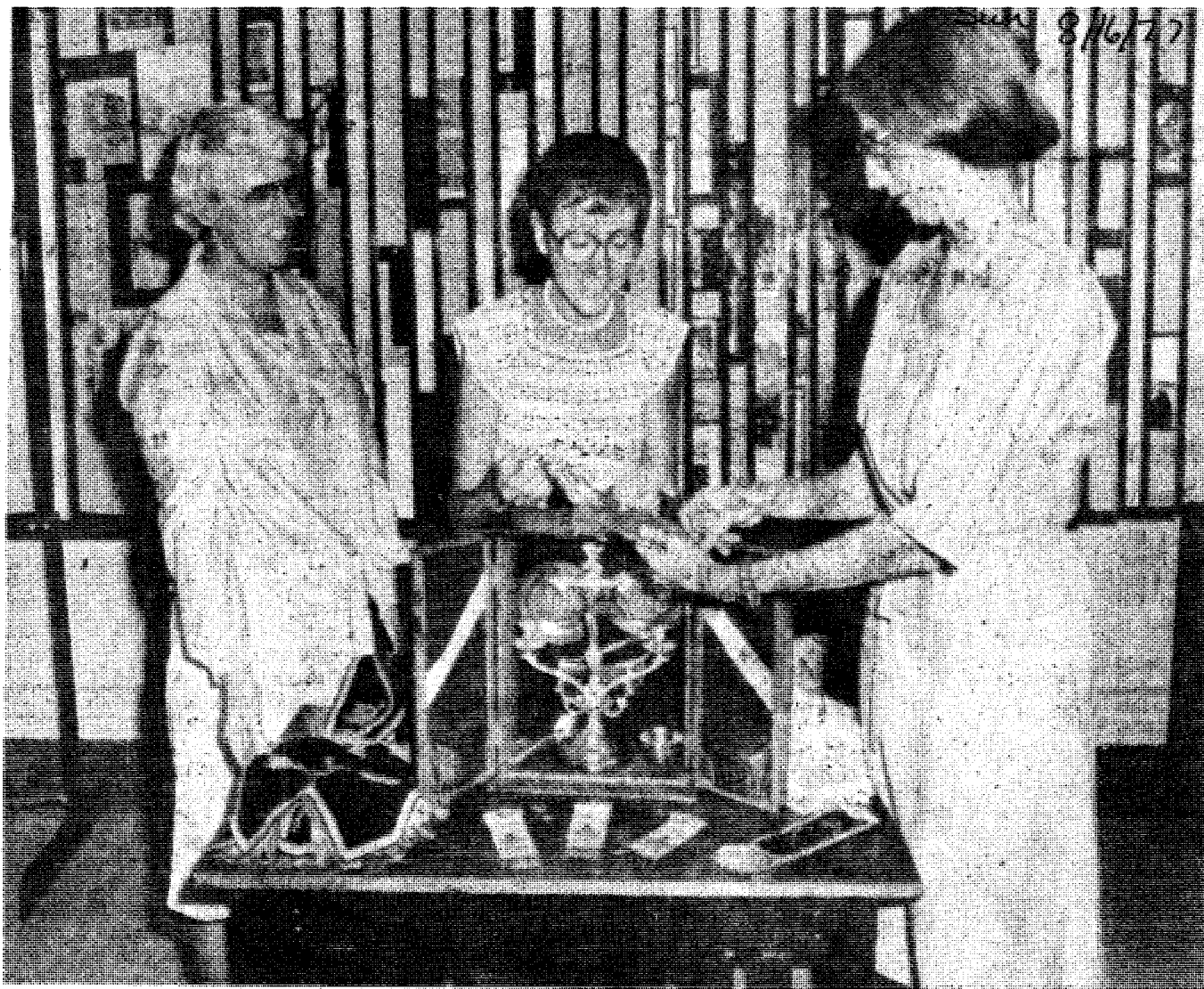
Miss Gosselin holds a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from Bates College. She has recently worked as greenhouse and animal room attendant in the Department of Biology at Bates. She has also worked as podiatry assistant for Dr. Louis Talarico.

Brother Lemoyne, is a graduate of St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., where he holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in religious education. He has done post-graduate work in pastoral and social ministry at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He has taught at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg, Mass., where he was debate and speech coach.

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For the past five years, Brother Roger has organized and directed religious education programs in St. James Parish, Manville, R.I., St. Thomas Parish in Madawaska, and St. Joseph's Parish in Nashua, N.H. He is a member of Christian Life Communities and has served as president of the New England Association of Christian Life Communities.

Brother Roger gave a workshop on ministry in the church at the National Federation of Christian Life Communities' 1975 Convention at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He is a member of the Education Committee of the New England Province's Provincial Chapter of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart as well as of the Peace and Justice Commission of his Province and the Vocation/Formation Committee. He is also a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry.



BORROWING ARTIFACTS — Photographed left to right at Le Heritage Centre, Lewiston, are Joanne Lapointe, curator; Barbara Riley, conservator of the National Museum of Canada at Ottawa; and Suzanne Roy, researcher at Le Centre. Ms. Lapointe and Ms. Roy are assisting Ms. Riley in the selection

of artifacts which are being borrowed for a display at the National Museum in Ottawa. The trio is admiring the epaulets of l'institute Jacques Cartier won by Louis Bossee which will be included in the artifacts which will go to Ottawa. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

Justice Violette Coming to County Court Next Monday



ELMER VIOLETTE

The September sitting of Androscoggin Superior Court is due to open on Sept. 6 when the grand jury goes into session with Justice Louis Scolnik still presiding. However, the next day, Justice Elmer Violette arrives to preside during the September sitting.

Justice Scolnik has been presiding in his home court during the long July and August sitting and he will handle the first day of the September sitting.

Mrs. Marian G. Kelleher, the clerk of courts, said that was the latest information she had received relative to the start of the new court sitting.

It is anticipated that there will be numerous cases to be presented for consideration when the grand jury goes into session.

In the meantime Justice Scolnik is holding criminal case work in abeyance this week as he attempts to clear away some

of the cases on the pending civil docket. He was working in his chamber on Monday and for the remainder of the week through Thursday he will be holding some pre-trial conferences

along with hearing some civil matters.

The final week of August and the start of September may see more work done on the pending criminal docket.

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Language Bill Passed in Quebec

QUEBEC, Canada (AP) — The Quebec legislature passed a controversial bill Friday night making French the official language of education, business and government in this huge eastern Canadian province.

Five million of Quebec's 6 million residents speak French.

The provincial legislature adopted the measure — known as the Charter of the French Language — by a 54-32 vote. It was the first major initiative of the separatist Parti Quebecois government that gained power in elections last November.

Premier Rene Levesque has promised a referendum on declaring Quebec independent of English-speaking Canada.

The vote came after a conciliatory speech by Cultural Development Minister Camille

Laurin, author of the law. He said he hoped the divisions in Quebec society that surfaced during debate on the bill could now be healed.

The bill's educational provisions, which require that most newcomers to the province put their children in French schools, caused bitterness among the English minority. Its spokesmen contended the measure will stifle Englishspeaking culture and said immigrants need English more than French to succeed economically in North America.

Parti Quebecois members and visitors in the galleries of the legislature, known as the National Assembly, applauded Laurin for more than a minute.

Before the vote, Levesque told the assembly there is no subject more "explosive" than language in Quebec.

Public hearings were held during the summer and representatives of Quebec's Englishspeaking minority had harsh criticism for the bill, which runs to 232 sections.

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The government then amended the measure to permit children moving to Quebec from other provinces to attend English-speaking schools if those provinces have signed agreements guaranteeing language rights to their own French-speaking minorities. Canada is officially bilingual, but the Parti Quebecois considers existing language guarantees insufficient.

Parents who have children studying in English-language schools here will be allowed to send other offspring to those schools, as will parents now resident in Quebec who themselves attended English-language schools here or elsewhere.

The bill also provides that temporary residents in Quebec — including foreign diplomats and Canadian armed forces per-

sonnel — may send their children to English-language schools.

The exceptions for temporary residents are intended to ease the recruitment problems of large corporations based in Montreal, which frequently go outside the province for personnel.

The bill also requires professionals to know French and makes use of the language mandatory in larger businesses, on product labels, in official communications and in numerous other fields.

Another government amendment, however, will allow business head offices to negotiate individual programs with the French Language Office for the language aspects of their operations.

Opposition parties succeeded in adding provisions to exempt children with learning disabilities from the education language rules, and to exempt hospital medical records from the official communications rules.

The measure passed the legislature on a near-partyline vote. One independent joined Parti Quebecois members in favor, and another independent teamed with members of the Liberal and Union Nationale parties in opposition.

Ottawa May Challenge Quebec Law

QUEBEC, Canada (AP) — A federal constitutional challenge may be mounted against a controversial law passed by the Quebec legislature that makes French the official language of this province in eastern Canada.

French is the language of five

million of Quebec's six million residents.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a native of Quebec, opposed the language bill and promised to investigate the constitutionality of the legislation once it was passed. Such a study could lead to a court challenge of the bill, sources said.

Postmaster Jean-Jacques Blais said Friday the cabinet will meet soon in Ottawa to decide what action to take. He did not give a date for the meeting.

Bill 101, the Charter of the French Language, was passed by a 54-32 vote Friday and signed into law a few hours later by Lt. Gov. Hugues Lapointe, the ceremonial representative of the British crown here.

The law provides that educational institutions, businesses and government

agencies must use French in their operations.

The measure was the first major initiative of the separatist Parti Quebecois provincial government, led by Premier Rene Levesque. After his election last November, Levesque promised a referendum on independence for Quebec. No date has been set for that vote.

The chief opposition party in parliament, the Progressive Conservatives, also supports a constitutional challenge of the law on grounds it infringes on the rights of Quebec's Englishspeaking minority.

Camille Laurin, Quebec's cultural development minister, says he is confident the province would win any court test initiated by the federal government. "We are convinced that what we propose falls within the jurisdiction of Quebec."

Of the more than five million

French-speaking Canadians, approximately four-fifths are concentrated in Quebec.

Representatives of Quebec's English-speaking minority had harsh criticism for the bill, accusing the Parti Quebecois of "bulldozing" it through the National Assembly in time for the school year.

The most controversial provision of the bill mandates that English schools be open only to children whose mother or father went to English elementary schools in Quebec. The handicapped and temporary residents are exempt from that provision.

Quebec's Language Law

Whether the law enacted by the Quebec legislature making French the official language of the province is constitutional is something that may have to be determined by the Canadian court system. It would be most inappropriate for us to hazard an appraisal of the likelihood of a court test against the new law succeeding.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau has stated he will look into the legal aspects of the legislation. Should his advisers indicate there is a good chance the bill is unconstitutional, it seems almost certain the federal government will take the issue to court.

We wonder whether Ottawa will be wise to undertake a challenge to the bill. Such a move would serve to anger the better than 80 per cent Quebec citizens of French ancestry. If any court action were to come, far better for it to be filed by a group of Quebec Province residents than by the federal government. If Ottawa takes action it simply will be viewed by the people of Quebec as another instance of what they have regarded as unjust treatment of Canada's citizens of French heritage.

A challenge of the Quebec law making French the province's official language by Ottawa would stimulate the chances of success of the Parti Quebecois in its effort to establish an independent Quebec. Conversation with a number of citizens from the province has elicited a majority comment to the effect the citizens of Quebec probably would not vote to withdraw from the Canadian union at this time. But let the federal regime attempt to outlaw the French language requirement and the separatist forces would gain thousands of new adherents.

In light of the fact Quebec is composed of a citizenry so heavily of French extraction, there is logic in the decision of the provincial government to make French the official language. As a matter of practicality, Canadians generally should be bi-lingual. There is a distinct advantage in knowing more than one language, something few Americans can boast. Canada's population mix, which is comprised mainly of English, French and Scots makes bi-lingual capacity most desirable and, in the Eastern provinces where by far the greatest number of French-heritage citizens live, almost a "must."

At Fairground

One of Worst Train Wrecks on MCRR Was 73 Years Ago

One of the worst train wrecks in Maine Central Railroad history took place 73 years ago and about a mile further up the track than the Thursday night derailment of seven boxcars of a MCRR freight train near the Riverside Street underpass. The 1904 train wreck took place right in front of the Lewiston fairground during Maine State Fair.

The net result was four killed and seven injured, according to an account of that Sept. 26 wreck which appeared in the Wednesday, Sept. 28, edition of the Lewiston Weekly Journal.

Dead in that accident were railroad personnel including an engineer, a fireman, a traveling engineer and a government mail weigher. All lived outside of Lewiston and Auburn.

Among the injured was Louis O. Chabot of Lewiston, a state detective; F.N. Snell of Lewiston, mail weigher; John W. Woodson of Auburn, railroad car inspector; Eli Merriman of Farmington, a mail clerk; John R. Chase of Portland, baggage master; and Walter Gleason of Oakland, a passenger.

The accident occurred as the Farmington-Portland passenger train, due in Lewiston that Monday afternoon, took a locked open switch, and crashed into a stopped freight on the siding. The passenger train of which William Kimball of Portland was the engineer, included besides the locomotive, a baggage car, a Pullman chair car, a smoker, and two passenger coaches.

The account of the train wreck in the Sept. 28, 1904, newspaper states:

"As the train struck the freight on the siding, the impact threw the first freight to one side. The locomotive then telescoped it and driving it in a breath to the right, swept it toward the ditch where just outside the outer tracks was a pile of railroad ties and sleepers. The train dashed into these, throwing them hundreds of feet into the ditch.

"Part of the tender was found in the field. Part of it was flung a hundred rods into the cow pasture near it. Everything about it was in fragments while next to it, with the top ripped off and lying exactly at right angles to the track, was the baggage-express and mail car, while beneath it was the fragmentary evidence of the freight car telescoped and riddled by the engine.

"The Pullman car had driven its nose into the bank. The banking here was higher than the rail. Into this like a battering ram had gone the Pullman.

"The smoker next behind the chair car, also left the rail. (As in the Pullman, passengers in this car were injured but apparently not seriously.)

The two rear passenger coaches did not leave the rails.

The old Journal account relates that when the passenger train went through the open switch and plowed into the stopped freight it was traveling about 40 miles an hour

Sept 10, 1977

Hurricane Donna ^{Sept 13/14} Hit A Prepared L-A

"Lewiston braced itself for a double-barrel blow from Hurricane Donna last night but escaped with little more than a glancing blow that brought strong winds and heavy rain but did comparatively little damage."

So said the Sept. 13, 1960, edition of The Lewiston Daily Sun about the storm that dumped more than three inches of rain on the Twin Cities 17 years ago today. Although trees were felled and power and telephone service lost, the area came out of the storm in better shape than it did after more recent storms.

Hurricane Donna, one of the fiercest storms to hit New England in many years, had L-A residents buttoning down the hatches in anticipation of a devastating battle with nature. Earlier that day, hurricane warnings were issued for all of Maine as the swiftly-moving storm moved up the Atlantic coast. Many businesses in Lewiston and Auburn closed early in the afternoon so that workers could get home in time to prepare for what looked to be a very long night. Androscoggin County Civil Defense forces went on active duty late in the afternoon, and the local fire and police departments increased their manpower as the area braced itself for the worst.

Sun Reporter Gerald J. Reed wrote the next day that although the storm headed up the Con-

necticut Valley toward Maine at full speed, it split as it entered the state and lost much of its punch.

"The eye of the storm split..." he wrote, "...dwindling to no more than a tropical storm. Locally the storm deposited some three inches of rain accompanied by a period of high wind which did no longer reached hurricane velocity.

Hurricane Donna passed to the west of the Twin Cities, but still they felt the impact of the heavy rain and accompanying winds. The area was "a ghost town." with power out, streets deserted, and high-powered winds whipping trees until many of them gave in to the force. Two Lewiston police officers narrowly escaped injury when a tree crashed into Horton Street just after their police cruiser passed by.

Lewiston Mayor Emile Jacques personally got involved in the action, helping out the CD effort when it was called upon. In one instance, during the height of the storm, he and two others helped clear a car from a washed-out area of Bates Street in Lewiston. He remained in the city to help, even though his own house had been damaged by the storm.

Others pitched in to help, including members of the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Auburn-Lewiston YMCA. Many city workers volunteered their time to battle the storm,

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Connors Elected Lewiston Superintendent

BY JAMES KILEY

One board member said he "stands out above the others" while the chairman said, "He's singular in both his ability and expertise."

They were talking about Lewiston's newly elected Superintendent of Schools, Robert V. Connors, who was promoted Thursday night by the Board of Education from his assistant superintendent's position.

Both board Chairman Jack H. Simmons and board member Thomas Whirley praised Connors at Thursday night's meeting. However, the five-member board's election of Connors was not unanimous. Joseph McGuckian cast the dissenting ballot in the board's 4-1 vote for Connors.

Thursday night's action ends a 14-week Education Board search for a successor to retiring superintendent Joseph Deschenes. Deschenes, on vacation for the month of September, officially ends his term on Sept. 30. The appointment of Connors is effective on Monday, Oct. 3.

The search for a new superintendent of schools was punctuated with in-house dissension towards its advertising procedures, particularly from McGuckian. Other board members expressed concern in August about moving too quickly to fill the position, but when it came down to a vote Thursday night the remaining four were unified in their support of Connors.

Whirley made the motion to hire Connors as superintendent effective Oct. 3. He said, "Regardless of what we have read in our local news media pertaining to our having a bag of tricks, which was one person's opinion and unfounded, we have been trying to find the most suitable person to fill the superintendent's position."

Whirley said the board wanted the best available candidate

and therefore set up an interviewing and advertising procedure. He said 14 applications were received and from this list some qualified candidates were interviewed.

He also said, "Now having gone through all the agreed procedures, I am satisfied in my mind that we did our utmost." Whirley then moved to elect Connors as superintendent, saying, "I am also satisfied in my mind that one applicant stands above the others, and has shown his ability."

Simmons said, "I want to say publicly, the city is extremely fortunate to have a man as capable as Mr. Connors apply for the superintendent's job. Besides his ability as an administrator, it is fortunate that we also have someone who's roots are in Lewiston."

Simmons continued, "It's important to the continued functioning of the school system to have someone who knows the unique problems Lewiston has. He's singular in both his ability and expertise and he has the ability to both work with people and be a boss to them."

The Education Board chairman also said Connors "...can accept responsibility and has impressed me as a professional." Simmons finished by saying, "I think that we're damn lucky to be hiring Mr. Connors."

Neither McGuckian nor fellow board members John L. Forrest and Christos Orestis commented on Whirley's motion to hire Connors. However, both wholeheartedly supported his election as new superintendent of schools.

Although silent about the Connors vote during the board meeting, McGuckian commented on his dissenting vote afterwards. He said, "I voted against Mr. Connors for superintendent of the Lewiston education system because after hundreds of hours of study and observation of our present Lewiston system I'm convinced our 6,500 children should have a better education. I do not believe Mr. Connors is qualified to lead that change."

In a secondary vote the board voted to increase Connors' salary to \$24,000, effective Oct. 3. This vote was also passed 4-1 with McGuckian casting the lone dissenting ballot.

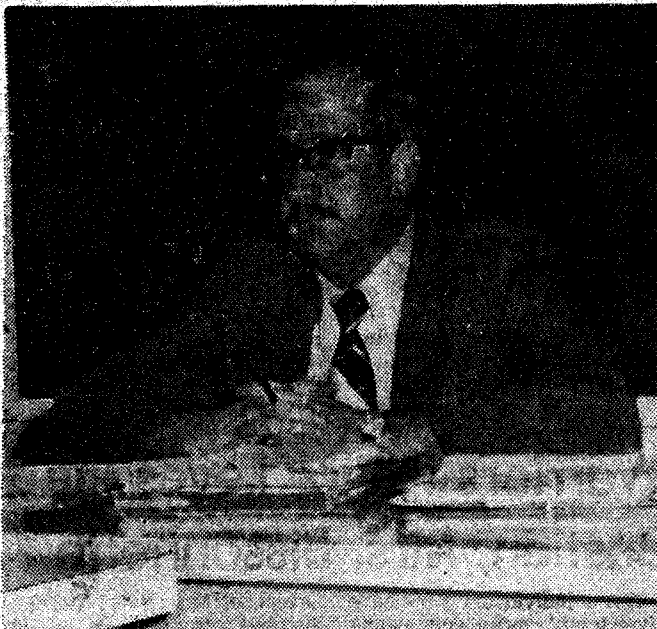
The 39-year-old superintendent-elect is a life-long resident of Lewiston, although he was born at Gardiner. Connors is a 1955 Lewiston High School graduate and also earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Maine at Orono in 1959.

He also received a master's degree in school administration in 1966 from UMO. Connors is presently a candidate for a C.A.S. degree (Certificate of Advanced Study) at UMO.

He taught at Lewiston High School from 1962-69, and served as acting assistant principal at the Montello Junior High School during the spring of 1968. Connors also taught in the Lewiston Adult Evening School from 1963-66 and served as that school's principal from 1966-69.

Connors was principal of Montello from 1969-73 and served as principal of the Lewiston Junior High School during the 1973-1974 school year. He has been assistant superintendent of schools since 1974.

Connors has been working more or less as an acting superintendent, through Education Board approval, since Sept. 1 and especially during this, the first week of school. He took time Thursday night to personally thank the Education Board for their vote, but it's back to school again Friday for Connors. It's been a busy week for him.



Robert V. Connors



PROCLAIMING ITS PRESENCE at 81 Ash St., Lewiston, is a newly erected sign on the lawn of Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain. Staff members, from left to right, Nancy Kenfield,

Suzanne Roy, Donat Boisvert and Raoul Pinette, are admiring the new acquisition. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1977

New Sign Shows Location Of Le Centre d'Heritage

The location of Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain will now be easier to locate since a new sign has been placed on the lawn at 81 Ash St., Lewiston.

The Centre is located in the In-town Manor which was previously the Healy Asylum, a building rich in Franco-American history.

Housed within the building is a library-museum containing material available for research purposes. Presently the Centre has on loan from its permanent collection artifacts of Franco-American life to the History Hall of the National Museum of Man in the Victoria Memorial Museum Building in Ottawa, Canada. The official opening of the exhibit will be in October according to Ms. Barbara Riley, conservator for the National Museum.

A major display is also located in the lobby of the Maine State Archives Building in the Maine

State House complex and is open daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Le Centre d'Heritage recently had a display at the Franco-American Festival and its guest book registered 2,425 names with 92 per cent of the people from the Twin Cities area and the other eight per cent representing 26 states and three foreign nations.

Founded in 1971, the Centre has become widely respected for its documentation of Franco-American history and literature.

This has been accomplished with the assistance of Twin Cities residence who have donated artifacts to the Centre and, if anyone has anything to donate, the Centre may be called at 783-9248 and a staff member will pick it up.

Le Centre d'Heritage is opened Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 in the afternoon.



AMERICANS HOST PREMIERS — Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, left, and Franklin Roosevelt, Jr. show a point of interest to Premier William Davis, center, of Ontario during a visit to Roosevelt Park Friday. Seven other Canadian premiers were also on hand to visit the park, an internationally operated tourist attrac-

tion at the summer home once owned by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The premiers toured the park on Campobello Island, N.B. after two days of discussions in Saint Andrews, N.B. (AP Wirephoto)

August 22/77

School Year Begins in Twin Cities

Expect About 5,800 in Auburn Schools; Same as Year Ago

By GERALD J. REED

Boys and girls some 5,800 strong, about the same number as were in class last year, are expected to be entering Auburn public school this year, according to a school official.

He said he was not looking for any increase in school enrollment. And he felt the youngsters are ready to give up the pleasures of the long summer vacation and return to the classrooms now that Labor day is over.

Auburn schools will be operating on the same hours as last year, with the high school and Walton Junior High starting at 8 a.m. and running through to 1:35 p.m. The middle schools also will start at 8 a.m. but here the classes will go to 2 or 2:15 p.m.

For the elementary schools, starting times vary from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. depending on the bus schedules and the closing time, also dependent on bus schedule, is 2:45 and 3 p.m.

Auburn has some important new programs for this school year, including a health education program. This project allows for the hiring of a health education specialist who will be meeting with the staff to formulate a comprehensive curriculum for the schools, kindergarten through grade 12.

Another program being instituted is in the math field and will be implemented in all 12 grades and will institute the integrating of the metric system study.

Career education study is another field where a program is being started. Members of the staff and the students will be participating in this learning experience.

Auburn has one continuing big project, that is the facilities study which calls for the construction of a new middle school to replace the two existing structures. The Auburn School Department is talking with the Maine Department of Education about the program under which payment of 90 percent of the cost of the new building could be made under the subsidy law, with the city having to pay only 10 per cent.

The new building would replace both middle schools and take all six, seventh and eighth graders. This would open up space so that some of the city's older schools, such as Merrill



CHEERS...—The gang's all here. While not all teachers may be as enthused at returning to school as these seemed at a Tuesday meeting, today is the day.

Hill and Franklin schools and the older part of Washburn School, could be closed. Webster School would take the fourth and fifth graders. All ninth graders would go to Edward Little High School, thus opening up Walton School as an elementary building. This would enable the city to discontinue use of St. Louis school which is leased from St. Louis Parish.

Central School would be utilized for special vocational programs in connection with the high school.

Lewiston's Schools Set Open Times for 1977-78 Season

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. today in Lewiston elementary schools, except the Montello School which opens its doors to students at 8:10 a.m. according to Robert Connors, acting superintendent of the Lewiston school system.

Classes begin at 8:10 at Lewiston Junior High School, according to Principal James Amirault, while teachers at Lewiston High School will convene at 7:30 a.m. with doors opening to incoming freshmen at 7:45. Only the freshman class will attend Wednesday, and the remaining student body is to report Thursday at 7:45 a.m., according to high school principal, Dr. Edwin Haas.

All Lewiston elementary and junior high schools will dismiss classes at 2:15 p.m. and the high school will dismiss students at 2:03 p.m. this year.

APL-LPL School Year Hours Taking Effect on Monday

With the school year opening and the resulting demand for extra hours of library time around the corner, the Lewiston and Auburn public libraries are readying for their winter hours that they will put into effect on Monday, Sept. 12.

LPL winter hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

APL winter hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Richard Gross is director of the LPL while Robert Dysinger is director of the APL.

Sept 7/77

Lewiston Women Attend Workshop

Holy Cross and St. Peter's schools of Lewiston recently sponsored the attendance of several women at a food service training workshop held at the Hyde School in Bath.

In attendance from Holy Cross were Ms. Carmen Lavoie and Diane Bernatchez. Ms. Beatrice Gilbert was sponsored by St. Peter's.

The three Lewiston women were among 16 food service representatives from 12 private schools in Maine that will renew or begin participation in federal child nutrition programs this fall.

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Activities At Marcotte Home

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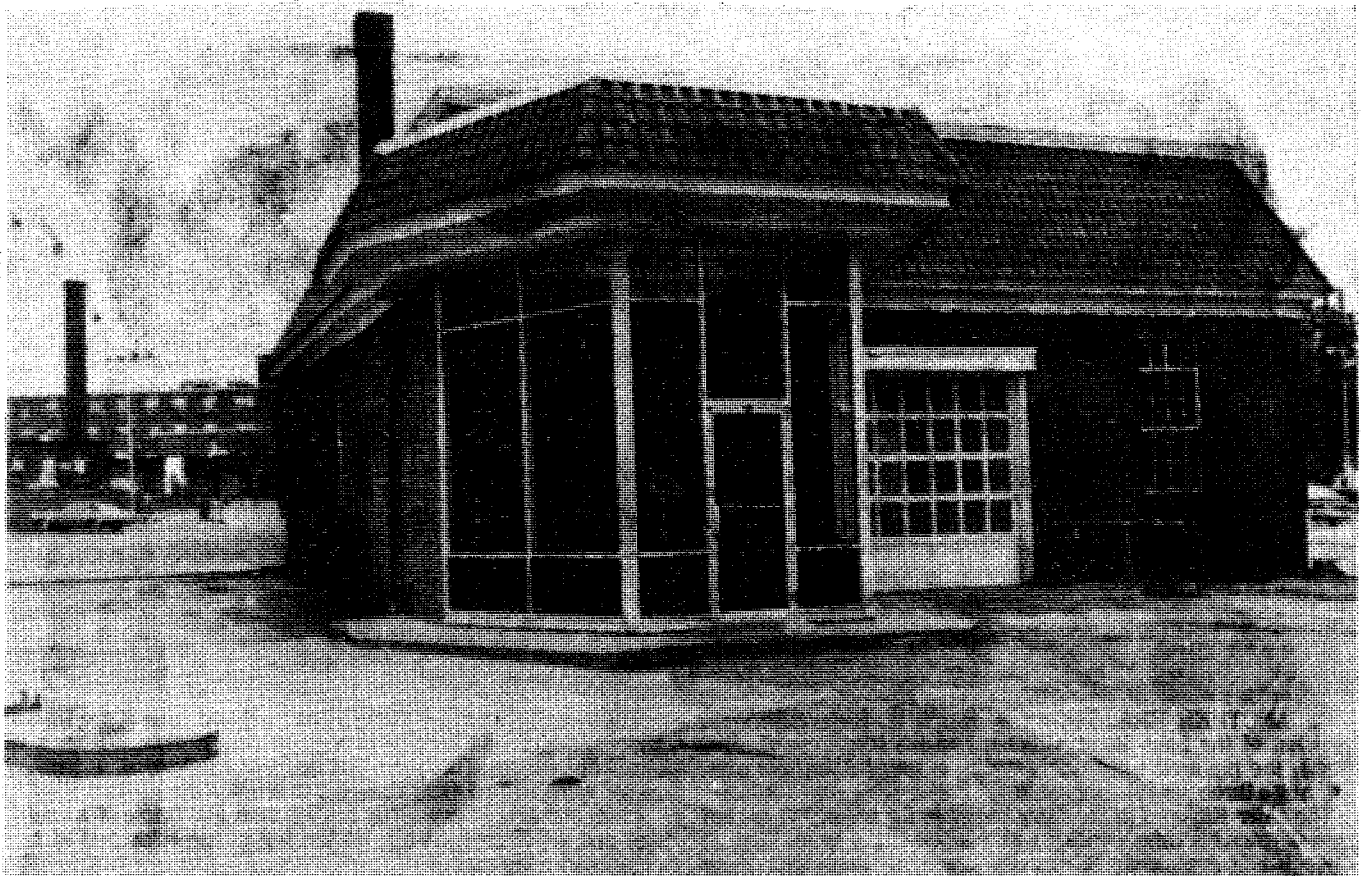
The residents at the Marcotte Nursing Home were kept busy with a variety of activities last week.

Coffee klatches on Monday and Friday in the auditorium provided an opportunity for many to chat while sipping their favorite beverages and on Wednesday beano was enjoyed by those on Unit Two and a variety of prizes won by those participating.

Eighteen residents proved their dexterity manipulating a paint brush during ceramic class on Thursday.

A special event highlighted the day on Friday when nine residents traveled to Old Orchard Beach for an outing. A stopover at the Maine Mall provided shopping time for those who wanted to either browse or purchase.

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PROPOSED SITE FOR ACE AMBULANCE— St. Mary's General Hospital, seen in the background, is proposing to use this former service station at the corner of Campus Avenue and Sabattus Street for the new home of Ace Ambulance Service. The Lewiston hospital has entered negotiations to take over operation of the emergency medical service which was planning to cease functioning. Ace Ambulance is presently located on Lisbon Street but would move

here if the Lewiston Zoning Board of Appeals rules favorably on St. Mary's request to convert the site to house the ambulance. Most of the surrounding land at the gas station, the former Triangle Service Station, is owned by St. Mary's. The ZBA will hear the proposal when they meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the City Building. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

Sept 1-77

DEP Proposes Two-Year Study Of Sabattus Lake Nutrients

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DISCUSSING THE ALGAE BLOOM — At a meeting of the Sabattus Lake Association last night, biologists of the State Department of Environmental Protection, state representatives and SLA members met to discuss the algae bloom problems and possible steps toward a

solution on the lake. Shown here (back row, left to right) are President of the SLA Eddie Dostie, and State Rep. Norm Laplante; (front row, left to right) DEP Chief Biologist Mathew Scott; DEP biologist Barry Mower; and Mrs. Eddie Dostie, SLA secretary. (Betty Pike Photos)

SABATTUS — Mathew Scott, chief biologist from the Department of Environmental Protection, told some 50 Sabattus Lake area residents last night that the DEP is attempting to initiate a proposal for a two-year nutrient study of the lake. The DEP would apply for a federal grant with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in Boston, Mass., to conduct the study, Scott said. The study will concentrate on the input versus output of the lake, gauging nutrients that flow into the lake.

Scott told the Sabattus Lake Association that the DEP will test for three elements: Heavy metal content, nutrients and algae. The environmental agency does not test for bacterial content in the water. Scott explained that if bacteria was discovered through these tests, the information will be reported to the Dept. of Health and Welfare. Bacterial tests on the lake are conducted by the Division of Health Engineering, Scott said.

The nutrient study will determine the problems in the lake and aid the DEP in solving them through the EPA. Scott said it would be helpful in correcting the conditions in the lake to have an interceptor line from the Lewiston line to Sabattus.

Scott said that the DEP recommends an annual drawdown in the fall. "This helps to prevent any fish kill if conditions in the lake are

very bad." The drawdown helps to rid the lake of nutrients and algae, he said.

As individuals, he said, persons could help by making sure that plumbing codes are obeyed by writing letters and talking to legislators and by helping to organize and be active in an association.

Sabbattus Lake is one of three in this state considered to have the severest algae problem. The others are Annabessacook and Sebasticook.

It was mentioned that some residents had seen a jelly-like substance floating on the water. It was specified that algae is not harmful as far as swimming is concerned. Others said that the algae controls weeds that would be in the lake by preventing the light from reaching below the surface.

There was some discussion regarding the use of chemicals in the lake. The DEP said it could not apply chemicals because it would create a fish kill, which is unlawful in the State of Maine.

According to an article by Jeffrey Dennis, DEP biologist, "If a lake is naturally eutrophic, (when the increase of mineral and organic nutrients has reduced the dissolved oxygen, producing an environment that favors plant over animal life), and supports such blooms regardless of human influences, there is little that can or should be done to prevent them. "However," he continues, "if a lake's algae problem is a result of human in-

now Scott

fluences, it may be solved by eliminating the source of nutrients," Dennis said that this can be accomplished by treatment or elimination of waste discharges, by-passing polluted tributaries, elimination or reconstructing bad septic systems, or improving land management practices. "If the cultural sources of nutrients are removed, there is a good chance the lake will recover," he said.

Dennis points out that although algae can create problems in lakes, it is also very important. Salt-water fisheries are indirectly dependent on algal production. Algae performs another perhaps more important function in our environment. "An estimate 70 percent of the earth's surface is covered by water which supports a vast amount of algae that account for much of the planet's photosynthesis (the production of oxygen by plants)." A large percentage of the oxygen "we breathe" is produced by algae, he said.

Rep. Louis Jalbert told the Assn. that "this lake will be cleaned up so that you will not only be able to swim in it, but drink it."

Jalbert told the area residents that as a member of the appropriations committee, if he votes to spend any more money for cleaning up the state's lakes, it will be only as long as he is assured Sabattus Lake is one of them.

Also addressing last night's group were Rep. Norm Laplante of Sabattus; Berry



REP. LOUIS JALBERT

Mower, assistant biologist for the DEP; and Eddie Dostie, SLA president.

Laplante said that he would look at proposed statutes "very carefully" to make sure they would improve the condition of the lake and not infringe on the rights of the individuals involved.



YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS — Lewiston Mayor Lillian Caron congratulated 24 area children of the Childhood Enrichment Program and presented them with presidential awards for environmental concern at a special awards night at the Multi-Purpose Center last evening.

The children, lead by teacher Walter Frank,

Jr., worked diligently during the summer to plant flowers, make birdhouses and feeders, and keep their yards clean at home.

Shown with the Mayor and their presidential awards are Shane Pelletier, David Pooler, Marie Pooler, Joyce Reilley, and Denis Wing. (Staff photo by Simokaitis.)

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ST. MARY'S EDUCATORS—This year's CCD teaching staff for St. Mary's Church in Lewiston includes, left to right, front, Mrs. Francois Poliquin, second; Mrs. Diane Meservier, eighth; Rosetta Girouard, religious coordinator; Mrs. Carmen Sawyer, teacher's aide seventh; Vivian Madore, aide and substitute. Back row, Lise Carrier and Mrs. Doris Martin, sixth; Mrs. Geraldine Fournier,

fourth; Betty Sirois, seventh; Mrs. Jeanne D'Arc Turgeon, fifth; Mrs. Gilman Cyr, third; and Mrs. Theresa Dumais, first. Helpers also include Priscilla Simpson, Mrs. Gloria Lecompte, Normand Poliquin, Danny Sirois, Norman Lemay Norman Major and Hector Gravel. A commitment ceremony will be held at the 10 a.m. Mass Sunday. (Bonenfant Photo)

Sept. 8, 1977

Franco-American Festival Committee Meets Wed.

A special meeting of the Lewiston Franco-American Festival Committee is scheduled for next week.

The committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street. Franco-American Festival Coordinator Paul Pare said Thursday it will basically be a "house-keeping meeting."

Pare said the committee will be reviewing a few proposed by-law changes while gearing up for its annual meeting in October. Pare said the 13 members of the 1977 committee will officially complete their terms of service on Sept. 20.

He said the committee will be asking Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron to appoint three persons (they could be re-appointed) to the 1978 festival committee. Pare said the committee currently is made up of three persons appointed by the mayor, three from Le Unite Franco-Americain, and four from the general public.

However, Pare said one of the proposed by-law revisions, if approved, would increase the number of public committee members from four to nine for next year. This would increase the size of the Franco-American Festival Committee to 18 members.

Staff Favors Competency Testing 9/1/77

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To the Editor:

In one of Friday's editorials you wrote, in regards to competency-based testing, that "oddly, teachers are among the chief opponents of (such) testing".

The teaching staff of the Androscoggin School, Lewiston-Auburn's fourth high school, would like it to be known that it stands solidly behind the idea of competency-testing.

Without a standard which too many educators and parents are not now demanding, "social promotion" and an accumulation of time-based credits remain the only criteria on which to base the granting of a high-school diploma — and "social promotions" and credit for time spent sitting at a desk are an inadequate preparation for life!

It should go without saying that an objective test which merely ascertains a student's ability to memorize facts and figures is not sufficient. A more subjective component to the testing must, we feel, be included in order to allow full evaluation of

each individual student's creativity and interests.

The Androscoggin School is a competency-based high school. Students will design their own courses and make the decisions that affect their lives. When they are ready for graduation, they will meet before a review board which will look not only for facts and figures ("book learning") but will examine the students' past performances and readiness to move on.

Alternative education has proven itself effective, and our graduates do better on the whole when in college than graduates of more traditional schools. We encourage inquiry from high school students and their parents who are looking for more creative and competent approaches to education.

On behalf of The Androscoggin School, I am

Denis Ledoux, Co-Director
The Androscoggin School
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Lewiston.



DID YOU SEE WHAT I SAW? — Bob Herbst, 39, of Hometown, Ill., is an artist with a rather unusual medium — a chain saw. At left, Herbst begins cutting out a face on a log and poses with

previously finished product at right. Herbst buzzes Indian heads, squirrels, horses, dogs, cats, monkeys and mushrooms — from eight inches to three feet in height. (AP Wirephoto)

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Sculptor Uses a Chain Saw

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — The chain saw buzzes and wood splinters. Soon, a piece of sculpture begins to appear in the cloud of sawdust.

This is Armand Gauthier at work, using his power-driven saw to carve wood, making faces, full human figures and animals out of tree trunks or fence posts.

"One hundred per cent chain saw sculpture," says Gauthier, a farmer from White River Junction, Vt., carving for the crowds this week at the Three County Fair here.

He claims to be the first to come up with the new art form. Gauthier, 54, says he began about 18 months ago, "more or less fooling around" at first on his farm, but later getting serious about the carving.

"A few others have started since they heard about me, but they aren't as good," he said.

With an eighth-grade education, and no formal art training, Gauthier cleared land and cut fire wood with a chain

saw for 20 years before he first tried to make a tree stump into a work of art.

"After the head and shoulders

appear, it is no longer a tree, and it's very interesting to watch people's reactions," he said Thursday.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1977

Won't Endorse A Candidate Says Mayor

Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron said today she will not publicly endorse any candidates for office prior to forthcoming elections, or at least until she hears whether she has been selected by President Jimmy Carter to serve on a presidential commission.

Asked specifically whether she intends, as has been rumored, to support Republican Congressman William S. Cohen if he decides to announce for the seat held by Dem. Senator William D. Hathaway, the mayor refused to lend credence to the report, saying that "the mayor should be a non-partisan position anyway."

The mayor said she has not yet received word from Washington about her possible appointment to a presidential board or commission.

25 Years Ago Today — '52

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"The dread Dutch Elm disease is moving northward in Maine," warned a Journal Editorial. "State Entomologist H. B. Pierson reports that elms in the southern part of the state are in danger. Maine's best chance of preventing heavy losses will come through the immediate elimination of diseased trees, and above all, sanitation methods to eliminate all dead wood through pruning of dead and dying limbs and eradication through burning of all dead elm wood. This is particularly important in all highway work where elms that are cut are left along the highways. Money and effort spent today to put our elm shade trees in a healthy condition will save hundreds of thousands of dollars later. Those cities and towns with neglected weak elm trees are liable to be faced with tremendous bills for the removal of dead trees as the disease moves north," says Pierson. "We refer this to the local municipal agencies responsible for streets. Already too many trees have been felled in Lewiston to suit somebody's whim. The replacement program is a joke."

Edward Little High School had defeated the St. Louis Eagles 34-14 in their first-of-the-season grid tilt at Walton Field.

50 Years Ago Today — '27

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"Coach Ray Thompson, Freshman mentor at Bates, returned from Camp Idlewild at Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., this week. Ray had a grand summer in the New Hampshire hills."

"Work begins Monday on a \$50,000 alteration to Liggetts Riker Jaynes Drug store, Lisbon street in the Journal building. Walter Thomas Williams, New York architect, was in Lewiston Thursday and Friday, drew the plans and let the bids. Vacant rooms in the Journal Building, purchased by Liggett Company last year, are to be divided, making room for 12 new offices. It is expected that construction will be completed by Nov. 20."

"SS. Peter and Paul's parochial school has a larger enrollment of pupils this year, there being over 1,700 pupils attending. Last year, there were some 1,750 children during the school year, but on opening week registration had been below 1,650 so that school authorities believe that last year's record will be broken."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1977

As You See It . . .

To the Editor:

What bothers me most about your articles concerning the Lewiston Democrats who are not supporting Hathaway isn't that a handful of historically wishy-washy party members have made a choice. What does bother me is that some people may actually believe that these

few purported Democrats are the spokesmen for the rest of us. It's obvious that the emotions of the Franco-Americans are being played upon, and they are being fooled into believing that a vote for Cohen is a vote to improve the Franco-American condition. Frankly, I'm embarrassed that Franco-American politicians

could be a part of such shrewd political strategy.

Vote-getting has always been a ruthless business. Don't be dazzled by the rhetoric of "a chicken in every pot". Become informed; make up your own mind.

A concerned citizen

Lewiston Adds Money To Fund Given Festival

A request by Lewiston's Franco-American Festival Committee for an additional \$2,867.58 funding was approved last night by the city's Board of Finance and Board of Mayor and Aldermen. In a letter to board members, committee chairman Paul H. Belanger cited unexpected costs of installing electrical equipment at Kennedy Park and the financially-disastrous Lougarou concert as reasons for the deficit.

The boards granted a \$25,000 settlement to former Lewiston police officer Ernest Labrie for an injury resulting from a 1969 car crash, the money to come from contingency funds in the workmen's compensation account. Assistant City Controller Richard Metivier said that the City of Lewiston was self-insured in 1969, but is now insured by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. which handles workmen's compensation claims by city employees.

In other action last night, the Finance Board:

—Approved recommendation of City Engineer Harland Hatch to award bid for work on the Androscoggin River 24-inch water main repairs to Bridge Construction Corp. of Augusta at \$102,200.

—Approved recommendation, as did the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, from Recreation Director William Milliken to award the bid on boiler work for the Memorial Armory to Atlas Boiler Works of Providence, R.I., at \$4,245.

—Approved recommendation, as did Board of Mayor and Aldermen, from the Fire Commission to purchase an \$83.60 desk calculator with excess funds in the office equipment account.

—Approved recommendation of the Solid Waste Shredder Building Committee to authorize

change order of \$200 to purchase one door frame and two doors.

—Approved recommendation of the Board of Public Works to award bids to Texaco, Inc. for permanent anti-freeze at \$2.11 per gallon and to Portland Clutch Inc. for two doors for \$260 for an inspection kit less a two per cent discount.

—Approved recommendation of the Board of Education to award bid on four doors to Warshalowski Bros. at \$282.80 for two doors and \$251.47 for another two doors less a 15 per cent discount.

Gastonguay Chosen for Rotary Trip To France

The head of the French Language Department of Edward Little High School is one of five young men from Maine and Quebec selected to take part in a group study exchange with France sponsored by Rotary International District 779.

Jean Louis Gastonguay was selected from a field of candidates for the program, nominated by each of the 56 Rotary clubs in the district which covers Maine and the Province of Quebec.

Others taking part in the program which will involve their traveling to France, are Peter Thompson, Central Maine Power Co. director of information services; Paul St. Hilaire, chartered account at Quebec City; Dr. Stanley Howe, curator of the Dr. Moses Mason House Museum, Bethel; and Daniel Thibault, Trois Rivières, Que., an insurance adjustor.

None of the five are members of Rotary and none are related to Rotarians. The delegation will be led by John Head of the Bethel Rotary Club, who will serve as the representative to France of Rotary District Governor F. Harold Fralich of Cape Elizabeth.



JEAN L. GASTONGUAY

The group will leave for France Sept. 20. The Group Study Exchange is an educational activity offering a person-to-person opportunity for the promotion of better understanding and friendlier relations among the peoples of the world. Last year Fralich's district hosted a similar delegation from France.

9-14-77

L'Unite Franco-A. Will Meet

The first meeting of the season of L'Unite Franco Americaine will be held this evening at the Music and Literary Club on Lisbon Street.

The board of directors will meet at 7:30 to discuss plans for the upcoming season and listen to reports on the Franco American Festival, the media, and a subcommittee report on a French textbook L'Unite is working on.

The text, still in early planning stages, is based on a history of the Twin City area. The public is invited.

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Expletives Can't Dent Therrien's Sculpture

BY KENT EWING

Norman Therrien's multi-colored, 60-foot-long sculpture has stood conspicuously just off Lewiston's Main Street in Our Heritage Park for over two months, exacting hoots and expletives from many motorists and passersby. But even its most ardent critic, local recording artist Louis-Philippe Gagne III, concedes that much of the opposition to the sculpture, which cost \$11,000, has subsided in the last month. The sculpture, Gagne admits, will probably outlast its critics — and everyone else now living in Lewiston.

"I'm still relying on the people of Lewiston to wake up and show their concern," Gagne said. "But you can't fight apathy."

After a nearly month-long endeavor, Gagne succeeded Thursday in getting the 10 signatures necessary to file a petition for a referendum at the 1979 municipal election ballot asking whether the sculpture should be removed from public view. In the two days the petition has been at the City Clerk's office, no one has signed it. The petition will die unless at least 1,000 registered Lewiston voters sign it within 60 working days after it was filed.

Asked if he thought he could get 1,000 signatures, Gagne said: "I'm having trouble getting (10). But I feel personally satisfied with my effort."

And even if he is able to get 1,000 signatures, Gagne said, he fears that by 1979 opposition to the sculpture will weaken to the point where it is negligible.

"Just in two months the fervor has died

down," he said. "You can imagine what it will be like in two years."

Lewiston Community Development Coordinator Carol Tracy denies that there ever was any "fervent" opposition to the sculpture. "It's really only a few people who oppose it," she said. "It's been kind of a shock to the community. And it's been good for the community. It created involvement."

She said payment has been mailed to Therrien and that the sculpture is now officially city property.

"It's here to stay," she said. "The city has accepted it."

Although the city is satisfied with the sculpture, the artist dislikes its location and says he wasn't able to complete his work.

The 42-year-old Therrien would like to add a sheet metal background to the piece and change its position and location, all of which, if the city agreed, he estimated would cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

"I feel personally that it isn't finished," he said. "I meant to complete it, but \$11,000 for that is very slim. I haven't made a thing. I took out a \$2,000 loan, but I just ran out of money. Individual sections (of the sculpture) are worth more than \$1,000."

Therrien, who lives in Booth Bay Harbor and has also sculpted the much less controversial bronze lobsterman in downtown Portland, said he would like to see the sculpture jet out and "explode" toward Main Street rather than sink in toward the park as it now does. He also said the sculpture should be moved from its present position on the fringe of the park to the park's interior.

Where it stands now, the sculpture is seen primarily by swiftly passing motorists who are unable to take in the full scope of the piece, he said.

However, he said that moving the sculpture would require a new foundation, which he said would cost about \$1,000.

"It does involve more money," he said. "But I'd like to see it done. It would be a longer-lasting, more vital piece. Right now, it's good in individual sections, but the piece as a whole doesn't come together."

Critics like Gagne who have called the sculpture, which is composed of old mill parts, a "gross" misrepresentation of Lewiston's heritage and a "local disgrace," don't "really understand" it, Therrien said.

"It represents the Industrial Revolution," Therrien said, "the progression of machines."

People live more efficiently and more comfortably as a result of advanced technology, he said, but there have also been negative results. These, too, are represented in the sculpture, he said.

Tracy agrees, saying the strained and slightly disfigured human faces placed in between parts of machinery in the sculpture give it a "pensive look."

"People in general do not have artistic tastes," she said. "The sculpture adds some flavor to the community, and it's going to be accepted as a piece of art."

Art or a "\$11,000 piece of junk," as Ward Four Alderman Ernest Pleau called it last month, it appears Therrien's sculpture is in Lewiston to stay.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

As You See It . . .

To the Editor:

My first thought had been to write to President Thomas Hedley Reynolds of Bates College to thank him for saying before the recent "Lewiston Tomorrow" kick-off meeting what would certainly have brought remonstrations had it been said by a Franco-American.

Recall the recent recriminations that followed when a French name was suggested (and accepted) for the Lewiston river-bank park?

The community prestige held by Dr. Reynolds certainly contributed to the silence that followed his statement, though I personally can imagine the comments that were made privately in some Lewiston-Auburn homes!

For years, I wrote news events, special to the French-speaking population of Lewiston-Auburn, and I know that complaints were made by readers who thought too much space was devoted to activities of that community group — which, after all, was the most numerous, and still is. Any group that dominates a community by population is apt to be resented — especially if it continues to speak its ancestral language!

So many Americans seem to feel that to speak one's ancestral language, (if happens to be other than English), and to recall one's ancestry in self

designation indicate less affection for this: our adopted country. They fail to realize that the very fact one can speak the ancestral language — as well as the generally accepted English language, merely makes one more attached to these United States, which allow us that extra freedom.

The recently held Franco-American Festival demonstrated that its diversified week-long program could attract thousands of visitors to the city; that its various events could be enjoyable; and that merchants, and the city as a whole, could benefit financially from such an event.

Let us not forget other ethnic groups in the community. They, too, have contributed to the growth of our cities. Let's hope they'll come forward to acquaint the rest of us with their folklore and culture. We are so enriched, in Lewiston particularly, by the many diverse ethnic groups represented here. Yet, each group more or less lives within itself. It's high time we should get acquainted.

Charlotte Michaud
Framingham,
Massachusetts

Heritage Sculpture Not That Bad

To the Editor:

Mr. Louis Philippe Gagne has a petition on file with the City Clerk's office in regards to removing the sculpture at "Our Heritage Park." Frankly, I do not see why he and so many other people are disturbed over it.

First, you have to consider what those wheels represent. If the wheels had never turned years ago, there probably never would have been a Lewiston or Auburn. What's missing is a pair of dirty hands and

the sweat it took to operate those wheels. Second, the sculpture isn't what is most disgraceful to the City of Lewiston.

It is the Lower Lisbon Street area, between Chestnut and Cedar Streets. If any petition should be drawn up at all, it should be one to clean up that area and not one about removing a harmless multi-colored sculpture that is really not hurting anybody.

A Concerned Citizen 5-12-77

Biron Candidate For Mayor Again

By NANCY GRAPE

State Rep. Laurier G. Biron, 32-year-old Lewiston Democrat, today became the first candidate to seek election as Mayor of Lewiston in upcoming city voting Nov. 8.

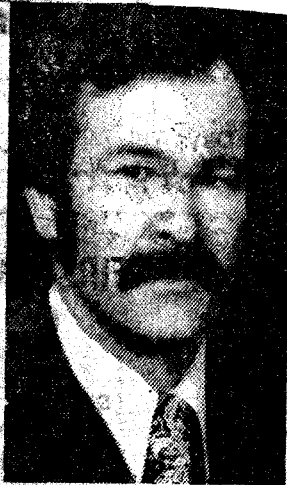
For Biron, today marks the second time he has entered the mayoralty race. In 1975, he garnered 1,410 votes, finishing last in a field of four candidates in a contest which saw Lillian Caron go on to defeat Omer Girardin, Jr., in a runoff election three weeks later.

Biron, in turn, returned to the voters the following year, winning election to the State Legislature with 9,452 votes, third in a field of 10 House candidates.

At the time of his 1975 mayoralty race, Biron based his campaign on a pledge to revamp city government with emphasis on a professional administrator. While he still feels strongly on the need for revision of the City Charter, Biron indicated today he will base his coming campaign on a broader range of issues facing the city.

Very Few Have

"I think most candidates for mayor stand up and say that economic development is important, unity in government is important, making sure that taxes don't go up again is important," Biron said today. "But very few candidates ever have come up with a method, first of all, of stabilizing the tax base; secondly, putting that unity back in government that they talk about; and, lastly,



LAURIER G. BIRON

encouraging economic development which every candidate has been talking about who's ever run for office."

"I equate those things back to a serious problem we have which the next mayor is going to have an awful lot of input in solving. The serious problem," Biron contended, "is our form of government."

"Many businesses," he continued, "have wanted to locate in Lewiston. It's no secret. But because of the bureaucracy, the various boards and commissions, the red tape, these things just haven't been able to happen."

Emphasizing that any revision of the city charter must be an action of the people, Biron observed, "I'm saying whoever

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the mayor is, he or she is going to influence the decisions made by the Charter Commission."

"The city charter," Biron noted, "is a very complex thing, and the mayor, whoever he or she is, has to be able to explain to the people of Lewiston just what the benefits of a new form of government could be to the area."

Next Time, Success...

Recalling the vote on an administrator-council form of government six years ago, in which the proposed revision lost by a margin of 380 votes in balloting which saw close to 7,000 Lewiston citizens make their choice, Biron predicted the next proposed revision will meet with success.

"At this point in time, I'm saying that no matter what recommendation a Charter Commission comes up with next time, it's going to be accepted," Biron said.

Lewiston voters, according to plans favored by the current city council, will vote on establishing a new Charter Commission in the Primary balloting next June.

"I would much prefer to see an administrator type of government, a professional handling of the business of government," Biron said today, "and I think as mayor I could influence the decisions that way."

"Unfortunately, now in Lewiston we've got 100 to 125 people on all the various boards and commissions who make decisions," he maintained, "but nobody takes the real responsibility for anything that gets done."

"All these other campaign issues that I talked about earlier," he emphasized, "are related to this. Any person can go out and talk about all of these things, but without having the solution to the problem, all these things will still be here five years from now. And I'm saying that changing our form of government is the solution."

"I'm looking at this race as an opportunity to change something," Biron said, "not to hang my hat as mayor for the next 50 years. If the people of Lewiston decide on having an administrator some time through a new charter — and that's their decision — I would be very happy to let someone else cut the ribbons and do the jobs a person would be doing as mayor."

Biron said today he has received offers of support from persons who backed other candidates in the 1975 race, supporters, he said, of both Mayor Caron and contender Girardin.

"A lot of people who supported other candidates in other races, going back to the last race," Biron said, "have volunteered to help me in this race."

The decision to announce his candidacy, he said, was made at the first meeting of campaign supporters last night when "these people and friends of mine took on various campaign responsibilities and decided at that time to go ahead and do it."

Biron, best known in the 108th Legislature for his controversial bill seeking to establish luxury legal gambling zones in Maine, said his decision to run for mayor affects neither his plans to return to the Legislature in January nor his status as a contender for the State Senate next year.

Only 50 Days

"There are only 50 days of the legislative session next year," Biron said, comparing the 1978 legislative call on his time with the 100-day session this year. "The time commitment isn't as great at the legislature next year as it had been this year."

Earlier this year, Biron had indicated his interest in running for the State Senate in 1978. "I still feel that way at this time," he said today.

Biron, who acknowledged mayoral candidates in 1975 spent, he estimated, about \$2,500 apiece, said he is beginning the current campaign planning to spend "as little as possible."

"The dollars that I spend are going to be dependent upon the support that I get," he stated, indicating he will seek small contributions from many people rather than backing from major contributors. "I think a campaign can be won with the small \$25 and \$50 contributions, and there are no strings attached to this kind of gift," he declared.

Biron, who resides with his wife and two children at 921 Lisbon St., is a former State president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is the owner of his own advertising agency in Lewiston.

Even as he talks about his conviction that professionalism is needed in Lewiston City Government, Biron voices concern that he not be seen as a one-issue candidate.

In 1975, he said in an interview earlier this year, he's convinced he did not get his point across to the voters on how charter revision would benefit the city.

"Afterwards," he recalled in April, "a lot of people who didn't support me came to me and asked me what I was talking about."

This time around, he's planning to be "as active as humanly possible."

"I'm going to be having a lot of personal meetings with

people in their homes. I'm going to go door to door as much as possible. I plan to make myself available to any group to speak to them on my personal philosophy of government."

While he's the first to announce, Biron believes he will face incumbent Mayor Caron in the Nov. 8 election and possibly another opponent with State House experience.

"It's going to be a difficult race," he summed up today.

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Mayor Caron Is in Line for Carter Commission

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BY JAMES KILEY

Rumors have been circulating on Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron being in line for a job with U.S. Rep. William S. Cohen's office in Washington, D.C.



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However, Mayor Caron said Friday there was no truth to these reports but added she is being considered for an appointment to an advisory board or commission by President Jimmy Carter.

Mayor Caron received a letter on July 13 from James B. King, a special assistant to President Carter for personnel. King said in his letter to Mayor Caron that Rosalynn Carter had suggested her for a federal appointment.

King wrote, "One of the responsibilities of the Presidential Personnel Office is to recommend to the President outstanding candidates for appointment to advisory boards and commissions."

The special assistant also said, "The first lady has suggested you as a person whom we should consider. As appointments become available in the months to come, we would like to keep you in mind for any suitable openings."

In an Aug. 4 letter back to King, Mayor Caron said, "I would feel honored to serve on an advisory board or commission for the President." Mayor Caron said Friday she has not heard any more from King, but does expect to be kept informed of any openings.

Mayor Caron said there are both very active Presidential appointments and some which are given with less work and responsibility. However, she said she was pleased and honored to have been mentioned for an appointment and would seriously consider any one offered.

However, Mayor Caron said, "It doesn't mean that I'm going to work in Washington or even that I'm going to Washington. This also doesn't mean I'm already making plans one way or the other."

She said, "I haven't yet decided whether or not to run for re-election as mayor. This is a decision which I won't be making at least for another few weeks or until I weigh all possibilities."

The Lewiston mayor is also reportedly seeking another job (not an elective office) in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The position of mayor in Lewiston only pays \$3,500 and that is reportedly part of the reason why Mayor Caron might not run for re-election.

Mayor Caron also commented on the rumors connecting her with receiving a job with Cohen's office in Washington. She said they could have been started because she greeted Cohen when he came to Lewiston for the Franco-American Festival at the end of July.

Mayor Caron said, "I want to make one point clear. I feel I have a non-partisan position as mayor of Lewiston. And when any elected official comes to Lewiston I'm going to greet them in this manner."

She said as mayor she intends to attend public functions and appear at public meetings with representatives of both parties. Mayor Caron added this shouldn't be misconstrued as support of any one candidate.

Mayor Caron also said she will not publicly endorse any congressional candidate until after the city's Nov. 8 election. She said she will hold herself to this regardless of whether she runs for mayor or not.

Mayor Caron or any potential candidate for mayor in Lewiston actually has until Oct. 11 to file at least 200 signatures of registered Lewiston voters to qualify for the Nov. 8 ballot.



TO CONTINUE STUDIES —

Donna Gilbert, who was graduated in the spring from St. Joseph's College in North Windham, with a BS degree in radiologic technology, will be entering the physician's assistant program of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island, N.Y., next week.

Miss Gilbert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Gilbert of 27 Charles St., Lewiston.

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Janelle to Head Plans for John Danis Concert

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ADELARD JANELLE

Mrs. Bert Cote, Arts Coordinator for Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain announces that Adelard Janelle will serve as general chairper-

son for the "John Danis in Concert at SS. Peter and Paul Church" at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9.

The concert, sponsored by Le Centre d'Heritage, will feature such selections as from Bach, Chopin and Debussy.

In selecting Mr. Janelle, Mrs. Cote, said, "We have a chairperson who is much involved in civic affairs for he is not only a trustee of Le Centre but a member of the Lewiston Historical Commission, Comite de la vie Franco Americaine, La Societe l' Historique Franco-Americaine, Jacques Cartier Club, l'association Canada-Americaine, L'Unite Franco-Americaine, Les Artisans and l'Union St. Jean Baptiste."

The program is made possible in part by a grant from the Commission of the Maine State Arts and Humanities.

Sr. Claire Labbe Selected Maine Provincial Superior



SR. CLAIRE LABBEE

Sister Claire Labbee of Auburn, a Chisholm native, has been chosen to lead the Maine Province as provincial superior during next four years.

Sr. Claire was named at a meeting of the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Provincialate in Winslow. Seventy-six sisters attended the weekend session in which they reviewed their Province goals.

Sr. Claire is religious education coordinator at St. Louis Parish in Auburn and in recent years was a member of the pastoral team of Holy Family parish in Lewiston. Daughter of the late Donat and Emelda Labbee, she was born in Chisholm where she received her elementary education at St. Rose of Lima School. The year

following her high school graduation from the Academy of St. Joseph in South Berwick, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Auburn.

Sr. Claire received her bachelor's degree in math and science from LeMennais College in Alfred and her master's degree in religious education from Boston University. She has been a teacher in parochial schools in Lewiston and Auburn and has taught math and science at the Academy of St. Joseph and at Mount Merici Academy in Waterville.

She has served as a member

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of the Provincial Council and as chairperson of the Provincial Chapter of 1976. She has twice been a delegate to the General Chapter of the Congregation— in 1973 in Fribourg, Switzerland, and last summer in Mexico City. Two other sisters will be elected to leadership positions in the Province at an October session.

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Construction of Boys Club Started on Bartlett Street

Construction has begun in Lewiston for a permanent home for the Lewiston-Auburn Boys Club.

Laurier "Larry" Biron, president of the local youth organization, said Tuesday he is enthusiastic about the support for the club, the first in central Maine.

"This is a red-letter day for the area's youth, and none of this would have been possible without the generous support received from Lewiston-Auburn businessmen," Biron said.

The Boys Club will be situated in the remodelled basement of the former St. Dominic's Regional High School on Bartlett Street. Work started this week under authority of the Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and completion is set for late fall.

The Boys Club, which is open to those seven to 17 years old, will have an arts and crafts room, office, all-purpose room, library, lounge, and locker room in its new headquarters, Biron said.

Canadian Briefs

Bar *Sept 3/77*
OTTAWA (AP) — The 20,000-member Canadian Bar Association Thursday took the bite from a controversial resolution on Canadian unity but agreed to throw its resources behind promotion of "a strong sense of Canadian identity."

The compromise headed off a confrontation with Quebec members and others who felt the original resolution was too political. About 600 of the convention's 1,300 delegates attended the session.

The resolution emphasized federal unity.

However, its preamble, which would have been a policy declaration, was stripped by an amendment.

The amendment also removed a line saying that "in any new constitution the national government retain sufficient federal authority to maintain a single, viable nation, from a sea to sea."

Bomb

TORONTO (AP) — A senior Yugoslav consular official has charged that enemies of his country's Communist government are allowed to run free in Canada.

Marijan Brscic, deputy consul general, said Thursday that Yugoslav missions and individuals are being terrorized.

Commenting on a suggestion that three men killed here this week in a garage explosion may have been making bombs to use against supporters of the Yugoslav regime, Brscic said: "We have had promises from your ministry of foreign affairs and police that these people are being watched, but something like this fills us with fear."

He said no one in the ten-member Toronto consulate knew any of the three dead men, but "we are aware that there are people out there who don't like us."

Funds

OTTAWA (AP) — The Canadian government is expected to spend up to \$4 million over the next 18 months to help keep Canadian art and cultural objects in the country and to buy back art treasures that have been sold abroad.

Officials at the secretary of state's department said two funds are to be established following the enactment Tuesday of legislation imposing export controls on valuable art objects.

The government will have a fund of \$1.5 million for the balance of this fiscal year and possibly \$2.5 million for the 1978-79 fiscal year to make grants and loans to publicly-owned art galleries and museums for the purchase of art objects.

The legislation will control the export of paintings, sculptures, documents or other material considered to be of historical, scientific, archeological or cultural significance to Canada.

The federal spending together with the voluntary fund will be used to purchase objects that might otherwise be sold abroad, officials say. Some money could also be used to buy back Canadian art objects now in the hands of foreign owners.

Labbe Chosen President Of County Office Holders

Normand N. Labbe of Lewiston, the Androscoggin County treasurer, was re-elected president of the Maine County Office Holders Association during the annual convention this past weekend at Bangor of MCOHA and the Maine County Commissioners Association.



NORMAND N. LABBE

The convention drew a registered attendance of 210 with sessions both at the Holiday Inn and Pilot's Grill. Roland D.

Landry of Lewiston, the executive secretary of the Maine County Commissioners Association, said arrangements have been made for the 1978 convention to take place at the Red Coach Inn at Portland.

Three Lewiston and Auburn officials conducted sessions during the convention. District Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II conducted that on new legislation outside the criminal code, while State Sen. Thomas M. Mangan discussed the Maine Charter Bill of which he is sponsor.

Mrs. Marian G. Kelleher of Auburn, the Androscoggin County clerk of courts, conducted a workshop for clerks. Under the new court system, Mrs. Kelleher now comes under the state rather than being a county employee.

The county officials heard Rep. William S. Cohen at the opening banquet last Friday night and then Sen. William D. Hathaway Saturday noon.

Other chief speakers were Rep. Gladys Spellman, a former president, and Judge William O. Beach, the current president of the National Association of Counties.

Besides Labbe, other officers of the Maine County Office Holders Association elected last weekend were Mrs. Phyllis F. Deschambeault, York County register of deeds, vice president; Olive B. Moore, Oxford County register of deeds, South Paris, treasurer; and Leroy E. Farmer, Lincoln County register of probate, secretary. In addition the board of directors includes one from each county.

Some of the directors from this immediate area are Paul Genest, Androscoggin County; Alton L. Howe, Oxford County; Richard Armstrong, Franklin County; Glennys W. Berry, Somerset County; Arthur Taintor, Sagadahoc County; Eunice Adams, Lincoln; and Norma B. Mann, Kennebec.

Handicapped Discussed on MPBN Mon.

Greg Ouellete, program director of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults, will discuss services offered to the handicapped in Maine on "1-800" Monday at 7:30 p.m. The program will appear on channel 10, MPBN.

Ouellette will discuss the Pine Tree Camp for Crippled Children and other services offered to Maine's handicapped by the Easter Seals agency. Viewers can call in questions during the program.

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Mayor Caron Picked for Exclusive Judging Panel

Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron has been the first Maine woman ever selected to a panel to judge a women's interest reporting competition.

Mayor Caron was invited to participate on the board of judges by Ruder & Finn Inc. of New York City. The competition is being sponsored by Stanley Home Products of Westfield, Mass.

Mayor Caron said Wednesday she is honored to have been selected to the judging panel. She said many "prominent and distinguished people" have previously served on the panel of judges.

The Lewiston mayor is just the second Maine resident to have been selected in this manner. University of Maine at Orono journalism professor Brooks W. Hamilton served on the 1968 panel.

On the 1976 panel were U.S. Rep. Lindy Boggs from Louisiana and Lt. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak of New York. Mrs. Coretta Scott King was on



MAYOR CARON

the 1975 judging panel, while U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas was a 1973 judge.

Mayor Caron's duties will be to review articles by 15 finalists and submit her judgments to the rest of the panel. No traveling is required for this work.

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Historical Inventory: LHC Hears Shuttleworth Ideas

There is more than one way to put together an historical inventory into a meaningful publication. In this case, meaningful to Lewiston, Director of the Maine Historical Preservation Commission Earl Shuttleworth said Monday night.

"In Bangor and Portland the inventories were done largely by neighborhood, house by house, and the data printed was not interpretive," Shuttleworth told the Lewiston Historical Commission. "In Lewiston the situation is different and requires a somewhat different approach. There may be one or two key concentrations of historical buildings but there are also many individual buildings of interest," noted the director.

The Lewiston Historical Commission is seriously considering putting together an historical inventory of the historically significant buildings and landmarks in the city.

In Lewiston, Shuttleworth pointed out, there are some buildings which are already on the National Register and some which are being considered.

"In putting together an inventory," Shuttleworth said, "it is important to include the locally significant buildings as well as the ones listed in the National Register."

The Lewiston Public Library, it was noted, has been nominated for the National Register and when the vote is taken in October, it is expected there will be no problems.

The type of layout is also an

important consideration, Shuttleworth said. He made several suggestions including separate pictures for the individual buildings throughout the community, past and present shots, one picture per page, several photos per page, all with brief historical background writeups.

Who could, would or should do the writing for the publication was also a concern expressed at the meeting. One suggestion was the employment of a CETA person to work on the project. Another suggestion was made by Shuttleworth, who posed the possibility of the city putting up half an employee's salary and the MHPC funds matching that half.

A list of the historically significant buildings was compiled some time ago and at this time the list has grown to twice its original size, including some 150 or so structures.

Outside funds for the project can be obtained in a couple of ways, Shuttleworth noted. The first is to have the Lewiston Commission put up money for half the cost and the MHPC will match that 50 percent with federal funds. Secondly, the project could be done on a volunteer basis, with volunteer photographers, writers and so on donating their time. If the total cost of the project, if it had been done on a paid basis, had for instance been \$2,000, then the MHPC would consider this the sum put up by the community and would match that \$2,000 with federal funds.

Recreation Helps Senior Citizens: Clubs, Recreation Programs Help in Fighting Loneliness

By JOHN N. DIAMOND
(Last in a series)

"You're as young as you feel."

Ask any senior citizen about his or her views on getting old, and chances are that you'll get that response. The "September years" can be great or miserable, depending on one's attitude and situation. According to a study conducted by the Maine Committee on Aging, a person's health plays an important part in how they view old age. But for many, poor health can be overshadowed by keeping as active as possible.

Recreation and activities are important considerations to those who deal with senior citizen programs. Any program that can bring a group of "seniors" together while providing a needed service is welcomed with open arms by program administrators.

"One of the plusses of the meals program," said Eloise Moreau, "is that it brings together a group of senior citizens who normally would not have had a chance to do so." Mrs. Moreau, besides being the director of the nutrition program for the Western Older Citizens Council, is also the Lewiston Recreation Department's activities director for senior citizens. She explained that the major problem of loneliness can be overcome when seniors get a chance to meet people of their own age group.

"People get a lot of satisfaction out of being with their peers," she said. "It's important, not only to the elderly, but to every age group. They face retirement with too much time on their hands, and find it difficult to contend with isolation."

In practically every community, clubs, organizations, and activities are available for those that want to join or participate. In Lewiston and Auburn, there are clubs for those who prefer to speak only French, and for those who prefer to speak only English. And of course there are those where both languages can be heard floating through the air.

"We have an activities program of crafts and ceramics at St. Mary's Church and the Multi-Purpose Center," said Mrs. Moreau, "as well as our meetings, parties, and singing group." Mrs. Moreau said that the recreation department has senior citizens groups located at the two locations, with other clubs run by some area churches. She said that about 4,000 seniors are enrolled in the two clubs, but all are not active members.

The activities of the social clubs are just about the same in each. They have regular meetings once or twice a month, depending on the club, often featuring guest speakers. Cards and other activities take place during the day and following meeting. The clubs also take one-day trips to places such as the Maine Mall in South Portland and Old Orchard Beach, and a yearly four-day trip to places farther away. Popular locations for the longer trips are Montreal and Quebec, where many of the seniors get a chance to compare "French accents."

Most of the clubs members in the past had been "joiners," having belonged to several organizations. Joining a seniors club enabled them to continue the type of activity they had been accustomed to before retirement. But not all joined for this reason.

"I never joined a club in my life until I retired," said Miss Charlotte Beaudry, a member and former president of the New Auburn Seniors Club. "Actually, I was still working, and a friend of mine told me about a trip the club was taking to Montreal. She said

to me, 'Why don't you go?' And I said, 'Well, because I'm not a member.' So then she said, 'Well, then, join!' So I did. That was five years ago."

Miss Beaudry explained that her club gets together once a year with the First Auburn Seniors Club for a picnic, with each club taking turns each year providing the entertainment.

Not every senior citizen is interested in joining a seniors club. There are those who don't feel a need to join or have other activities and interests that keep them busy.

"Not everyone enjoys being in a group," said Mrs. Moreau. "There are some who are happy being joiners, and there are those who prefer to be by themselves. Young or old, this attitude doesn't change with age. If someone feels uncomfortable with a large group, they're not going to change their attitude when they reach 50 or 60."

Even nursing homes have social programs. Kenneth Rancourt, assistant director of the Clover Manor Nursing Home in Auburn said that the residents there have activities similar to many of those of the senior clubs, including an occasional trip for those who are

able. He added that they sometimes even have a "cocktail hour" after dinner.

"Recreation is an important part of a senior citizen's life," he said.

For some, belonging to a club isn't enough. One man said that although he belonged to one of the Lewiston clubs, he wasn't an active member because "I don't like playing Bingo all the time."

Many area seniors keep busy during their retirement years by working as a volunteer under the RSVP program (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program). The program, part of the federal Action program, is administered in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin counties by the Western Older Citizens Council, Inc., which handles most programs for the elderly in the tri-county region.

"The seniors that volunteer," said Carol Rancourt, project director for the WOCC, "want more than to be entertained. Some are satisfied with that, others are not."

Rancourt explained that the purpose of the program is to provide the senior citizen with an opportunity to put his skills to use in something that he or she enjoys. How advanced or basic those skills are is not im-

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portant, she said, because she and five program coordinators try to find work that is both enjoyable and challenging for the volunteer.

The program is open to any senior citizen, she said.

"We've got people from Bates College to Bates Mill," she said.

More than half of the 400 RSVP volunteers in the area are working in institutions, such as nursing homes and hospitals, while others may work in an office or library. The range of jobs is practically unlimited, she said. For example, a program has recently begun through the district attorney's office where volunteers act as "friends of victims" in court cases, acting as a companion for those who have to testify in court as victims of a crime.

Hours for the volunteers can be arranged by the volunteer, with travelling expenses provided.

"We encourage them not to bite off more than they can chew," said Rancourt. No salaries are paid.

"It's a very cheap program," she stated. "We get \$34,000 a year for 400 volun-

teers and the staff. Divide that out and it is pretty inexpensive.

"It's a good program. It gives the seniors a reason to get up in the morning," she added.

There are other volunteer programs that elderly can take part in, including a program for "foster grandparents." Under this program, the elderly can spend a few hours a week visiting with a child living at the Pineland Hospital in Pownal. Other seniors work as volunteers in the nutrition program, assisting those who provide them and others with serving the meals.

"The volunteers are the backbone of our whole meals program," said Mrs. Moreau.

Many seniors remain very active on their own by keeping up with their hobbies and interests. Seventy-Six year-old Ralph Petersen of Auburn is on the board of directors of SCOOP (State Council of Older People), which lobbies in Augusta for programs that would benefit the elderly. He spends his spare time on the golf course during the warm weather, and bowls during the winter months.

Doria Gauthier, a 75 year-old resident of Lewiston, is active in a singing group, and the

Little Theater. Besides those activities, he sometimes cuts a cord of wood a day.

Aimede Gobel of Auburn says he's got plenty to do around his house to keep him busy, especially when some of his 28 grandchildren come to visit.

Although there are plenty of senior citizens who are as capable to do things now as they were before they retired, there are still many in society who believe that a person is "useless" after he passes 60 or 65.

"There's an attitude problem with some people," says Carol Rancourt of RSVP. "When we go to an agency and say we've got a 75 year-old typist who would like to work for them for nothing, many times they don't think (the volunteer) can do it."

"But studies have shown that the volunteers are more reliable than many paid employees. They have a better sense of responsibility. They don't have to be thrown onto the scrap pile just because they're retired."

Doria Gauthier doesn't think he's even close to becoming ready for the scrap pile.

"I work hard," he boasts, "and I'm not finished yet."

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Franco-American Symposium Gets Maine Council Funds

Raoul L. Pinette, president of the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain, announced Monday that the coming symposium on "The Franco-American Presence in America" is funded by the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy. These funds guarantee the resources needed to put together an in-depth symposium.

Executive Director of the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy, Dr. David Charles Smith of Lewiston commented, "The conference planned by the Centre d'Heritage will bring the insights of leading humanities scholars to a wide public

audience. The Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy is pleased to support this scholarly exploration of one of Maine's most important ethnic heritages."

The council gives financial support to projects bringing the perspective of the humanities to the discussion of public policy issues. Since the council's first award session in January 1976, it has made awards to Maine organizations totalling \$430,000.

Through its awards the council seeks to increase public appreciation and understanding of the humanities; philosophy, literature, modern and classical languages, history, and ar-

chaeology. Persons with advanced professional training in these and related disciplines are key participants in all projects funded by the Council. The Council believes that humanities scholars perform an important service by bringing their historical-critical training to the examination of current issues of public policy.

The Council receives its grant funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency created by Congress in 1965. The council also seeks funds from foundations and private donors in support of its projects. The council neither requests nor

receives state funds.

Council-funded projects have included talks and discussions, workshops, seminars, production, and broadcasting of television programs and the making and screening of films.

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A DEMOCRAT FOR COHEN — Lewiston Rep. Georgette Berube, top Democratic vote getter in the city for the past seven years, at a televised news conference from her Webster Street home today urged Bangor Republican Congressman William Cohen to seek election to the U.S. Senate next year.

Rep. Berube, shown here as she fielded reporter's questions during the 30-minute press session in her living room, pledged her support to Cohen if he decides to run for the Senate. Cohen is scheduled to announce his decision next week. (Staff Photo By Gray).

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Rep. Berube Urges Cohen Try To Unseat Hathaway

By NANCY GRAPE

Rep. Georgette B. Berube, Lewiston's top Democratic vote getter for the past seven years and a potential Democratic contender for the governor's chair, today urged a Republican, Congressman William Cohen of Bangor, to seek Maine's junior U.S. Senate seat next year and pledged him her support.

Rep. Berube dropped what is bound to be regarded as a political bombshell this morning in a televised news conference at her home in

Lewiston, long Maine's leading Democratic stronghold. Her action places her in opposition to Democrat U.S. Sen. William Hathaway of Auburn, who has already begun his campaign for re-election.

Opening Gun

The Lewiston legislator's public support for Cohen today is seen by many as the opening gun in the Republican Congressman's bid for the Senate seat, a decision he is expected to announce next week.

Cohen has thus far in-

dicated only that he will run for State-wide office in 1978, seeking either the governorship or the U.S. Senate seat.

In her news conference today, Rep. Berube made public a letter she sent to Congressman Cohen, Friday, urging him to "actively seek the Office of U.S. Senator," and declaring, "I stand ready to support you."

Yesterday, Rep. Berube told the news conference, she received a telephone call from Cohen but got no assurance from the

Republican Congressman that he will indeed announce for the Senate seat.

"I didn't dare ask and he didn't say," Rep. Berube declared.

"He must have received the letter Tuesday," she commented. "I received a telephone call from him yesterday after he made his statement on Dickey-Lincoln."

"He was obviously delighted, very pleased, extremely encouraged, he said," Rep. Berube went on.

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"And he did state he hoped no harm would come to me because of the letter."

The reference is to the reaction of local Democrats to her potential defection from the ranks in the Senate contest.

Rep. Berube said today she would place her faith in the people of Lewiston. "I don't think they will hold it against me," she declared.

Never Been Disloyal

"I've never been disloyal to the Democratic Party and I've never done anything to make the Party ashamed of me in either my public or personal life," she maintained.

Saying in response to questions that her support had not been solicited by Cohen, Rep. Berube stated she believes Sen. Hathaway has "lost touch" with the people of her city.

"I think he's lost touch with the people," she maintained, saying of Democratic leadership, "I think they have taken the Democrats of the city of Lewiston for granted so long that they knew we were there when they needed the votes."

Gone Too Far

"We are more moderate in political philosophy," she suggested of Lewiston's working people and heavy Franco-American population. "In some instances," she said of Hathaway, "he's gone too far left for me."

"I think Congressman Cohen has gone out of his way to get opinions from the city of Lewiston," she observed in contrast.

She was joined in her support for the Republican contender by several other prominent Lewiston Democrats, including former Mayor Robert L. Couturier. He, together with Prof. Madeleine Giguere, Marcel Bilodeau, Morris

Silverman and Vincent LeBlanc, have prepared for mailing today a letter to Congressman Cohen in Washington stating they "fully concur" with Rep. Berube "and join her in urging you to seek a seat in the United States Senate."

While Rep. Berube said today she will not work for Cohen's election to the Senate in any coming campaign, Couturier and the others in their letter pledge to "do all we can to help you get elected."

"We, too, are convinced that Lewiston — and Maine — need you in the United States Senate to provide us with the kind of representation that we want, need and deserve," their letter to Cohen states.

In her letter, Rep. Berube praised Cohen as one who has "remembered the voters of my city of Lewiston as no other U. S. Representative has."

Extolling his actions in establishing a local office and holding his first victorious press conference in Lewiston, she praised Cohen as a man whose political philosophy parallels her own.

"Your willingness to listen to our views, irrespective of Party affiliation, explains your victories," the Berube letter stated.

"Your responsiveness to us as working taxpayers, as Franco-Americans, as business people, as homemakers has assured me and is evidence of your commitment in our behalf."

"Your views on many issues parallel my own philosophy and is reflective, I feel, of that of many of my fellow citizens of Lewiston — the very same people who value integrity and honesty in government, and individualism above partisan politics," Rep. Berube wrote.

Pointing to important decisions she feels will be made in the Senate in the coming six years, Rep. Berube told Cohen, "From your years of proven service and experience for us in Washington, I feel that you are the person to do this — and so, although perhaps forward on my part, I nevertheless ask that you

actively seek the Office of U.S. Senator. I stand ready to support you."

Asked if her decision to support Cohen had been an "agonizing one" for her, Rep. Berube replied that it "was an easy decision to come by."

Has she ever campaigned for a Republican in the past, she was asked?

"Never," came her quick reply.

And, she stressed, the support she voiced today is for a Cohen campaign for the Senate.

A Hope

"I would hope," she said, "he would not run for the Governorship. His expertise is in

Washington. I think he's represented us exceedingly well. I would commit myself to him for the Senate."

Her own personal plans, she said, are "in the thinking stage," but she did not rule out the possibility she herself might yet seek the Blaine House.

"It would be as a Democrat," she insisted. "I would never leave my Party, never."

"As of now," she said, "I'd like to hold on to my seat in the House of Representatives."

Her support for a Cohen Senate campaign, she also emphasized, "does not mean I will not actively work for a Democratic candidate for Congress or the Governorship."

Asked if she had informed Hathaway of her decision to urge Cohen into the lists against him, Rep. Berube replied, "I did not," qualifying this by saying she had told a friend of hers close to the Hathaway campaign moments before today's 10 a.m. news conference at her Webster Street home.

Her confidence in a Cohen victory here is inspired, she indicated, by the fact "he's already carried Lewiston as a Congressional candidate."

Among those on hand for Rep. Berube's announcement was Rep. David Ault, Cohen's administrative assistant here.

Berube's Cohen Endorsement No Surprise Pachios

BY DENNIS BAILEY

The Chairman of the Maine Democratic Party said Thursday he was not surprised at State Rep. Georgette Berube's (D-Lewiston) endorsement of a senate campaign for Republican Congressman William Cohen.

Speaking from his Cape Elizabeth home, Harold Pachios said Rep. Berube has publicly favored Cohen in the past and expected her to do so in next year's election. Pachios said, in looking at Mrs. Berube's past stands, he would have been surprised if she had supported a Democrat in the coming election.

Rep. Berube, Lewiston's top Democratic vote-getter for the

past seven years, made her comments during a 30-minute press conference Thursday afternoon at her home. Although Cohen has not announced whether he will challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. William D. Hathaway next year, Mrs. Berube said she has sent a letter to Cohen urging him to "actively seek the office of U.S. Senator," and declaring, "I stand ready to support you."

A number of other Lewiston Democrats joined Rep. Berube in supporting a Cohen candidacy for the Senate. Cohen, who has said he will not seek reelection to the House next year, is expected to make his decision next week on whether to make a run

for the Senate or the governorship.

Political insiders feel certain, however, that the Maine Republican will challenge Hathaway in the Senate campaign next year.

Although some Democratic party members expressed shock at Mrs. Berube's endorsement, the state party chairman said he did not consider the statements surprising.

"I don't think this represents anything new," Pachios said. "She has supported Cohen in the past and she's also a supporter of Gov. (James) Longley. I don't think it's significant."

Pachios said past endorsements of Cohen by Rep.

Berube has not affected voting. He said there are Democrats in every race who swing their support to Republicans, just as there are Republicans who often embrace Democratic candidates.

Other Democrats who stood behind Rep. Berube's statements Thursday were former Lewiston Mayor Robert Couturier, Prof. Madeleine Gigure, Marcel Bilodeau, Morris Silverman and Vincent LeBlanc. Together they have prepared a letter to Cohen stating they "fully concur" with Rep. Berube "and join her in urging you to seek a seat in the United States Senate."

Of the other Democrats, Pachios had similar comments:

"If these were people who had been active Democrats in the past and strong supporters of Democratic ideals, it would be a different situation," Pachios said.

In stating her support for Cohen, Rep. Berube cited the Congressman's responsiveness to Lewiston's Franco-American community and said Cohen is a man whose political philosophy parallels her own.

Sen. Hathaway on the other hand has "gone too far left," she said, and has taken the Democrats in Lewiston for granted. She said Hathaway has "lost touch" with the people of her city.

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NEW SIGN INSTALLED — As a quick reference to persons using Lewiston's health care facilities, a new sign was installed today at the corner of Golder and Sabattus Streets.

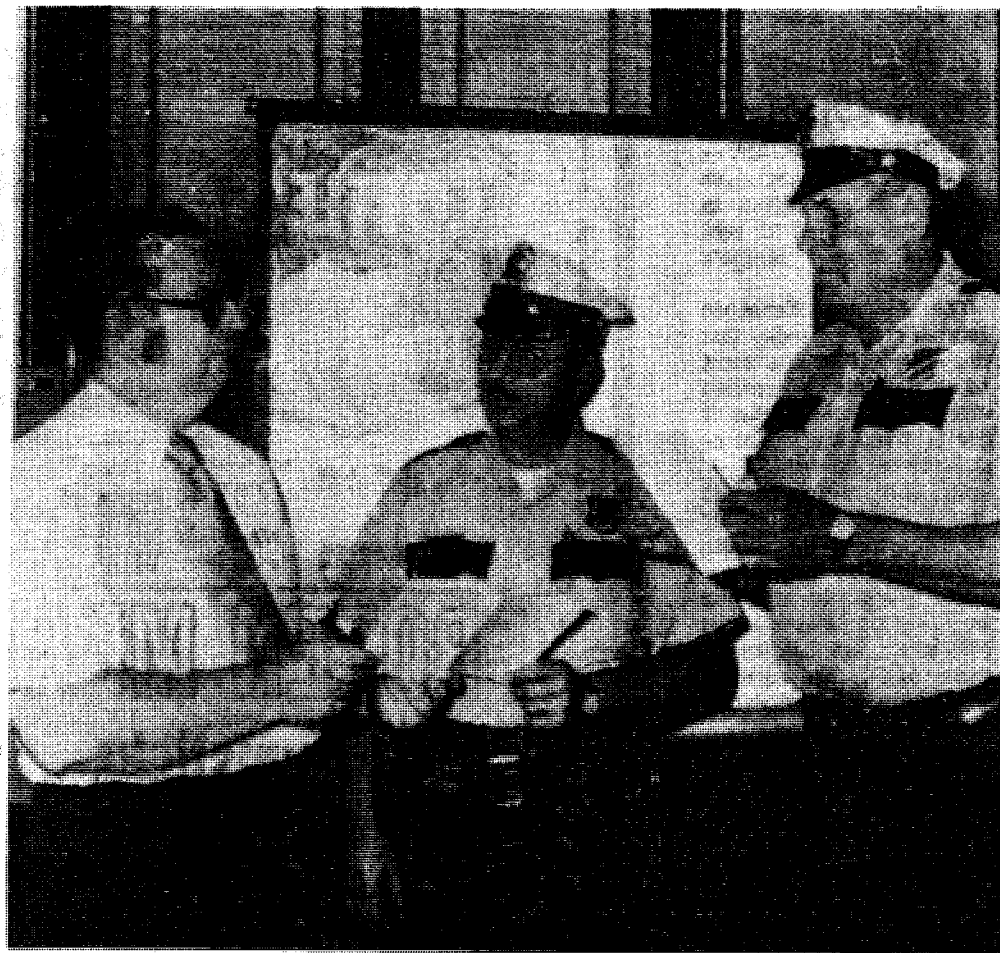
The sign directs people to the main entrance and the emergency entrance of St. Mary's General Hospital and to the Marcotte Nursing Home.

Above, putting the finishing touches on the job is Gene Dunlap, safety officer, Paulette Forgues of SMGH community relations office, and Alan Okun, administrative assistant. (Staff photo by Gray)

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HANDLE WITH CARE — This was the primary sentiment expressed by Ralph Pinette of the Pinette Funeral Home this morning as he addressed members of the Lewiston Police Department about grief and how to best tell a relative when someone has been killed in an automobile or some other type of accident.

Pinette offered to speak to the patrolmen at roll call as part of the department's on-going instructional program which features speakers on various topics. Pinette is shown handing helpful information to Patrolmen Ernest J. Carrier, left, and Raymond J. Murphy, who retired today (Staff Photo by Wardwell).



TO PRESENT CONCERT — John R. Danis will present a special musical program at SS. Peter and Paul Church on Oct. 9 to open a series of cultural events planned by Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain.

John Danis In Concert At SS. Peter And Paul Church

An event of much interest to local music lovers is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, at 7 p.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Church when a musical program will be presented featuring John R. Danis, former organist and musical director of SS. Peter and Paul from 1973-75.

The event, according to Raoul Pinette, president of Le Centre

d'Heritage Franco-Americain, will open a series of cultural programs planned as 1977-78 arts activities for Le Centre.

Danis, a native of Fall River, Mass., has studied organ at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston under Normand A. Gingras, Yuko Hayoski and J. Deane Place and is presently studying under Marion Anderson of the Bates College faculty.

Besides serving as organist at the church, he has been organist and assistant music director at St. Mary's Church in historic Bristol, R.I., and currently is acting organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's Church in Augusta and is employed at Constantine's Music Store in Lewiston.

He is well remembered in the Twin Cities for his direction of the Interfaith Choir which presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. He will also serve as accompanist for the Festival of Lessons and Carols being presented in December.

The October program is made possible in part by a grant from the Maine State Arts and Humanities Commission.

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TO SERVE AS USHERETTES — Mrs. Conrad Doucette and Miss Jeanne Moreau, seated left to right, and Mrs. JoAnne Lapointe and Mrs. Hilliare Touchette, standing, will be usherettes at the "John Danis in Concert" program on Oct. 9 at SS. Peter and Paul Church at 7 p.m.

The event will open the series of cultural events planned for the 1977-78 arts activities for Le Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain and will include selections from Bach, Chapin and Debussy. The program is made possible in part by a grant from the Commission of the Maine State Arts and Humanities. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)

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ROGER THURBER



PAUL BEAULIEU

RICHELIEU CLUB — Roger Thurber of Pelham, N.H., administrator of the New England Region of the Richelieu International, and Paul E. Beaulieu of Nashua, N.H., governor of the Merrimac District, will preside at the installation of new officers of the Lewiston and Auburn Richelieu Club. The installation will kick off the dinner meetings of the local group for the 1977-78 season at Happy Jack's Restaurant, Wednesday, Sept. 14.



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RAOUL PINETTE — When members of the Art Patronage gather for the first meeting of the fall season, the speaker for the occasion will be Raoul Pinette.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Steckino's Restaurant, Lewiston, at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a social hour. Miss Jeanne Moreau, president, will conduct the business session.

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AT DEDICATION CEREMONY — The Pine Tree Warriors Inc. held a special dinner and dedication ceremony Thursday night at the clubrooms in honor of three outstanding individuals who have

given many years of their time and effort to the youth movement. Honored guests were presented a corsage and boutonnieres and each received a plaque with an inscription of the organization's appreciation.

In the photo are, left to right, State Representative Arthur C. Raymond, Bertrand Levesque Sr., Mrs. Helen Bissonnette and Alderman Bertrand A. Dutil. Jerome Bastien was not present due to ill health. (Staff Photo by Simokaltis)

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SS. Peter-Paul Bazaar Plans Announced

The third annual Fall Bazaar of SS. Peter and Paul parish will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25, at St. Peter's School hall. Chairmen directing this event are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lapointe and Mr. and Mrs. Irene Cloutier.

The bazaar will open at 10 a.m. Saturday, and an auction will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon. On Sunday the hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Parishioners were alerted regarding this event in June, and the chairmen and their many helpers have been hard at work since making articles for the various booths.

Heading the various committees are Mrs. H. L. Gosselin and Mrs. Gerald Bussiere, White Elephant table; Mrs. H. Irene Marcotte and Mrs. Maurice Leclair, Christmas and boutique items; Miss Elianna Jalbert and Mrs. Fernande Hamann, plants; Mrs. Lucien Therriault and Mrs. Gabrielle Bedard, jewelry.

Mrs. Noel St. Jean, Mrs. Louis Sasseville and Mrs. Albert Caron, household items; Mrs. Anita Simard dolls; Mrs. Francoise Gravel and Mrs. Carmen Provost, hand-knitted articles; Mrs. Emile Provencher and

Mrs. Louis Fournier, men's booth; Mrs. Leonide Levasseur, baked goods.

Miss Diane Bousquet, Mrs. Grace Pare and Mrs. Lauretta Metayer, used clothing; Miss Laurette Poulin, toys; Frank Lemay, books; Normand Lafrance and Pauline Leveque, Wheel of Fortune; the Rev. Raymond L. Corriveau, OP, auction.

Donations for any of the booths will be accepted from 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Peter's School hall, Bates Street entrance.

PREPARE FOR BAZAAR — Displaying some of the articles which have been made for the forthcoming Fall Bazaar of SS. Peter and Paul parish are the co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Irene Cloutier, left, Mrs. Gilbert Lapointe and Mr. Lapointe. This year's event will be held at St. Peter's School hall Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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Festival Deficit Paid by City, Some Members Reappointed

BY JAMES KILEY

Lewiston's Franco-American Festival incurred a \$2,867.58 deficit this year, according to a financial report accepted Wednesday by the Franco-American Festival Committee.

Seven members of the committee met Wednesday and accepted the report which said the total festival expenditures were \$17,186.47 while the total revenues were listed at \$14,318.89. The City of Lewiston, through the action of its Finance Board and Board of Mayor and Aldermen, paid off this debt Wednesday.

The major expense for the festival came for the Lougarou concert at the Central Maine Youth Center during the last week of July. This cost \$4,242.57 and some committee members said Wednesday the festival could have earned a little profit or at least broke even if it wasn't for this concert.

Another \$2,150 was spent on talent fees for the festival while the electrical costs amounted to \$1,981.21. Con-

tributions from Lewiston businessmen, however, amounting to \$5,760 was more than one-third of the entire revenue for the festival.

The City of Lewiston also donated \$2,500 to the festival previous to its \$2,867.58 payment this week. Another \$4,116.39 came from sources such as souvenir sales and meals. However, this wasn't total profit.

A total of \$1,765.10 was cleared for the festival after expenses for the sale of food and souvenirs. The two biggest profit makers for the festival were beano at \$695 and \$547.48 for the bean supper and crepes breakfast.

Committee chairman Paul H. Belanger, in asking for the city's help to pay their deficit, wrote to the two boards saying the cost of the installation of the lights in Kennedy Park and the lack of public response to the Lougarou concert caused the almost \$2,900 deficit.

The Franco-American Festival Committee also voted Wednesday to approve some by-law changes. One increased the number of committee members from the general public from four to nine. This makes the committee an 18-member body.

The rest of the committee is composed of three members each selected by the City of Lewiston, the Chamber of Commerce, and the l'Unite Franco-Americaine. All of these positions will be open as of Sept. 30 when the 1977 committee officially ceases.

However, most of the members of the 1978 committee will probably be 1977 committee members. The Committee voted Wednesday to recommend to Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron the re-appointment of the city's three representatives. They are Ward Six Alderman Bert Dutil, City Treasurer Alfred Plourde and Joseph Rundin.

Mayor Caron has until next Monday to inform the committee if she wishes to reappoint these men to the committee or appoint others. The Franco-American Festival Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street and needs the mayor's appointments by then.

The committee also re-appointed its four public members Wednesday to the 1978 committee. They are Rita Roy, John Telow, Paul Belanger and Mayor Caron. Both Telow and Dutil abstained on voting on the respective motions which concerned their reappointments.

However, under the motion of committee member Romeo Boisvert, the 1977 committee decided to leave filling the

remaining five public positions to the 1978 committee. However, the 1977 committee also recommended the new committee study potential by-law changes in reference to the length of the appointments before nominating any of the five new members.

The committee also approved a motion which authorizes the festival coordinator to request the Chamber of Commerce and the l'Unite Franco-Americaine to select three members each for the 1978 committee.

The chamber is currently represented by William Tewhey, Frank Mitchell and Howard Sacks, while l'Unite has Romeo Boisvert, Donat Boisvert and Marie Badeau on the 1977 committee.

The committee also voted to have its chairman Paul Belanger, now called president due to a by-law change, ask Lewiston City Controller Lucien B. Gosselin or the Finance Board for the use of the Multi-Purpose Center gym for beano for no rental charge.

The festival was able to receive some operating funds through beano games earlier this year and the committee is investigating the possibility of doing the same this fall. This could give the Franco-American Festival Committee and staff enough operating revenue to get them through to next summer's activities.

Festival Committee Has Meeting

The Franco American Festival Committee had its last meeting with present members this afternoon.

The next meeting, Sept. 20, will be a meeting of new members and possibly five additional committee people from the public at large.

The four-part committee is made up of three members from Lewiston appointed by the Mayor, three Chamber of Commerce people, three members of l'Unite Franco Americaine, and four citizens from the population at large.

Committeeman Paul Pare added that the committee had made a request to have nine committee people from the general public.

Four proposed by-laws amendments were to be discussed, three of them involving a change of wording and the fourth the proposal to add five additional members to the committee. *Sept 17/77*

As You See It...

To the Editor:

My first thought had been to write to President Thomas Hedley Reynolds of Bates College to thank him for saying before the recent "Lewiston Tomorrow" kick-off meeting what would certainly have brought remonstrations had it been said by a Franco-American.

Recall the recent recriminations that followed when a French name was suggested (and accepted) for the Lewiston river-bank park?

The community prestige held by Dr. Reynolds certainly contributed to the silence that followed his statement, though I personally can imagine the comments that were made privately in some Lewiston-Auburn homes!

For years, I wrote news events, special to the French-speaking population of Lewiston-Auburn, and I know that complaints were made by readers who thought too much space was devoted to activities of that community group — which, after all, was the most numerous, and still is. Any group that dominates a community by population is apt to be resented — especially if it continues to speak its ancestral language!

So many Americans seem to feel that to speak one's ancestral language, (if happens to be other than English), and to recall one's ancestry in self

designation indicate less affection for this: our adopted country. They fail to realize that the very fact one can speak the ancestral language — as well as the generally accepted English language, merely makes one more attached to these United States, which allow us that extra freedom.

The recently held Franco-American Festival demonstrated that its diversified week-long program could attract thousands of visitors to the city; that its various events could be enjoyable; and that merchants, and the city as a whole, could benefit financially from such an event.

Let us not forget other ethnic groups in the community. They, too, have contributed to the growth of our cities. Let's hope they'll come forward to acquaint the rest of us with their folklore and culture. We are so enriched, in Lewiston particularly, by the many diverse ethnic groups represented here. Yet, each group more or less lives within itself. It's high time we should get acquainted.

Charlotte Michaud
Framingham,
Massachusetts

Current Quotes

By The Associated Press

"I feel like one drop in a bucket helps. Sometimes a bucket can get filled if enough drops fall into it." — Sen. Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., who has returned \$313,016 to the government in unspent office funds.

"We've never had any complaints about Adam. In fact, all of our neighbors have signed affidavits saying they like him and want him to stay in the building." — Mrs. Lois Wolfson, whose son, Adam, may force her family's eviction from an apartment.

"I never saw my baby. I had to ask if it was a boy or a girl. I wanted her to have her name, not just be a dead baby." — Michelle Pope, who refused an \$15,000 settlement offer in the death of her daughter from the Air Force, which has admitted responsibility for the death.

Sun to Use Celsius Scale In Its Weather Wrap-Up

Starting in this morning's paper, The Sun will include the previous day's temperatures as they appeared on both the commonly-used Fahrenheit scale (F) and the internationally-used Celsius scale (C) in its daily weather wrap-up.

The reason for the change is to help our readers adjust to the metric system, which Maine is planning to adopt in its schools beginning in 1980. The federal government plans on adopting the system in 1985.

The Celsius (or "centigrade") scale and other metric measurements will be adopted to keep up with a system that is used in practically every other country. To avoid confusion

when trying to learn the new scale, the reader is advised not to bother trying to convert the temperatures from Fahrenheit to Celsius. For example, it's much easier to remember that room temperature (70° F.) is 21° C. than it is to try to figure it out mathematically. By comparing the Fahrenheit and Celsius temperatures used in the weather column, the new scale will soon be easy to understand.

For those who would like to know how to convert the Fahrenheit temperatures to Celsius, the mathematical formula is:

$5/9(F-32)$ equals C.

Don't worry — you have plenty of time to learn it!

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F-A Committee To Enlarge To 18

Lewiston's Franco-American Festival Committee will be enlarged to 18 members for 1978, this year's committee voted yesterday. The 1978 committee will include nine members from the general public, compared with the present four.

Committee members voted yesterday to recommend that Mayor Lillian L. Caron reappoint the city's three representatives — Ward Six Alderman Bert Dutil, City Treasurer Alfred Plourde, and Joseph Rundin. They also voted to reappoint their own public members — Rita Roy, John Telow, Paul Belanger and Mayor Caron.

The Chamber of Commerce and l'Unite Franco-Americaine will also select three members apiece for the 1978 committee.

This year's committee will meet again at 3 p.m. next Tuesday at the Multi-Purpose Center to receive the new committee appointments, before its duties officially cease Sept. 30.

In other action yesterday, the committee accepted a financial report stating that this year's Franco-American Festival incurred a \$2,867.58 deficit. Total festival expenditures were reported at \$17,186.47 while total revenues were listed at \$14,318.89.

Major expenses included \$4,242.57 for the financially disastrous Lougarou concert, \$2,150 for talent fees, and \$1,981.21 for electrical costs.

Revenues included \$5,760 in contributions from Lewiston businesses, \$4,116.39 from souvenir and meal sales, and \$2,500 from the City of Lewiston.

The Board of Finance and Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted this week to appropriate an additional \$2,867.58 of city funds to make up the festival deficit.



FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETS—Lewiston's Franco-American Festival Committee met Wednesday to approve a few by-law changes and to reappoint four of its members from the public sector. Clockwise from bottom left are John Telow, coor-

dinator Paul Pare, Marie Badeau, Ward Four Alderman Bert Dutil, president Paul Belanger, William Tewhey, Donat Boisvert and Romeo Boisvert. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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FRANCO-AMERICAN CENSUS**Subcommittee
Okays Proposal**

A House subcommittee has adopted a proposal by Cong. Bill Cohen to restructure the U.S. census-taking procedures to benefit Franco-Americans and other ethnic minorities.

Cohen had urged that the census form be revised so that Franco-Americans and other similar groups could be accurately counted in the 1980 national survey. He noted that the procedures followed in 1970 led to serious undercounting of various minority groups, including Franco-Americans. This undercounting, Cohen said, led to underfinancing of various Federal programs intended to serve these groups.

Cohen also urged regionalizing the census survey. Such an approach, he told the subcommittee, would help keep census costs down while providing local officials with data relevant to their own area's needs.

The subcommittee bill introduced in the House last Friday incorporates these proposals in a plan to divide the 1980 census into three separate phases.

In 1970, the Census Bureau used two basic forms—a long form which went to 20 per cent of the U.S. population and a short form which was given to the remaining 80 per cent. The subcommittee proposes that in 1980 one simplified, eight question form be distributed to 100 per cent of the population.

This form, Phase I of the subcommittee plan, would seek only the most basic demographic information, such as name, address, sex, age, etc. The final question on this new form would be a question on "heritage." This should lead to a more accurate count of the nation's minority citizens.

Phase II would be a separate census for 20 per cent of the population that would include questions on income, employment, and housing.

The Census Bureau would match the cost of a more intensive local survey on a 50/50 basis with the requesting state after the first two phases have been completed.



MAKING HISTORY — The Lewiston Historical Committee met Monday night to hear Earl Shuttleworth, director of the Maine Historical Preservation Committee speak on historical inventories. The Lewiston Commission is seriously considering putting together an historical inventory of the city's historic buildings.

Pictured at the far head of the table are, Shuttleworth (left), Jane Smith (right), LHC chairman; far left to right, Gridley Barrows, Madeline Giguere, Lizette Lavaille, William O'Connell, William Clifford, Roland Gosselin, and Richard Gross. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis.)

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In Maine, It Was Thus, A Hundred

(What was it like in Maine and the nation a century ago? Each week, the Journal Magazine will include a collection of items taken from the Lewiston Evening Journal of one hundred years ago.)

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Six Names Added To Petition Against Sculpture

Six people signed the petition Wednesday at the Lewiston City Building urging that a referendum vote be held in 1979 on whether the sculpture at Our Heritage Park should remain.

The petition drive was begun by Louis Philippe Gagne III, an ardent critic of the sculpture by artist Norman Therrien. The 60-foot, multi-colored sculpture rests in the park on Main Street in Lewiston.

The six who signed are: Lorraine M. Spencer, Tall Pines; Jean G. Chamaillard, 366 Pleasant Ave.; Linda Dubois, 112 Scribner Blvd.; Lucette Dubois, Tall Pines; Paul Morin 353 Montello; and Kathleen C Jacques, 9 Mountain Ave.

The new signatures bring the total to 16, but 1,000 are needed before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen consider putting the issue to a referendum ballot.

Sculpture Petition Now Has 21 Signatures for Removal

Two more Lewiston residents have signed the referendum petition requesting the removal of the city's Main Street sculpture. This makes 21 persons who have signed the petition.

Elizabeth L. Melvin, of 33 Rachel Blvd., Lewiston, and Marcel G. Pare, of 4 Halstead Terrace, Lewiston, signed the petition Friday in the Lewiston city clerk's office. Louis-Philippe Gagne, the organizer of the petition signature drive, needs 1,000 names within 60 working days to qualify for the first step in making the November, 1979 municipal ballot.

The 60-working day deadline

allows the petition's life to last to the end of November in its attempt to get the city to remove the Normand Therrien sculpture. If Gagne can get 1,000 signatures of registered Lewiston voters by then, the petition will go before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their vote on whether or not to place the question on the 1979 ballot.

The Therrien sculpture borders the city's new Our Heritage Park (Parc de Notre Heritage) on Main Street which is still not completed. The dedication of the park is still at least two weeks away while park contractors Harvey DesGrasseilliers and R.K. Greeley finish the regrading and seeding work.

Music Hall will be completed, it is thought by the first of December. The carpenters are

at work making ready the lathing. The galleries and interior of the hall in the rough are now well marked out, enough to show that it is to be one of the snuggest and most social of places for entertainments. It is said that a course of lectures will open at Music Hall on the first Thursday evening of December. Sept 17/77

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The Lewiston Sculpture Should Go

To the Editor:

So much talk and so much we keep reading in daily papers on the Main Street sculpture in Lewiston, but still no headway as to removing it.

I am an elderly lady, almost 84, who seldom gets out, but one day last week I was able to get a full view of the sculpture. I am not ashamed to say I think it's a ridiculous or horrible sight. I do not claim to be an artist, but art did prevail with members of my family.

The city of Lewiston should be able to find someone with talent who could design something with beauty and attractiveness. I believe that is what is needed here. Lewiston is well known through the years for its mills and its many occupations of business, which furnished employment and will all this, gave progress, as we all can see today. Why is it thought necessary that we should have to look at such sculpture through the years to come? Memories of hard worn out days can and will be held in the heart and minds of many.

May I suggest house to house canvassing for the referendum, petition? I sure would be glad to sign it and there must be many, many others willing to do so.

L.M. Pooler

22 Ware St.

Lewiston

JAMES WOLFE

Sept 20/77
**He Says God Told Him to Spread Light
over The Dark, Wicked City of Lewiston**

By KENT EWING

To hear James Wolfe tell it, he's had many conversations with God.

God told him to wear a lugubrious black suit, black shoes and a white shirt. God told him that he is a saint and that the Rev. Billy Graham is a false prophet preaching a religion of sin. And God told him to spread light over the "dark city" of Lewiston.

The 46-year-old Wolfe, who says he was "laid off" two years ago as an assistant physics professor at the University of Maine at Farmington, is the founder of Friends of Jesus Christ, a Farmington-based religious group with its roots in 17th Century Quakerism.

Since early August, the group has been meeting three times a week in a rented hall at 268 Lisbon St. It also has rented a house on Commonwealth Terrace in Brookline, Mass.

Friends of Jesus Christ is supported financially by its members, most of whom live in the Farmington Falls area, and it accepts no outside donations. Many male members work for the group-owned Professional Painting Service in Farmington Falls.

Preaching a rigid, sinless religious doctrine that disdains the "wicked fashions" and "evil fads" of the world, Friends of Jesus Christ has come to Lewiston seeking converts.

Wolfe, who had a Roman Catholic upbringing, says, "Lewiston is a dark city full of sin. There are a lot of French Catholics here, and we are going to evangelize them."

The group rejects all traditional religions, Wolfe says, because they maintain that sinners are allowed to enter heaven.

"You must rise above sin," he says. "You are either a saint, or a sinner. Saints go to heaven and sinners go to hell. I, by the grace of God, am a saint."

Wolfe calls Rev. Billy Graham a "false prophet" and says the renown evangelist "is not a true believer."

"I'm sure he is sincere," Wolfe says, "but he says you can sin and go to heaven. He preaches a religion of sin."

In "My Journey from Darkness to Light," an autobiographical account of his conversion to Christianity, Wolfe writes that he was once an agnostic who "delighted in dealing the death blow to the faltering faith of many." However, in cryptic prose, he adds that "one moonless

night" as he walked across an open field near the University of Colorado where he was a graduate student, a voice came "crashing through my thoughts" and said: "But suppose that you are wrong?"

After hearing the voice again, Wolfe writes, he gave himself to God and felt "a heavenly hand reach into my heart and left out that heavy load of sin and guilt that had weighted me down."

That was in 1964. Six years later Wolfe founded Friends of Jesus Christ in Farmington and began his evangelical campaign.

Wolfe proselytized former East Madison Pastor Richard Settles and his independent congregation. In 1972, he converted seven "semihippies" who were living in a Farmington commune.

The newest member of the group, converted in Boston over the weekend, was dressed in the customary austere black suit at a meeting in Lewiston Sunday night. Without smiling, he talked in soft tones to other group members.

The women at the meeting wore long, gray dresses that fully covered their legs. According to Wolfe, the women must always dress this way, while the men are allowed to wear work clothes when they paint.

"We were persuaded that God wants us to dress this way," Wolfe says. "And we do it for modesty's sake."

According to the Friends of Jesus Christ doctrine, colorful clothes and short dresses are expressions of self-idolatry and love of the world. All "true believers" must disdain the world, Wolfe says.

Wolfe decries what he calls the "lewd, fad-mad" world and says most women dress like "harlots."

"Don't love the world," he says. "The world is at enmity with God."

Although Wolfe calls all traditional religions false, he says they serve a function in society.

"Christian ethics have cleaned up civilization," he says. "But to serve God with your lips is not salvation. With their lips people serve God, but they live for the lusts of the flesh."

The only way one can become a "true believer," Wolfe says, is by way of a "direct confrontation" with God.

"You have to have the same kind of experience with God that I had," he says. "The Lord called me out. He said the truth is lost."

Sept 28/77 **Today Is Her Day**

This morning found her as usual among those attending the 6:30 o'clock Mass at the Marcotte Nursing Home where she has resided for the past seven years.

She is Anaise Parent and is 100 years old today. Her attendance at Mass is no doubt receiving its proper place in her moments of thanksgiving for she is a happy, alert lady who keeps busy.

The day will be a relatively quiet one in comparison with Saturday when nieces and nephews joined her in a pre-birthday celebration.

Rev. Raymond Corriveau, pastor and Rev. Maurice Lebrun, Prior of SS Peter and Paul parish joined MNH chaplain Rev. Dorion for a con-



ANAISE PARENT

celebrated Mass at which Brother Albert assisted.

Her brother, Aristide Parent, 91, also a resident at the home was among those joining other guests and members of unit three for the smogasbord which was enjoyed.

Sr. Yvette Trudel, MNH administrator, gave the toast and the entire staff under the direction of nursing director Miss Jackie Russell participated or dropped by to extend congratulations.

A part of the menu was a huge birthday cake and one of the dietary staff, Dorothy Comeau prepared the elaborate rose decorations for the cake at her own home. 8/26

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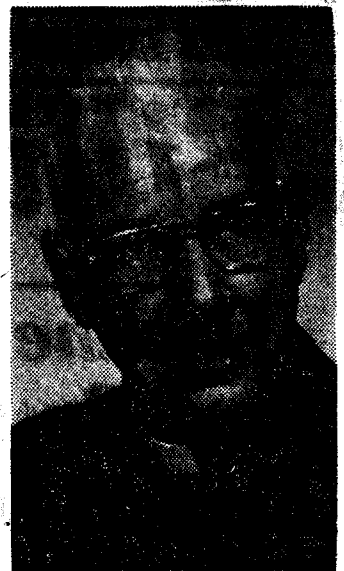
**Rev. Gilbert Lemieux
Holy Cross
Pastor Dies**

Rev. Gilbert N. Lemieux, 61, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Lewiston, died Sunday morning at Marcotte Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Born Sept. 27, 1915 at Winslow, he was the son of Paul N. and Grace Picard Lemieux.

After attending St. Francis de Sales School at Waterville, Fr. Lemieux prepared for the priesthood at the Petit et Grand Seminaires de Montreal, and was ordained June 7, 1941, by Archbishop Joseph Carboneau of Montreal. He celebrated his first Mass in St. Francis de Sales Church at Waterville on June 8, 1941.

Prior to succeeding Rt. Rev. Msgr. Felix Martin as pastor of



REV. GILBERT LEMIEUX

Holy Cross Church on Sept. 14, 1970, he served as assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist parish at Winslow, Notre Dame de Lourdes at Saco, and Notre Dame at Waterville. He was pastor in Kingman, Danforth, St. Leo's at Howland, and St. Ann's at Dexter. He also served as chaplain of Mount Merici Academy at Waterville.

He is survived by four sisters, Sister Mary Gilbert O.S.U. (Aurore), of Lewiston, Mrs. Jeanette Violette of Westbrook, Mrs. Joseph R. (Alma) Richard of Salem, Mass., and Theresa Lemieux of Clovis, Calif.; and two brothers, Raymond of Waterville and Raoul of Fairfield.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

As You See It . . .

To the citizens of Lewiston - YES! You are hearing about it again!! The famous "Sculpture."

You are well aware of the petition that was passed around to various locations in the Lewiston area by Louis-Philippe Gagne a local recording artist. He worked his -- off to get the people of Lewiston involved in trying to get the Sculpture removed from Public View and now that it's up to you yes YOU THE PEOPLE OF LEWISTON to go to the City Hall and voice your opinion and to try to get it

on a referendum ballot you seem to have lost your interest.

WHY is it that you people who showed so much interest (one way or another) while the petition was being circulated could care less now? Those of you who supported us during the demonstration at "Our Heritage Park" and those of you who could not stop but honked your horns in approval that rainy night WHERE ARE YOU ALL NOW?? If we don't get those needed 1000 signatures on the petition those of you who "could care less" and those of you who

don't want to get "involved" or don't want to sign the petition (for whatever the reason) should not complain about the Sculpture being in "Our Heritage Park."

To those of you who have showed interest and have signed the petition Louis-Philippe Gagne I'm sure would say "Thanks for not being afraid of getting involved and showing that you care about what goes on in our Great City."

L.G. Dubois
Lewiston

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Friends of Jesus Christ is supported financially by its members, most of whom live in the Farmington Falls area, and it accepts no outside donations. Many male members work for the group-owned Professional Painting Service in Farmington Falls.

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Wolfe, who had a Roman Catholic upbringing, says, "Lewiston is a dark city full of sin. There are a lot of French Catholics here, and we are going to evangelize them."

The group rejects all traditional religions, Wolfe says, because they maintain that sinners are allowed to enter heaven.

"You must rise above sin," he says. "You are either a saint or a sinner. Saints go to heaven and sinners go to hell. I, by the grace of God, am a saint."

Wolfe calls Rev. Billy Graham a "false prophet" and says the renowned evangelist "is not a true believer."

"I'm sure he is sincere," Wolfe says, "but he says you can sin and go to heaven. He preaches a religion of sin."

In "My Journey from Darkness to Light," an autobiographical account of his conversion to Christianity, Wolfe writes that he was once an agnostic who "delighted in dealing the death blow to the faltering faith of many." However, in cryptic prose, he adds that "one moonless

night" as he walked across an open field near the University of Colorado where he was a graduate student, a voice came "crashing through my thoughts" and said: "But suppose that you are wrong?"

After hearing the voice again, Wolfe writes, he gave himself to God and felt "a heavenly hand reach into my heart and left out that heavy load of sin and guilt that had weighted me down."

That was in 1964. Six years later Wolfe founded Friends of Jesus Christ in Farmington and began his evangelical campaign.

Wolfe proselytized former East Madison Pastor Richard Settles and his independent congregation. In 1972, he converted seven "semhippies" who were living in a Farmington commune.

The newest member of the group, converted in Boston over the weekend, was dressed in the customary austere black suit at a meeting in Lewiston Sunday night. Without smiling, he talked in soft tones to other group members.

The women at the meeting wore long, gray dresses that fully covered their legs. According to Wolfe, the women must always dress this way, while the men are allowed to wear work clothes when they paint.

"We were persuaded that God wants us to dress this way," Wolfe says. "And we do it for modesty's sake."

According to the Friends of Jesus Christ doctrine, colorful clothes and short dresses are expressions of self-idolatry and love of the world. All "true believers" must disdain the world, Wolfe says.

Wolfe decries what he calls the "lewd, fad-mad" world and says most women dress like "harlots."

"Don't love the world," he says. "The world is at enmity with God."

Although Wolfe calls all traditional religions false, he says they serve a function in society.

"Christian ethics have cleaned up civilization," he says. "But to serve God with your lips is not salvation. With their lips people serve God, but they live for the lusts of the flesh."

The only way one can become a "true believer," Wolfe says, is by way of a "direct confrontation" with God.

"You have to have the same kind of experience with God that I had," he says. "The Lord called me out. He said the truth is lost."

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Lewiston's Masonic Building "Definitely Can Be Saved"

A spokesman for the owner of the partially-gutted Masonic Building on Lisbon Street in Lewiston said Tuesday he has been assured by the Lewiston building inspector and the city's fire prevention bureau chief that the building is structurally sound and "definitely can be saved."

Gerard Paradis, representing Henry Sulcliffe Coe of San Jose, Calif., said he met with Building Inspector Charles Buteau and Chief Robert Dionne Tuesday afternoon and toured the 75-year-old building, which was partially destroyed by fire last

Saturday night. According to Paradis, the building is reparable, but whether or not the owner decides to do so will be determined at a later date.

Reading a prepared statement, Paradis said, "I have received word that the owner is not disposed to rebuild. Henry Van de Bogert (Coe's Bangor agent for whom Paradis works) has told me that we are now in the process of negotiating with the insurance underwriters on the extent of the loss. Consequently, no decision and or conclusion has been made."

Paradis declined to expound on the statement.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday between representatives of Coe and the insurance adjuster, Paradis said, which could determine the future of the present structure.

"We'll have to do something about it relatively soon," he added.

The owner could rebuild portions or all of the building, or he could demolish it and build on the same spot.

Paradis also said that no matter what the decision, the cur-

rent tenants will have to move to new locations.

"Most of the tenants," he said, "have found a new location, are in the process of finding a new location, or will be looking for a new location."

A local builder has secured the building so that unauthorized entrance cannot be gained, Paradis said, adding that the only "mini-hazard" left is a section of the eaves that is hanging from the top of the building.

"The building will remain barricaded until the section is removed or secured," he said.

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Commission Votes Parking Ban In Front of CMMC

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POLICE COMMISSION IN SESSION— Meeting at the City Building in Lewiston Monday night, the Lewiston Police Commission voted to ban parking in front of Central Maine Medical Center on Main Street. The recommendation was made to allow better traffic flow at the exits and prevent vehicle accidents caused by parked cars obstructing the vision of drivers. The vote requires the approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The commission

BY DENNIS BAILEY

Parking will be permanently eliminated in front of the Central Maine Medical Center on Main Street in Lewiston if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen accept a recommendation passed Monday night by the Police Commission.

The ban on parking in front of the hospital began July 20 on a temporary basis. Since then, Capt. Herve J. Gendreau of the Traffic Division studied the effect and found the ban improved traffic conditions. He reported to the Commission on Monday that his department has received no complaints since the ban was ordered.

The major problem with traffic at the hospital was vehicles coming out of the exit ramp onto Main Street. Ambulance drivers and motorists were unable to see approaching traffic due to the parked cars. Some accidents have taken place and police, along with hospital authorities, decided to take action to prevent the hazard from getting worse.

The parking ban will become permanent if the council agrees with the recommendation at its next meeting.

The ban in front of CMMC was one of three such actions taken Monday by the Commission. The board also agreed to recommend that parking be eliminated in front of 194 Middle St. Gendreau said the curbing has already been painted yellow

and a sign has been put in place. The ban will be for 30 days while Gendreau studies the situation further.

The Commission also recommended that parking on the west side of Oxford Street between Chestnut and Beech streets be eliminated. The original recommendation from Gendreau was to eliminate parking between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., but after studying the situation, the recommendation was changed to an round-the-clock ban.

In other matters Monday concerning the Traffic Division, the Commission voted to discuss at the next meeting the possibility of the Public Works Department handling street and sign painting in the city. The motion was made by Commissioner Nunzio J. Aliberti who said such matters are not police functions.

Although the Commissioners agreed to study the proposal, some members expressed reservations about the Public Works Department doing the work.

"We might not get the work we want done when we want it," said Commissioner Robert Couturier. "I'm not saying (Public Works) wouldn't try. I feel they are quite capable. On the other hand, we've got a Public Works Department which has its hands full."

also approved bids on uniforms and appointed Eugene N. Gurney to the Detective Division on a probationary basis. Seated clockwise from left are Deputy Chief Laurent E. Veilleux, Commissioners Nunzio J. Aliberti, Aime Morin, Chairman Sawyer Sylvester, Raymond Lombard, Robert Couturier, and Chief Lucien Longtin. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis) Aug. 23/77

Auburn Police transferred all road and traffic sign work to that city's Public Works Department some time ago. LPD Chief Lucien Longtin would not give an opinion on how he thought it is working in Auburn, but when asked if he would recommend doing the same in Lewiston, he said he would not.

The work, which includes painting center strips, curbing, crosswalks, and placement of traffic signs, is currently done by Gendreau and his department. Gendreau no longer does any actual painting, but serves as coordinator and supervisor of the operations. Aliberti maintained Gendreau's time could be better spent.

"It takes a great deal of his time to do this and I don't think

captain on the police force should be doing this kind of work," he said. "He should be spending more time in the schools working on traffic safety programs."

Aliberti asked that he be furnished with a breakdown of how Gendreau spends his time. The Commission agreed to have Gendreau appear before them at the next meeting to get some background on transferring the duties to the Public Works Department.

The discussion of the role of the Traffic Division came during a motion to review bids on traffic sign blanks. The board recommended that Vulcan Sign and Stamping Inc. be awarded the bid. The Alabama firm submitted a price of \$1,235 for the traffic sign blanks. They will be painted by members of the Traffic Division.

Following an executive session, the Commission voted to appoint Eugene N. Gurney to fill a vacancy in the Detective

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Division. Chief Longtin appointed Gurney as acting detective following several promotions last month within the department. The Commission voted Monday to have Gurney join the detective force on a probationary basis. His position will be reviewed by the commissioners on Nov. 1, at which time they may vote whether or not to appoint the detective on a permanent basis.

Gurney has been with the LPD since June 1, 1958. He has taken several criminal justice courses during his employment and resides with his wife in New Auburn.

The Commission also voted to send Det. Roger Plourde to Camp Curtis Guild for Firearms Instructors training in Wakefield, Mass., providing federal or state funds are available to pay for the trip. Plourde will furnish his own ammunition.

On a related matter, Chief Longtin told the Commission

that range practice for the police force is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 25. He plans to ask the Commission if the day watch could also get in some range practice. He said overtime expenses would have to be paid, however.

Longtin explained that traditionally only the night and morning watches are allowed range practice. But since this causes some members on the force to go two years without shooter's training, he asked that the day watch be included. Lawsuits have resulted in some cities, Longtin said, where the municipality did not furnish their officers with adequate training.

The Commission asked for more information on costs of overtime and ammunition before voting on the proposal. Commission Chairman Sawyer Sylvester said he agreed that officers should be given yearly practice, adding, "the thought of

officers going two years without practice frankly scares me."

The Commission also:

- recommended the awarding of a bid to Anderson Little of Lewiston for police dress clothing in the amount of \$3,432;

- agreed to solicit bids for regular and envelope-type traffic tags which would allow parking violators to send their fines through the mail rather than making a trip to the city building;

- voted to give Officer James Longley permanent status with the department;

- renewed constable appointments from Richard Fitzhebert and Joseph Clavet, and approved constable applications from Nancy L. Criner of Zayre's, and Daniel Fortin, Gary L. Webb, and Donald Everett Jr., from Elizabeth Ann Store.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be held Sept. 19.

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Androscoggin School Sets Wed. as Registration Date

A spokesman for The Androscoggin School said Monday the school's registration date is set for Wednesday.

"We would like to remind parents and students of this important day," said Denis Ledoux, co-director of TAS, Lewiston's fourth high school.

"Interest in TAS has been encouraging," noted Ledoux, who also pointed out that some students have availed themselves of the school's flexible scholarship aid program. "We are a community-based school and as such we are interested in having a broad spectrum of people represented in our student body. Our scholarship aid is geared to a variety of needs."

"Our staff will be on hand for registration and looks forward to meeting with students and parents," continued Ledoux.

The Androscoggin School is fully certified by the Department of Education and Cultural Services to grant a high school diploma. This gives TAS the right to accept tuition money from towns without high schools around the Lewiston-Auburn area, such as Durham.

Ledoux said that following registration will be a week of orientation beginning Sept. 12 with students and teachers will get acquainted away from the school environment. "Our students are creative and highly motivated and we want to provide them with a chance to express their views in a relaxed setting," Ledoux said. "We want to arrive at a real person-to-person appreciation of each other as people."

Although the official registration date is Wednesday, Ledoux said, "We plan to accept students beyond that day as well."

Anyone wishing to know more about the TAS program is urged to drop in at the school's Spruce and Bates streets location or to write or call: TAS, Box 844, Lewiston, 784-4217.

Martin Denies A Move To Oust Rep. Berube

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RICHARD J. CAREY



GEORGETTE B. BERUBE



JOHN L. MARTIN

By NANCY GRAPE

Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives John L. Martin of Eagle Lake told The Journal today he has no plans to remove Lewiston Democrat Rep. Georgette B. Berube from her post as chairman of the 108th Legislature's Performance Audit Committee.

Speaker Martin's comment is the latest development in the continuing political story which has unfolded since Rep. Berube, top Democratic vote getter in Lewiston's last four general elections, announced her support early this month for Republican Cong. William Cohen of Bangor in his race for the U.S. Senate against Democrat incumbent Sen. William D. Hathaway of Auburn.

In a telephone interview this afternoon from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, Martin confirmed that Democrat Rep. Richard J. Carey of Waterville, mayor of that city and the first announced Democratic candidate for governor in 1978, approached him about two weeks ago with a request that Rep. Berube be removed from the committee chairmanship, a position Carey made public yesterday.

He Was Approached

"It is true," Martin said, "that Rep. Carey did approach me verbally with that request. I have taken no action nor did I react to it at the time he talked with me about it."

Martin, under the rules governing the Maine legislature, has the sole power to appoint and remove committee chairmen.

"I gave him no indication either way," Martin said of his conversation with Carey, "and I told him I appreciated his views and his position on the matter."

"It's obvious," the Speaker observed, "that I did not pursue it because the first person, if I

had pursued it, that I would have discussed it with would have been Georgette."

In the wake of reports her removal might be sought, Rep. Berube said today, "I haven't heard from anyone except the news media."

"In the realm of politics," Martin acknowledged, "One has to expect any number of things. Things can change. But at this point, certainly, Georgette is still the chairperson of the Performance Audit Committee."

Would Discuss It

For her part, Rep. Berube said earlier today that if talk of her removal from the committee chairmanship "comes from the leadership, I'd certainly like to discuss it with them."

"If that's their decision," the Lewiston legislator continued, "I would discuss it with them, certainly. But I would not raise a fuss over it. If on the other hand, it doesn't come from the leadership, if it comes from where I think it comes from, I would not even respond."

"The decision," Rep. Berube said, "is entirely in John's hands."

Speaker Martin acknowledged today that there had been requests other than Carey's for Rep. Berube's removal from the legislative hierarchy represented in the committee chairmanships.

"None of the calls that I have received came from Lewiston-Auburn," Martin stated.

He Had Calls Too

Majority Leader Democrat Rep. James E. Tierney of Lisbon Falls also confirmed today that he has had similar calls.

"I've had numerous legislators call me and

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suggest it," Tierney told The Journal. "There've been legislators calling me from as far north as Aroostook and as far south as York County. I have patiently explained to them the same thing I explained to you, that once chairpersons have been appointed, the standard for removal is different than the standard for appointment."

"I know absolutely nothing of it," Tierney said of any effort to divest Rep. Berube of the Performance Audit position, "and I don't believe in operating that way."

"I would oppose taking her chairmanship away," the majority leader declared.

"I feel," he continued, "that we're all individuals. We all have our consciences, and if Georgette wants to support a Republican, it doesn't make me very happy — I disagree with the decision because I think Bill Hathaway has been an outstanding U.S. Senator, I think he deserves re-election, I think he's stood up admirably for the working men and women of Androscoggin County who he's always represented and I will be proud to work for Bill Hathaway's re-election — but Rep. Berube obviously feels differently and she obviously has her right to express those views."

Judge By Performance

Noting Rep. Berube was appointed to the Performance Audit chairmanship for the duration of the 108th Legislature which returns for a 50-day special session in January, Rep. Tierney stated, "Whether or not she continues in that job should be judged by how well she does that job. That should be the criteria as to whether or not she keeps her chairmanship, not issues extraneous to her performance in that position."

Speaker Martin agreed.

"Speaking as a legislator and as Speaker, the job that a person does as a chairperson is more important to me than who they eventually end up supporting in November," he declared. "I happen to believe her choice of



JAMES E. TIERNEY

whom she is going to support is a mistake from a personal point of view, but that has nothing to do with her capabilities as serving as chairman of a committee."

Questioned today, Rep. Berube was firm in saying she did not think Rep. Carey's public urgings for her removal from the committee chairmanship came from Democratic legislative leadership, and she made it clear she doesn't expect any such action from them "because I certainly think our leadership is above that."

Rep. Carey could not be reached for comment.

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Lewiston Finance Board Split over City Scale Architects

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BY JAMES KILEY

Contracts for three architectural studies of downtown Lewiston were approved Monday night but the city's Board of Finance was divided over its decision.

The three \$5,000 contracts were approved by the board for the City Scale project. Lewiston's Planning Board recommended the contracts be made with R.R. Berman Associates of Portland, and Project Design Consultants and Radcliffe G. Earle of Lewiston. The \$15,000 for these architects was made possible through a \$20,000 grant to the city from the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities.

The architectural firms were each given a designated downtown area by the Planning Board for their designs. However, the Planning Board on Sept. 19 approved the recommendation to hire these three firms with only a 3-1 vote.

Two others— Design Plus with architects Stephen J. Blatt and Peter B. Klejna of Lewiston, and John M. Ackerman of Durham— were interviewed that day by the Planning Board. Board member Stephen L. Griswold wanted the Design Plus group and Project Design Consultants to work in the City Scale project but had his motion voted down.

When the Finance Board reviewed the Planning Board's recommendations Monday night some more opposition to the choice of architects was made. Finance Board member Philip M. Isaacson was particularly displeased with the Planning Board's recommendations and spoke in private with Planning Department Director Gore Flynn during the meeting.

Isaacson said later in the meeting, "I am most disappointed in the choices made by the Planning Board and it's unlikely that they made the best choices. I am not pleased with the recommendations; I am displeased with them."

Isaacson said he wouldn't make a motion to approve the three contracts but "with reluctance" said he would vote for it. The Finance Board member is active in the effort to revitalize the city's downtown area and is serving as a committee chairman for Lewiston Tomorrow, Inc.

Because of these affiliations and the attempt to tie in the City Scale project with Lewiston

Tomorrow's development plan, Isaacson thought better of voting to reject the Planning Board architect recommendations.

He also didn't want to state which architects he thought should have been selected, so the recommended three wouldn't be slighted. He did, however, eventually decide to abstain from voting for the architects, anyway.

Finance Board member Carroll Minkowsky was concerned with why the Planning Board didn't have a unanimous vote, and said he agreed with some of Isaacson's comments. But he decided to make the motion to approve the three contracts.

However, when the vote was taken to approve the contracts it ended in a 1-1 tie with Phil Roy casting the dissenting vote and Isaacson abstaining. Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron, the board's chairman and ex-officiomember, broke the tie by voting for approval.

The three architectural firms will now produce specific ideas, sketches, and designs for their sections of the downtown area. These designs will include pedestrian-type additions such as trees, grass, and benches.

These designs are expected to be finished by the end of the year. Then the city hopes the downtown businessmen will take some of these ideas and turn them into actual projects which will improve the aesthetic condition of the downtown area.

One of the sections involved in the City Scale project is Main Street from the North Bridge to Sabattus Street. Lewiston's Radcliffe G. Earle will be designing the "pedestrian amenities" for this section.

Portland's R.R. Berman Associates will be designing the section of Lisbon, Canal, and Park streets between Main and Pine streets. Lewiston's Project Design Consultants has the Lisbon, Canal, Park streets area between Ash and Cedar streets.

The last two architectural firms will have one overlapping block, Lisbon Street between Ash and Pine streets. City officials, especially Planning Director Flynn, will be working with the architects over the next three months on these design projects and their potential benefits to Lewiston.

Beano Games Report Is Due

Lewiston's Franco-American Festival Committee will receive a report next month on the feasibility of running a weekly beano game to raise funds for festival activities. Festival coordinator Paul Pare told the group yesterday he estimates the games could bring in \$350 to \$400 per month.

But committee members decided to seek more information about the availability of equipment and facilities before committing themselves to the proposal.

In other matters, the board announced that the same members who made up the committee last year were reappointed to the 1978 staff. They are: Joseph Rundin Jr., Bertrand Dutil, and Alfred Plourde, treasurer, representing the City of Lewiston; William P. Tewhey, Frank Mitchell, and Howard Sacks, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Romeo Boisvert, Marie Badeau, and Donat Boisvert, l'Unite Franco-Americaine; Rita Roy, John Telow, Paul Belanger, and Lillian Caron, representing the public; and Paul Pare and Betty Merrill, staff.

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City Locals

"The Franco-American Presence in America" symposium will be held at Bates College next April 8 and 9 to analyse the contributions made by French people in America. The symposium will be sponsored by the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americaine, Bates College, the Huguenot Society of Maine, and the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy. *Sept 20/77*

Festival Group Considers Setting Up Beano Games

As a way to raise money, the Franco-American Festival Committee is studying the possibility of running a weekly beano game in Lewiston, although that is about as far as plans have progressed.

The committee members reported at their meeting Monday that a definite place to hold the games has not been found. The committee also has no equipment to run the game although several possibilities are being investigated. By state law, however, the committee cannot rent the equipment. It either must purchase the machine or have it donated.

Committee member Paul Pare said the committee netted \$720 at the beano game held during festival week in July. Pare predicted the group could make \$350 to \$400 per month operating the game.

William Tewhey, a committee member representing the Chamber of Commerce, expressed concern that the board was jumping into the game without first examining all the problems. He told the group that it would be better to postpone starting the game for a month rather than get into it without knowing the whole picture.

Tewhey also said he is against spending money the committee doesn't have. Committee Chairman Paul Belanger agreed with Tewhey's comments.

"If it doesn't work the first night, the people aren't going to come back," he said. "Everyone is anxious to get this going, but unless we do it right, we're going to have problems."

Pare said he has contacted various churches in Lewiston to find if the facilities would be available. A full report will be given to the committee next month.

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Some of the committee members will be traveling to Cumberland next week to talk to owners of amusement rides. The group wants to set up more carnival rides for children at next year's festival.

Looks Like Big Year For Edward Little French Club

By LIZ MORIN

The E.L.H.S. French Club met for the first time last week. The officers are Denise Turcotte, president; Brian Harris, vice president; Monique Bergeron, secretary-treasurer; and Amy Caron, historian.

The members include: Penny Beaulieu, Scott Boucher, Elise Caron, Sherry Dantino, Rachel DuBois, Judy Gowell, Pat Giguere, Marion Green, Terry Guerette, Jody Harris, Lynne Jensen,

Cindy Kozak, Louise Laroche, Sue Lessard.

Lynne Loudermilk, Lynn Michelsen, Liz Morin, John Morin, Donald Morlock, Pete Nadeau, Louise Ouellette, Lisa Provost, Sandy Patterson, Judi Rousseau, Becky Rowe, Cindy Spencer, Jennifer Swift, Joline Vallee, Diana Ward, Cindy Wheeler, Sue Wheeler, Kathy Whitaker, Nancy Wiles, and Debbie Wills.

The club has planned a food sale on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Promenade Mall from 10:30 to 11.

They are looking forward to a trip to Quebec in the spring.

Their meetings, held on every other Tuesday, include programs on French literature, culture, travel and food, as well as an occasional speaker.

The advisor, Jean Gastonguay, is presently in France for a four-week trip. Upon his return, the "Cercle Francais" should be treated to some first-hand knowledge on what the country that they're so interested in is really like!

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Advising Franco-American Symposium

Raoul L. Pinette, president of the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain, has announced that Professor Richard Williamson of Bates College is the personal representative of Bates President Thomas Hedley Reynolds on the advisory board of the symposium "The Franco-American Presence in America."

Pinette, symposium coordinator, declared that the quality of the symposium is greatly enhanced by the full cooperation of Bates College in talent and facilities.

The symposium will be partly historical partly analytical, and partly prospective with invited speakers. Interested undergraduate and graduate students are invited to examine the contributions of the French, French-Canadians, and Franco-Americans to America in areas such as art, science, literature, philosophy, law, and religion through projects that will be reported at the symposium.

Williamson is in charge of the distribution of student projects their assessment and the



PROF. RICHARD WILLIAMSON

coordination of the student session of the symposium. A cum laude graduate in 1962 from Westminster School at Simsbury, Conn., Williamson received his bachelor of arts degree in 1966 from Yale College. He was awarded his MAT in 1967 from Yale

University and in 1975 received his Ph.D. from Indiana University, where he was judged the most outstanding associate instructor.

He taught French at West Junior High School in Walpole, Mass., and was teacher of French and chairman of the Foreign Language Department at Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in Massachusetts.

From 1970 to 1974 he was associate instructor at Indiana University and has been at Bates College since 1975 as assistant professor of French. Since 1976 he has been director of the Junior Year Abroad program at the college.

Williamson is the author of an article on pedagogy and will deliver a paper on the French-Canadian novel at the annual MLA convention in Chicago. He is a member of AATF, ACTFL, MLA, and the Maine Council on Canadian-American Studies.

Recently elected to the Auburn School Committee, Williamson lives in North Auburn with his wife and three children.

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Bates College: a Boost to Economy, a Bit of Culture

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BY KENTEWING

When she was in grammar school over 30 years ago, Lewiston Mayor Lillian Caron remembers, her relatives would complain about the Bates College students who filed in and out of Lewiston-Auburn each year, rarely condescending to speak to the "townees."

The term "townee" — almost invariably misspelled "townie" on the Bates campus — is still widely used by Bates students when they refer to Lewiston-Auburn residents. But students and administrators say that over years the word has lost its somewhat disparaging ring and is now used only in fun.

Roger Desjardins of Lewiston, one of 35 students at Bates this year who are from the Twin Cities, says "townee" has become a harmless campus word which is used occasionally to kid Lewiston-Auburn students about their roots.

"Sure they call us 'townees,'" the 20-year-old biology major says, "but they just call us that to poke fun. They're surprised when we tell them we're from Lewiston."

Another Twin City Bates student, Daniel Lacasse of Lewiston, doesn't take the term as lightly. The 20-year-old government major complains that when there is a "disturbance" or theft on campus the "townees" get the blame.

"There is always a suspicion that the 'townees' did it," Lacasse says. "A lot of Bates students have a pretty poor perception of the people of this town. They think we are backward."

"But their arrogance isn't justified," he continues, "because they haven't taken time to meet anybody."

Last year, Lacasse's ire was so aroused by the wide use of "townee" on campus that he wrote a harsh letter to the student newspaper in which he asked Bates students to stop caricaturing Lewiston-Auburn residents as "slovenly" and "stupid." The letter was co-signed by four other Twin City Bates students.

"I wrote that letter because I was tired of the way we were being treated," Lacasse says sharply.

In whatever light Lewiston-Auburn residents see Bates students, few will deny that the college itself is one of the Twin Cities' financial gems.

Bates Vice President of Business Bernard Carpenter claims the college pumped nearly \$9 million into Lewiston-Auburn's economy last year. This amount changed hands frequently enough to create a cash flow to Lewiston-Auburn business of \$31 million, he says.

"Bates has been a stable employer for 100-plus years," Carpenter says. "We have about 390 employees this year. We like to be low-key and not go around blowing our horn, but we make a big contribution (to Lewiston-Auburn's economy)."

Last year, Bates had an operating budget of \$8,600,000, according to Carpenter, 90 per cent of which was spent in the Lewiston-Auburn area. In addition, the college spent \$645,000 on building construction and renovation, he says, and all of the materials were bought in this area.



Bates College Scene: Cultural and Lucrative for Lewiston

Bates Dean of Admissions Ralph Davis says the college admits 8 to 10 Lewiston-Auburn students a year and that admissions standards are "more lenient" for Twin City students.

"We're proud of our Lewiston-Auburn kids," Davis says. "The local students can live at home and thus there is no problem finding dormitory space for them, so selec-

tivity is not as keen. Of course, they're still qualified."

Culturally, many Bates students think Lewiston-Auburn has little to offer and depend largely on the college to provide them with entertainment.

"Lewiston-Auburn isn't much of a cultural center," says Susan Peillet, a 20-year-old English literature major who lives in

Lewiston, "and a lot of the kids complain about it."

In response, the college shows movies and its Winter Theater produces plays which are acted by students.

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"We like to be low-key and not go around blowing our horn, but Bates makes a big contribution to Lewiston-Auburn's economy."

Carpenter claims that parents of Bates students and prospective students spent at least another \$370,000 (\$25 a trip) in the Twin Cities. He is assuming, however, that most parents bring students to the college at the beginning of each semester and that they pick them up when each semester ends. He also assumes that visiting parents stay in Lewiston-Auburn at least one day and that most parents attend Bates' annual Parents' Week in October.

In the last 10 years, Carpenter estimates, Bates has injected \$52,800,000 into Lewiston-Auburn's economy, not including the \$250 a year he says is the minimal amount any Bates student could spend on pleasure and entertainment while he or she is here. There are 1,358 students at Bates this year.

Hanson Ray, president of Androscoggin Bank, says he sees no reason to doubt Carpenter's figures. And Northeast Bank President Thomas Crowley calls Bates a great asset to Lewiston-Auburn, saying its impact on the Twin City economy is "quite significant."

Bates is also a friend to Lewiston-Auburn real estate agents, who say the college's presence near Mount David pushes up property values in the area.

Real estate values in residential areas just north of Bates are three to five percent higher than they are for comparable property in most of Lewiston, according to Bertrand Marcotte, owner of Marcotte Realty.

"Bates has a good influence on the value of property in that area," Marcotte says. "There is a greater demand for property because the college is there."

"The college is definitely good for the market," adds Dominique Bilodeau, a Lewiston real estate agent. "It keeps the prices up there."

Its financial contributions aside, Bates officials also like to talk about what the college does for Lewiston-Auburn high school students — relaxing admissions standards somewhat — and about the less tangible "cultural contribution" it makes to the Twin Cities.

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Three years ago, however, at the suggestion of English Department Chairman James Hepburn and then acting chairman of the Drama Department, David Sumner, Bates recruited professional actors and actresses and started a Summer Theater for the benefit of Lewiston-Auburn.

Attendance was slight during the theater's first year, but it has increased substantially in each subsequent year, although theater manager Garvey MacLean says Bates hasn't made any money on the venture.

"We haven't made any money on the theatre," MacLean says. "I don't know if the theatre will ever make money."

The theater drew 6,200 persons last summer, MacLean says, a 1,030 jump over 1976 and 4,230 jump over 1975. But he says the theater still only filled an average of 58 percent of its seats at each performance.

"Whether the theater sinks or survives depends on the ability of the community to get behind it," he says.

The theater put on three plays last summer, in addition to "Pinocchio," a special production for children in which Lewiston-Auburn youngsters were allowed to participate and which MacLean says was by far the most popular show of the summer.

MacLean, who is also college chaplain, says Bates doesn't like to project the image of a "high and mighty" institution dishing out dollops of culture to Lewiston-Auburn. But he says, "The city would be barren in the summer without the theatre. The people have got to get behind it."

Theater isn't the only entertainment Bates gives to Lewiston-Auburn. In 1977-78, the college has lined up nine concerts, featuring music from classical to jazz, and admission is free to the public. Pilobolus, a modern dance troupe, performed at Bates' Schaeffer Theater Wednesday night. The show included gymnastics, acrobatics, and applied theories of leverage, as well as contemporary dance.

"Bates is a great asset to Lewiston," says Mayor Caron. "We're getting more from Bates than we know of."

But Mayor Caron says she may ask the college for still more. She is considering asking Bates, which is by state law exempt from paying property taxes because it is an educational institution, to make a voluntary contribution to Lewiston's tax base.

"I have talked with the city controller about this," she says. "It would be helpful if Bates

could make a small contribution. Of course, they would have to agree."

Vice President of Business Carpenter bristles at the mayor's suggestion. He says the college pays property taxes on 20 of the 66 buildings it owns.

"The college pays taxes on all buildings not used directly for academic purposes," Carpenter says. "I don't think it would be fair to zap us just because we're a large institution. We make a lot of contributions to the city that we don't talk about."

For instance, Carpenter says, the college shares with Lewiston's Public Works Department the cost of sidewalk and street repairs which "benefit Bates." "We've been trying to get a street light out here for years," he says, "and we'd share the cost."

The mayor agrees that Bates maintains a "cordial" relationship with the city, but says: "Considering how economically disadvantaged we are, I think it would be helpful if Bates could make a small contribution to the tax base. They don't have to."

Keeping up a cordial, give-and-take relationship with Lewiston has been one of the secrets to Bates' success, according to Carpenter. "You can't be arrogant and get away with it," he says. "We (the United States) had a president who tried to do that and look what happened to him."

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But when Bates tried to get Mount David, a popular recreational area, included in the 96-acre Institutional Zone the city granted it last year, many Lewiston-Auburn citizens and public officials thought the college was overstepping.

In changing the area from a Residential to an Institutional Zone, Lewiston's Planning Board gave Bates the right to build freely within the zone as long as the buildings were used for academic purposes. Previously, the college had to get permission from the city before building.

Following protests by residents in the Mount David area, the Planning Board refused Bates' request to have Mount David included in the zone.

"That was one time they (Bates) got a little arrogant," Mayor Caron says.

Carpenter, however, doesn't think the college's request was unreasonable and is still a little miffed over the Planning Board's refusal.

"I'm not bitter about it," he says, frowning. "But the college has been here for over 100 years. It owns that property. The residents probably moved here because of the college. So, it amuses me when they talk about the residents."

Sister Bonenfant Named Sabattus School Principal

SABATTUS — Sister Celine Bonenfant, op, former staff member at St. Peter's School, Lewiston, will succeed Sister Gratiennne Verville, op, as

principal of Our Lady of the Rosary School, according to an announcement made by Father Marcel Chouinard, spiritual advisor.

The parochial school opens sept 7 and will follow the same schedule as the Sabattus Elementary School. Legal holidays will include Sept. 5, Labor Day; Oct. 10, Columbus Day; Nov. 11, Veterans' Day; Nov. 24 and 25, Thanksgiving recess; and the annual Christmas vacation will be held Dec. 23 through Jan. 2.

The winter vacation will be Feb. 20 through 24 and the spring recess is slated for April 17 through 21. Schools in District 130 will close on May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. The final date for the June closing depends on the number of student days accumulated in the 39-week school year.

Sister Celine has been hired as a fulltime principal and other

members of the school's teaching staff will include Sister Gratiennne, op, Sister Pierre du Rosaire, Sister Marie Medatrix, Sister Marie Jude, Sister Rose Catherine, and Michael Blais, the first male teacher in the school's history.

A nursery program is also a part of the curriculum with Mrs. Yvette Donnell, teacher.

Children transferring from

another school or entering the kindergarten or nursery for the first time should register as soon as possible with Sister Bonenfant at the Dominican Convent.

The school board is planning a general meeting of all parents to be held early in the month to discuss with school personnel newly-established policies, tuition costs and the curriculum being offered.

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this year. In India she undertook advanced studies and taught at Fatima College. For the past seven years she has served as Provincial Superior of the Indian Province.

She is a sister of Mrs. Marguerite Wright of Orchard Circle, Lewiston.

Sister Levasseur is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odilon Levasseur of 17 Howard Street, Lewiston. She received her early education at St. Peter's school and St. Dominic Region High School, holds a master's degree in education from College of St. Rose, Albany, N.Y. and in 1974 was graduated from the Divine Word International Center for Religious Education in London, Ontario.

She has attended numerous workshops at Boston, Connecticut, Washington, and St. Louis, Mo. and has worked with the Sister Formation, Religious Life and Leadership programs and attended the last three general chapter sessions of the Congregation held since 1969 in France, Switzerland and this year's in Mexico.

A former teacher at Holy Family School, Lewiston she later served as superior principal, was a parttime religious education consultant and for the past three years was a member of the Parish Team.

She is a former directness of Formation for Maine Province of Sisters of St. Joseph and was a teacher and principal at St. John School, Winslow.

Lew. Religious Superior Gen. Of Sisters of St. Joseph

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A Lewiston native, Sister Yvonne Marie Roux, has been named Superior General of the

Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph de Lyon, the first American to hold such an administrative position in the order for more than 300 years.

Another Lewiston native Sr. Laurette Levasseur will serve as first assistant general.

They will serve as the Mother House at Lyon, France for four years and will be eligible for reelection.

Both religious have served at Holy Family parish in this city and the new Superior is a graduate of Holy Family School, St. Joseph's Academy at South Berwick. She entered the Congregation in 1943 and served as a missionary in India since 1948, returning to this country

Name Plourde President Of Development Corp.

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Alfred Plourde Jr., 106 Webster St., for 19 years the treasurer of the City of Lewiston, was elected president of the Lewiston Development Corporation at the annual meeting held at Lewiston City Building.

Other officers chosen are Stanley Bixby, vice president; Joseph Poliquin, treasurer; Norm Bilodeau, assistant treasurer; and Bruce Turmenne, secretary.

The directors starting four-year terms are David Grondin of the L and A. Jaycees, Louis Malo of Les Vigilants, and Bert Marcotte of the Lewiston and

Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce.

The new president is a member of the Lewiston Downtown Parking Feasibility Study Committee, treasurer of the Franco-American Festival Committee, and state chairman of the Municipal Finance Officers Association. One of the things interesting the Lewiston Development Corporation now is the new 88-acre expansion of Lewiston Industrial Park which the corporation is seeking to fill with new businesses, and in the meantime the LDC is supporting Lewiston Tomorrow Inc., the effort to revitalize the downtown section of the city. The LDC has made a three-year \$9,000 pledge to this effort.



GAGNON HONORED — Bertrand Gagnon was honored recently at the St. Dominic Regional High School PTFA meeting.

Brother Roger Lemoyne, S.C., Principal, presented him with a plaque with the inscription "We sincerely appreciate and are grateful for your dedication, time and effort in the on-going development of St. Dom's. 1967-1977".

Gagnon resigned recently, after having served as Chairman of the Area Board governing St. Dom's, for ten years. He was instrumental in organizing the Board as it is today. Members are appointed from the nine area Parishes, and these local Parishes support the school. (Staff Photo By Simokaitis.)

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A SALE IN THE FUTURE?—The 75-year-old Masonic Building can be expected to be put up for sale sometime in the future, according to a spokesman for the building's owner. Henry Van de Bogart, a representative of the owner, said

that there are no plans to rebuild or demolish the well-known structure. The open roof of the building can be seen through the fourth-floor windows. The building was partially destroyed by fire on Sept. 24. (Staff Photo by Wardwell)

Agent Expects Building Owner Will Sell Old Masonic Hall

BY JOHN DIAMOND

A spokesman for the owner of partially-destroyed Masonic Building said Thursday night that the owner "most likely" will sell the building in its present state rather than rebuild or demolish the 75-year-old landmark.

Henry Van de Bogart said in a telephone interview from Bangor that the owner, Henry Sulcliffe Coe of San Jose, Calif., no longer wishes to control the property.

"Most of his business interests are in Bangor, not Lewiston," Van de Bogart said. "For that reason, from an economic standpoint, he doesn't know if it would make much sense to put more money into the building. I think he'd prefer to keep his interests here (in Bangor)."

Van de Bogart is Coe's business agent for the Masonic Building.

Both Lewiston's Building Inspector and Fire Prevention Bureau Chief have said that the building is structurally sound, and can be rebuilt. Although the top two floors of the building were completely gutted by the Sept. 24 fire, the brick walls and steel supports have been declared sturdy.

Van de Bogart stated that a decision on the building's future won't be made until value estimates are determined by the insurance adjusters. But he added that he is sure Coe will decide to "dispose" of the property through a sale, rather than rebuild or destroy the structure.

"If we can work it out," he said, "the owner will sell the building 'as is.' He knows that there are groups interested in preserving the building for historical reasons and such, so

he'll get rid of the property itself and not rebuild. There are a lot of people in (Lewiston) that would like to see that building remain."

When asked why the owner no longer wishes to keep the building even though it can be rebuilt, Van de Bogart said that Coe's personal feelings toward the building have changed in the past few years.

"The owner's great uncle built the building for the Masonic Order (in 1902)," Van de Bogart said, "and ever since they built another building and moved out a few years ago, he doesn't have the same interest in it."

Van de Bogart said it would be several weeks before a decision is made on what will be done with the building.

The vice president of Lewiston Tomorrow, Inc., a group of area citizens concerned with preserving and redeveloping the downtown section of the city, said it was "awful nice to hear" that the present owner isn't planning to destroy the Lisbon Street building.

"It still is a thing of beauty, even if it is not a new building," said Morris Silverman. "It has charm and character that a new building can't have."

Silverman said the future of the Masonic Building was discussed at a Wednesday night meeting of Lewiston Tomorrow, and concern for the preservation of it was expressed. He added that he had been "hoping and praying" that the structure could be saved.

Discussing the possibility of the building being demolished by a new owner, Silverman said, "No matter what would be built on that site, it would not match the beauty of that old building."



BOYS CLUB STARTED—Construction workers from Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute (CMVTI) have begun working on remodeling the basement of the old St. Dominic's Regional High School on Bartlett Street into the Lewiston-Auburn Boys Club. State Rep. Laurier Biron, president of the Boys Club, said this area will

be converted into an arts and crafts room, an all-purpose room, locker room, library, office, and lounge. The three workers are, left to right, Cheryl Caret, Lou Auger, and Tim Fecteau. In foreground with plans are Clayton Blake (left) and Rep. Biron. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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Lewiston Tomorrow Gets Grant

A \$14,938 grant from the Maine Council on Humanities and Public Policy has been made to Lewiston Tomorrow, Inc. to support the group's planning efforts during the next three months. Maine Commissioner of Human Services David Smith told the organization's members and supporters last night.

Lewiston Tomorrow Executive Director Nathaniel Bowditch said the grant will help cover the cost of hiring consultants. Combined with a \$10,000 EDA grant previously authorized by Gov. James Longley, three federally-funded CETA positions, and some \$71,500 in private contributions raised over the past three months, he said, the new grant helps to stabilize the group's financial status. But private fundraising will continue, he added.

Lewiston Tomorrow members and supporters viewed slide shows presented by Auburn architect Gridley Barrows, by the Maine Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and by Earle Shettieworth, executive director of the Maine State Historical Committee.

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Roots

Maine Sunday Telegram, October 2, 1977

Parish Records Reveal Franco-American Lineage

By YVONNE BEAUDRY

Tracing family roots can be a fascinating, gratifying, self-fulfilling pastime. But for many Americans, it also can be an expensive, difficult, often frustrating occupation.

Not so for one sector of the population — the numerous children of French-Canadian immigrants, of whom more than two million came to New England and New York State in the last quarter of the 19th century.

These so-called "Franco-Americans," together with the six million French Canadians living in Quebec and other Canadian provinces, descend from the 60,000 Gauls who occupied New France when it was ceded to England in 1763. All, owing to a French 16th century decree making it necessary to register vital statistics, belong to the only race known to have a record of its births, marriages and deaths since 1621. (Some parish records date back to 1610.)

FOR EXAMPLE, the birth of Eustache Martin, son of Abraham Martin, whose farm was called the "Plains of Abraham" and scene of the French defeat by the English, was recorded at Notre-Dame de Quebec in 1621.

Thanks to this dependable Canadian registry, the ancestry of the humblest Franco-American — or his counterpart across the border — can easily be traced to 16th and 17th century France. Some descendants of ancient noble families (more persons of noble birth emigrated to Canada than any other part of North America, according to l'Abbe' Cyprien Tanguay and other noted genealogists) have rights to coats of arms dating back to the Crusades.

The Franco-American who wishes to know his lineal or direct ancestry in Canada can obtain this record free of charge from the Quebec Government. (So can Acadians whose ancestors emigrated to Quebec after the 1755 exodus from Nova Scotia.)

Simply send in the names of your parents and grandparents (also great-grandparents if you

are quite young), where and when they were born in the Province of Quebec, and anything else you know about them such as place and date of marriage, residence, burial, too: Archives Nationales, Section de genealogie et d'heraldique, 1er etage 1180, rue Berthelot, Quebec, Canada.

(If you don't already possess this data, look up family records, including prayer books, documents, letters, scrapbooks; also ask your relatives for information. Consult parish and courthouse records in the U.S. county where your family lived. The latter contain wills, deeds and other documents that may prove valuable to you.)

IF, HOWEVER, you want a detailed family tree quickly and reliably prepared for you (and that can fill a big book!) at a price, write to: Gabriel Drouin, Institut Genealogique, 41-84 rue St. Denis, Montreal, Canada.

Should you prefer a less expensive, more leisurely avenue to such information, join the non-profit American-Canadian Genealogical Society of New Hampshire at a yearly fee of \$5.00. The aim of the Society, which is located in Goffstown, N.H., "is to encourage member participation in active research for genealogical information in the United States" for the mutual benefit of the members. Its activities include the use and stocking of a library and card file of vital data; two meetings each year with speakers and conferences; supervised workshops for amateur genealogists; publication of a biennial news bulletin and of a scholarly journal of research, findings, and functions of the Society.

Applications for membership may be sent to the Treasurer of the Society: Edgar E. Geofrion, 138 Kimball Street, Manchester, N.H.

IF YOU DECIDE to research independently in Quebec, a wealth of materials awaits your investigations.

Or, you can consult and perhaps become a

member of the Societe Genealogique Canadienne-Francaise of Montreal.

On this side of the border, visit the libraries of Canadian Consulates in large cities like New York and Boston, and delve into reference works, including the Dictionary of Canadian Biography.

RECENTLY, AT Quebec Government House in New York City, I looked up one of my forebears, the aforementioned Abraham Martin, in the Dictionary. Not only did I learn why his farm was called the Plains of Abraham in his own time, but among other colorful facts, that he was known as "King's pilot" and first cartographer of the St. Lawrence River.

Since I was spending the entire summer in Paris, I took the time to look him up at the Archives. There, no one could tell me where Abraham came from. But one of the librarians kindly informed me that a Canadian professor having the same name as mine, was doing historical research for the Canadian Government.

Intrigued, I phoned the professor, Rene Baudry (without an "e"), and invited him to tea. During our conversation, we discovered that we had a common ancestor, Toussaint Baudry, who came to Montreal in 1664, lived in the hospital of the pious Jeanne Mance (the Hotel-Dieu), and was given a grant of land by Sieur de Maisonneuve (Montreal's founder).

Thereafter, my "25th cousin," as I called the professor, supplied me with fascinating material from his historical writings. I learned, for one thing, that Samuel de Champlain's young wife, Helene Boule (31 years his junior), who lived in Quebec from 1620 to 1624, dazzled the Indians with her fine clothes and belt mirror, and socialized with Abraham's wife and the only two other European women living in Canada at the time.

CITIES OF STATUE STATURE

Lewiston, Auburn First And Second

With the flurry of attention surrounding the Therrien sculpture in Lewiston's newest park, it is interesting to note that the city actually erected the first public statue in the state in 1868. Nine years later — 100 years ago next week — the city of Auburn erected Maine's second public statue. Both were the work of a Lewiston man who went on to become honored for his artwork throughout the world.

The First, in Lewiston

The sculptor was Franklin Simmons, and Maine's first public statue, the Soldier's monument next to the bandstand in Kennedy Park, was unveiled on Feb. 28, 1868. The bronze figure of a civil war soldier cost \$4,893, according to Lizotte Leveille of the Lewiston Historic Commission.

On October 11, 1877, officials from both cities gathered at Edward Little Park in Auburn for ceremonies on the placement of the bronze figure of Edward Little. The distinction of the Twin Cities having the only two such works in the state prompted The Journal to print this editorial on that day:

"It is a curious fact that there are now but two public statues in Maine, and that these are in Lewiston and Auburn, and both, the work of that distinguished Maine sculptor who spent his youth and early manhood in our midst and who has gone forth to win laurels in two hemispheres and thus to add lustre to his native city and state. Lewiston and Auburn have done themselves honor in erecting on their public parks these works in bronze, perpetual educators of good taste and witnesses of the power of the sculptor whom they have sent forth.

Portland, Bangor

It is a singular fact that neither Portland or Bangor, cities of wealth, culture and refinement, with numerous and distinguished themes for such honor, have as yet erected a public statue. Portland and Bangor have been the birthplace and home of many men of famous letter, in art, in jurisprudence and in politics, and yet up to this hour the squares and public parks of these cities are without statues to celebrate these names."

According to the press in that day, Simmons was held in high esteem by art critics in Rome and Munich (where the Little statue was cast). Simmons also erected the Roger Williams Monument in Providence, R.I., and the statue of Gov. King, Maine's first Governor, in the Capitol Gallery in Washington, D.C., to name two.

The Journal concluded:

"Thus erecting the Edward Little statue to-day, Auburn honors itself, its philanthropist founder and our Maine sculptor." — **By TUX TURKEL.**

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Report Cites Maine for Neglect of Franco-Americans and Indians

BY KENT EWING

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The report, which also says the "long-neglected" housing and educational needs of Maine Indians must be addressed by the state, is one of 51 submitted to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by the commission's state advisory committees. It comes on the 20th anniversary of America's first civil rights law enacted this century.

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The report adds, however, that it is difficult to identify Franco-Americans and their problems because "Franco-Americans do not wish to be considered a minority group" in the sense that blacks and Indians are, and because socioeconomic data on them are inadequate.

"Nonetheless," the report says, "there is evidence that Franco-Americans do not share equally in educational and economic benefits."

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It further recommends that employers include Franco-Americans in analyses of their affirmative action programs and that, when necessary, they set "specific goals and timetables" for increasing the number of Franco-American employees. But the report stops short of asking that employers be required by law to include Franco-Americans in affirmative action reports.

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The advisory committee also conducted a survey on cultural and linguistic services offered to Franco-Americans by universities and colleges. And the report says additional surveys are currently being conducted by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and other Federal agencies to "confirm the need for expanded bilingual programs."

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The report calls both the BIA and IHS budgets "limited" and says the bulk of their services go to Indians who live on reservations in the southwestern and western parts of the state.

But at least half the state's Indian population does not live on reservations, the report says. It adds that most "off-reservation" Indians in Maine are members of the Micmac and Maliseet tribes, which are ineligible for BIA and IHS services because their reservations are located in Canada.

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The report also says that claims by the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians to 60 percent of the land in Maine "have exacerbated long-standing mistrust, animosity and misunderstanding between Indian and non-Indian residents of the state."

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GUEST SPEAKER — Rep. Georgette Berube will be special speaker at the monthly meeting of the Lewiston Senior Citizens of St. Mary's Center at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the parish hall.

Mrs. Berube's topic will be "Benefits for Elderly in Maine." October birthdays will be celebrated and refreshments will be served.

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Folk Group Will Be Performing For Survivance

The first meeting of the season for La Survivance Francaise will be held at Cordia Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13.

"Les Vives La Joie," a folk group, will present the program for the evening. Members of the group are Mrs. Rejane Lemay, Mrs. Lucy Guerette, Mrs. Emma Pelletier, Mrs. Jeannette Rivard, and Mrs. Gisele Pare. Accompanist is Mrs. Madeleine Landry.

Light refreshments served by Mrs. Carmen Provost, will be served following the meeting and program.

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LES MARCHANDES DE BONHEUR will open a new season of meetings Tuesday when Sr. Yvette Trudel, administrator of the Marcotte Nursing Home, will address the group in the auditorium at the Home at 7:30 o'clock.

The organization which has a membership including both men and women, will, this season, observe its 50th anniversary as a supportive auxiliary with programs designed to enrich and add pleasure to the lives of the Home's residents.

French Class Registration Is Oct. 18

Registration for Adult French Classes will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m. at the Dingley School, Lewiston.

The two-hour classes are restricted to fluent speakers of French. The time and place for the classes has not yet been confirmed, but they will be held either at the Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street, or the

Lewiston, Auburn First And Second

With the flurry of attention surrounding the Therrien sculpture in Lewiston's newest park, it is interesting to note that the city actually erected the first public statue in the state in 1868. Nine years later — 100 years ago next week — the city of Auburn erected Maine's second public statue. Both were the work of a Lewiston man who went on to become honored for his artwork throughout the world.

The First, in Lewiston

The sculptor was Franklin Simmons, and Maine's first public statue, the Soldier's monument next to the bandstand in Kennedy Park, was unveiled on Feb. 28, 1868. The bronze figure of a civil war soldier cost \$4,893, according to Lizotte Leveille of the Lewiston Historic Commission.

On October 11, 1877, officials from both cities gathered at Edward Little Park in Auburn for ceremonies on the placement of the bronze figure of Edward Little. The distinction of the Twin Cities having the only two such works in the state prompted The Journal to print this editorial on that day:

"It is a curious fact that there are now but two public statues in Maine, and that these are in Lewiston and Auburn, and both, the work of that distinguished Maine sculptor who spent his youth and early manhood in our midst and who has gone forth to win laurels in two hemispheres and thus to add lustre to his native city and state. Lewiston and Auburn have done themselves honor in erecting on their public parks these works in bronze, perpetual educators of good taste and witnesses of the power of the sculptor whom they have sent forth.

Portland, Bangor

It is a singular fact that neither Portland or Bangor, cities of wealth, culture and refinement, with numerous and distinguished themes for such honor, have as yet erected a public statue. Portland and Bangor have been the birthplace and home of many men of famous letter, in art, in jurisprudence and in politics, and yet up to this hour the squares and public parks of these cities are without statues to celebrate these names."

According to the press in that day, Simmons was held in high esteem by art critics in Rome and Munich (where the Little statue was cast). Simmons also erected the Roger Williams Monument in Providence, R.I., and the statue of Gov. King, Maine's first Governor, in the Capitol Gallery in Washington, D.C., to name two.

The Journal concluded:

"Thus erecting the Edward Little statue to-day, Auburn honors itself, its philanthropist founder and our Maine sculptor." — By

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Dingley Building, according to a program spokesperson.

A French Literature class is slated to begin at the Multi-Purpose Center Friday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m.

Also, two language sessions for children are planned, beginning Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For more information, one may call Helene Murphy, at 783-7730.

In Maine, It Was Thus Hundred Years Ago

(What was it like in Maine and the nation a century ago? Each week, the Journal Magazine will include a collection of items taken from the Lewiston Evening Journal of one hundred years ago.)

Twenty-four buttons on each glove will exhaust the patience of any woman.

Auburn city council voted last night to invite the Lewiston city council to unite in Thursday's inaugural exercise. The council requests that all places of business be closed on Thursday for 10 to 12 noon, during the inaugural services.

Ten thousand letters a week, in and out, is the average sum-total of the letter business at Auburn Post Office.

Peanuts going out, chestnuts coming in.

E.L.

When five and forty years ago Edward Little stood on the hill then overlooking Little Androscoggin Falls and decided there to plant an Academy, he little fancied that in a few decades the bricks of that Academy would be picked up by relic hunters as souvenirs of academic life, and that a larger, grander structure would rise in its ruins, municipally dedicated to the higher education for which he contended.

Still less did he fancy that on that site of the structure which he was to rear, the generations

to come would plant a public statue in bronze, commemorating his far-seeing wisdom and his philanthropic spirit. Evidently, it is the man who works without thought of a public statue who wins it.

Youth who shall hereafter attend the Edward Little High School, will read in Greek and Latin text books of cities which were little but great depositories of art. Hundreds of public statues have been exhumed from ancient Rome and Athens and are now the most precious legacies of the ancient to the modern world. It will be well to

have a little sculpture on Edward Little Park as an educator and a sample of the tributes paid to publicists and philanthropists, two thousand years ago, by the greatest nations of antiquity whose words as well as whose arts we now dig up and teach our school boys.

Statues of Limitations

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are now but two public statues in Maine, and that these are in Lewiston and Auburn, and both, the work of the distinguished Maine sculptor (Simmons) who spent his youth and early manhood in our midst and who has gone forth to win laurels in two hemispheres and thus to add lustre to his native city and state. Lewiston and Auburn

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Our Nezinscot correspondent writes: It is not a very common sight to see roses in bloom in this latitude in October, but such a sight was to be seen in the front yard of J.B. Walker of Turner Center, Oct. 5. Three as beautiful blooms as ne could wish to see...First frost on the night of Oct 5.

Needless to Say...

One of our advertisers who has tried all sorts of advertising dodges, come back this afternoon and left his order with the Journal saying, "Well, after all, there's more money in advertising in the most widely read paper in Maine than in any other avenue that I have tried." That's the experience of all of our people who have tried to find the most economical advertising.

25 Years Ago Today — '52

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

Football was in full swing. Among those busy on the gridiron were three fellows called "three of the big men in St. Doms' forward wall." They were Bert Dube, Bob Turgeon and Doh Roux, revving up to face St. Francis in a Sunday football game.

Attorney Jere R. Clifford, acting as president of the Lewiston Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Donald Hewison, president of the Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, were to serve as moderators at two sessions of the Small Business Conference to be held at Bates College.

25 Years Ago Today — '52

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

Bishop Daniel J. Feeney of Portland had come to New Auburn to participate in the golden jubilee observance of St. Louis Parish. St. Louis Chapel, built by Dominican Brothers of SS Peter and Paul's in 1892, had been the first Roman Catholic house of worship in Auburn, a Journal Editorial pointed out. In 1902, the chapel became a parish. "An imposing edifice on the heights overlooking the Androscoggin River was built," the Editorial went on. "As the years passed the church school was erected. The parish became stronger and stronger..."



Program for Danis Concert

Program selections for the organ concert by John R. Danis, to be presented Sunday at SS Peter and Paul Church have been chosen to best suit the fine instrument, which is a "romantic" and not a "classical" organ, the program chairmen, point Mrs. Maurice Leclair, left, and Mrs. Irene Marcotte, point out.

Opening the '77-78 cultural series of Le Centre d' Heritage Franco-Americain selections for the "John R. Danis in Concert" Sunday at seven o'clock, the talented Danis, who served as organist for the parish a few years ago, will play the following:

Trumpet Tune by John Stanley; Piece Heroique by Cesar and Fantasia in A. Major by Cesar Frank; Komm Sussei Todd, Bachox; Turkish Marche, Mozart, Claire de Lune, Debussy, Polonaise Militaire, Chopin, Air on G. String, Bachox; Toccata and Fugue in D. Minor, Bach.

Presently serving as organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's Church, Augusta he is an organ student of Dr. Marion Anderson of Bates College. Adelard Janelle is chairman of the concert supported in part by the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities

The program chairpersons posed for this photograph before the church which is the setting for the concert and presents for those who may not have had an opportunity to visit it, an opportunity to see one of the most magnificent architectural structures in New England.



RICHELIEU CLUB SPEAKER — Raoul L. Pinette will be speaker at a dinner meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Richelieu Club at Happy Jack's Restaurant Wednesday night, Oct. 12. Pinette will discuss the effective integration of Franco-American culture into American life. He also will tell about a symposium on Franco-Americans to be held at Bates College next spring.

Albert Cote, state representative and vice president of the club, also will give a brief address.

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Lewiston Politics

Campaign '77 Begins to Take Shape as Issues Surface

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BY DENNIS BAILEY

With a flurry of political activity Friday, the 1977 Lewiston municipal elections began to take shape. Not only did the candidates who will seek office in November become more clear but the issues which will dominate the numerous campaigns also began to surface.

Lewiston Attorney Thomas A. Mangan became the second alderman to declare he will not seek reelection in the Nov. 8 election. Saying he was frustrated with the city's "unworkable government," the Ward One alderman said, "The City of Lewiston is losing industry and jobs yearly," and "with the sole exception of the Lewiston Development Corporation (there has been) little effort to attract new jobs to Lewiston."

"Unless the attitude of the Lewiston city government changes," Mangan continued, "each year will bring on new tax increases." He added that the city's shredder facility, the Main Street water line, and other projects funded by bond issues will be reflected in the city's tax rate next year; and if the Uniform Property Tax is repealed, Mangan said the tax increase will not be absorbed by new industries, as in other cities, but will be borne by all Lewiston taxpayers—especially by the city's largest businesses.

Asked for comments on Mangan's statements, Mayor Lillian L. Caron, who officially tossed her hat in the ring Friday, said, "If a person is frustrated with the way the city government works, he should become involved to make it better."

Concerning the tax increases mentioned by Mangan,

Mayor Caron said that as a senator in the Maine Legislature, Mangan is partly responsible for many of the tax increases mandated to the municipalities. She was referring to the loss of \$100,000 in the business inventory tax in 1977, and a \$125,000 loss in 1978. The mayor also said earlier in the week that the unemployment compensation law will probably cost the city \$125,000 and the environmental laws affecting open burning will likely cost in excess of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1978.

Also concerned with the spiraling taxes is Rita Sabourin, candidate for Ward Seven who will face Roland Champagne and incumbent Denis Latulippe, should he run. In a letter to Mayor Caron this week, Mrs. Sabourin questioned plans to construct a \$1.5 million police station in light of the impending tax increases.

Mrs. Sabourin criticized proposals to purchase the Coca-Cola building on Park Street for demolition and construction of the police station on that site. She said the plans show "very little consideration for costs to the taxpayer."

"The Coke plant would cost at least \$1.5 million, which includes acquisition costs," she said in her letter to the mayor. "In addition, the lower floor of the City Building presently used by the Police Department would require renovations for its new tenants at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Let's face reality—renovation of present facilities would triple square footage, maintain a central location, and would provide an estimated \$1.5 million savings to the taxpayers of Lewiston."

Contacted at her home Friday night, Mayor Caron acknowledged receiving the letter and said she was thankful for the candidate's concerns. But the mayor made it clear she did not totally agree with Mrs. Sabourin.

"You have to look down the road," Mayor Caron said. "If you're going to save the taxpayers some money, it's better to do the building before the costs go any higher."

Mayor Caron also emphasized that the decision to construct the police station is not her's alone but is in the hands of various committees and boards which have final say over the expenditure. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted down a proposal last month to purchase the Coke building for use as a police facility.

The mayor was asked if the repeal of the Uniform Property Tax would change the plans for the new police station. "I imagine a lot of things will change if it's repealed," she said. "But there are some things you have to pass regardless."

Also in her letter, Mrs. Sabourin echoed the complaints of Police Commissioner Nunzio J. Aliberti who continues his relentless attacks on police and city policy. Aliberti, who is not running in the municipal elections, has said that the failure of the police station plans to come before the Police Commission was "a deliberate attempt to usurp the power of the Police Commission."

Other commissioners this week expressed similar complaints although not to the extent of Aliberti's. The mayor made it clear that the meetings of the Police Building Committee were open to the public and could have been attended by any interested party, but Aliberti disagreed.

"If you look at the dates and times that the meetings were held," he said, "it would have been prohibitive for most people to attend. Mayor Caron seems to be holding a double standard. On the one hand she talks about stabilizing the tax rate at 1 mil, but on the other hand she doesn't want to talk

about bond issues that will become due next year and the year after which will automatically force the tax rate up."

In other political news Friday, incumbent Ward Two Alderman Bertrand Dutil filed his nomination papers. So far, Dutil is running unopposed in his ward. Charles Lamey of 23 White St., also formally declared his candidacy for Ward One alderman. Lamey was defeated by Mangan in the elections in the 1975 election. A retired insurance agent who served 15 years on Lewiston's Board of Education, Lamey said he is seeking election "because of the deplorable condition of the streets and sidewalks in Ward One."

Lamey will face Richard A. Fournier in the Ward One battle, currently held by Alderman Denis Latulippe.

In other wards, incumbent Ward Two Alderman John Harkins is unopposed for his reelection bid. George Call will probably square off against David L. Grondin in Ward Three, although Grondin has yet to file petition papers. Ernest A. Pleau Jr. is running unopposed in Ward Four.

A three-way race is shaping up in Ward Five, with incumbent alderman Albert Cote facing Ray Polley and George Ricker, who has not yet filed papers.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file the required 100 signatures with the City Clerk's office in order to appear on the November ballot.

Caron Makes Official Her Reelection Bid

Quietly and with little fanfare, Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron became an official candidate for reelection Friday.

The state's only woman mayor walked into the City Clerk's office shortly after 5 p.m. Friday and turned in her nomination petitions containing about 200 signatures.

Although she made no formal statements concerning her candidacy Friday, Mayor Caron has scheduled a news conference for 2 p.m. Tuesday to discuss her campaign.

The incumbent mayor, who is completing her first term, will face challenger L. Biron in the November election. Biron is the only candidate who has announced his intentions to seek the mayor's office. The deadline for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8/77.



MAYOR LILLIAN CARON

Latulippe to Consider Reentering W-7 Race

After announcing he would not run for reelection, Ward Seven Alderman Denis Latulippe has decided to reconsider and will announce his decision next week.

"I have been flooded with calls and requests to reconsider," Latulippe said Friday, "and right now I have some people circulating petitions for me should I decide to run."

Latulippe, if he decides to run, would face Roland Champagne and Mrs. Rita Sabourin who have declared their candidacy for the Ward One council.

Latulippe said he appreciates the concern people have shown in their local government. Should he run for reelection, Latulippe said he would "work as hard as I did last time in providing the people of Ward Seven good representation and responsible leadership."

Latulippe acknowledged that should he run in the November

elections, he will run a low-profile campaign to retain his council position.

The Ward Seven Alderman has until 5 p.m. Tuesday to turn in his nomination petitions and make his campaign official.



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Completion of Esplanade Expected During November

Lewiston's Urban Renewal Authority, meeting possibly for its last time Tuesday, was told by LURA Director Lionel Ouellette that the city's last renewal project should be completed by the end of November.

Ouellette told LURA members that installation of street lights and curbing for Park Street's Esplanade project is expected to begin this week. He added that recent rainstorms have hindered progress on the project, which began five months ago. Brickwork and paving, he said, should be completed by the end of next month, with only plantings and minor work being left for completion in the spring.

Ouellette said that a lot of work depends on the completion of the installation of the street lights.

"As soon as those two (temporary) light poles are removed," he said, "the paving can be done."

Ouellette also told the board that some minor plan alterations have been made because of previously unrecognized obstacles. He said the location of water mains, for example, had to be changed due to the existence of underground telephone lines and gas mains, which were larger than expected. He stated that in some cases the water mains are "weaved" around existing lines because of the crowded underground conditions.

During its business session, the LURA gave its official approval to pay Stanley P. Quinn Jr. \$26,254 for work his crews have completed on the Esplanade project. The board also gave authorization to Ouellette to keep LURA accounting records at his home after the LURA office officially closes on Oct. 28.

Even though the authority may not meet again, LURA members reelected all of its present officers Tuesday just in case another meeting is called. Reelected were Chairman Richard Belair, Vice-Chairman Roger R. Berube, Treasurer Marcel Chasse and Assistant Treasurer Armand Dube.



Dr. Marcotte Candidate For Ward 1 Alderman

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A third hat entered the ring for Lewiston's Ward One aldermanic seat today, as Laurier P. Marcotte of 476 Main St. announced his candidacy, making a second bid for that office.

Dr. Marcotte, an optometrist who maintains his offices at his home, listed as his primary concern "the sharp increases in local taxes that Lewiston now faces.

"I do not feel that this is the time for Lewiston to negotiate the purchase of more and more private property for the expansion of the city's government and the city's expenses," he noted. "It is the time for us to be frugal and accept the fact that if a project is not essential, we cannot afford it, and must not undertake it."

Tax Base

The Ward One candidate declared that "one of Lewiston's top priorities should be the broadening of our tax base by encouraging the expansion of our present industries and the relocating to Lewiston of new, diversified industries. This should be done to stabilize our tax base, but it must be done to expand it."

Marcotte, who filed nomination papers Friday, said he made the final decision to run this past weekend, at the urging of friends, relatives, and neigh-

bors. "I am certain that I have the time and energy needed for a better Ward One and a better Lewiston," he declared.

He stated that, if elected, his "decisions as an alderman will be public and based on the opinions of the people of Ward One, bringing back the concept of town government and the representation of the people."

A graduate of Lewiston High School, the University of Maine, and the Massachusetts College of Optometry in Boston, Dr. Marcotte served in the Massachusetts Optometric Clinic, the Massachusetts Contact Lens Clinic, the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Brighton, Mass., and in a group optometry practice in Lowell, Mass. before returning to Lewiston, where he has practiced out of 476 Main St. since 1969.

He is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Maine Optometric Association, and the Androscoggin County Society of Optometrists, as well as past president and vice-president of the Resource Center of the Visually Handicapped, a director of the Lewiston-Auburn Boys' Club, and a member of the board of directors of the Lewiston-Auburn Optometrist Club.

The son of Mrs. Lucienne



LAURIER P. MARCOTTE

Marcotte of 25 Hamel St., Lewiston, and the late Roland L. Marcotte, Dr. Marcotte and his wife, the former Margaret O'Donnell of Auburn, have two sons—Gregory and Jeffrey.

Mrs. Marcotte is a supervisor of the Foster Care Unit for the Lewiston office of the Maine Department of Human Services. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lee O'Donnell of 17 Madley St., Auburn, and the late John O'Donnell.

Marcotte ran for the Ward One aldermanic seat in 1975 and placed second in a field of five, behind Thomas M. Mangan. His announced competitors in the Nov. 8 election thus far include Richard A. Fournier of 1623 Main St. and Charles C. Lamey of 23 White St.

Fournier Announces For Ward 1 Alderman Seat

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Lewiston's present City Charter, which has been criticized as unwieldy by some city officials and candidates for municipal office, was strongly endorsed today by one candidate for alderman in the city's Ward One, in formally announcing his candidacy.

"Lewiston's present form of government is sound and needs only qualified people to make it work as originally planned by the authors of the 1932 City Charter," declared Richard A. Fournier of 1623 Main St. 26.

"There is much wisdom to the present City Charter," he remarked. "It was designed to assure the maximum citizen participation in our local government—and this is frustrating to the proponents of change who would prefer to have the decision-making process controlled by a smaller, more elite group of local residents."

A Model

Fournier, who said the present Charter "remains a model for



RICHARD A. FOURNIER

communities really interested in getting maximum input from citizens," pledged to work, if elected, to retain the Charter

and to insure that city officials and employees abide by the Charter's philosophy.

While saying he agrees with outgoing Ward One Alderman Thomas M. Mangan that the city's tax situation is becoming critical, Fournier declared that "to blame rising taxes on our form of government is missing the point completely. America is going through a critical inflationary period, and the situation calls for tighter controls on our purse strings—not for new forms of government."

The 39-year-old Lewiston native said that, if elected, he will direct his efforts to insuring "that Lewiston taxpayers get the most mileage out of their tax dollars." He added that "Lewiston people believe in their city and there is little that they will not do to make their community a better place in which to live, work, and play."

Fournier received his education at St. Peter's Elementary School, St. Dominic High School, and LaSalle

University in Chicago. A real estate broker licensed in Maine and New Hampshire, he owns DiLor Realty Associates of Lewiston. He is scheduled to retire in December as an air traffic control specialist, control tower operator for the Federal Aviation Administration, after 22 years, and is a past president and retired member of the Portland chapter of the Professional Air Traffic Controller's Organization.

The aldermanic candidate is a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Lewiston Elks, and Le Montagnard Snowshoe and Snowmobilers Assn. He and his wife, the former Lorraine J. Poulin, have three children—Mark (12), Michelle (eight) and Martin (five).

Two other candidates have filed nomination papers for the Ward One seat, which incumbent Alderman Mangan has announced he will not seek to retain in the Nov. 8 election. They are Charles C. Lamey of 23 White St. and Laurier P. Marcotte of 476 Main St.

Couture-Giguere Gifts Add Value to Collection of Franco-American Center

Two of Lewiston's best known families of French heritage have made gifts to the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain adding further to the contrasting dimensions of the valuable collection of artifacts related to Franco American history in Maine.

These include two plaques presented in the name of Jean Baptiste Couture, former publisher of the city's French language newspaper by Yvette Couture Hasham of Lewiston.

One of these was presented on March 2, 1930 in recognition to Couture's efforts in the news media, by the city of Lewiston through its Mayor, Robert T. Wiseman. It is inscribed in part "greetings and congratulations upon the 50th anniversary of said Franco-American newspaper." The second presented in 1937 is a tribute to Couture's 50 years as a newspaper editor and was made by the Maine Press Association.

Other gifts related to the paper is a rare photograph of its staff and pictured were Euphrasie Martin, Joseph Michaud, Arthur Brunelle, P. S. Guilbault, Samuel Couture and J.B. Couture.

Valdore Couture also presented the Centre with a

medal from La Societe Historique Franco Americains, a copy of Le Messager dated September 1899 (which sold for two cents) It was then in its 20th year of operation and its 48th edition.

From the household of Prof. Madeleine Giguere of Lewiston is a rare collection of approximately fifty items of household linens, fashioned and decorated either with monogrammed embroidery, tatting or some fashioned entirely of lace made by a family member.

Some of these bear the initials of Florida Dostie or Dinora Caillier and some later pieces, tea napkins for example made after Dinora's marriage to Dr. Eustache Giguere. Many of the linen towels are monogrammed, others are fringed with drawn work and other designs created by pulled threads.

Also in the Giguere collection are Dr. and Mrs. Giguere's diplomas, hers from the Lewiston Training School which can correctly claim credit for many outstanding teachers in this community and the others, one of Dr. Giguere's Bowdoin Medical School class of 1921 diploma, board of registration of medicine diploma and Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary diploma

all dated 1921 and a 1956 American Academy of General Practice certification, and some photos of old Canada dating from 1829 and 1840.

Other acquisitions include a painting of St. Jean Baptiste dated in 1890 from Mr and Mrs. Arthur Provancher.

There are three histories of the Begin, Bilodeau and Paradus familo from Rev. Leo Begin, their researcher and author. He also contributed some invaluable maps of New France, les Gaspesiens and Ile d'Orleans, the first dated 1656 and the other two, 1686 and the original names of "seigneuries" of the 1600s, one of five copies of this exist, one of which is at the Center.

Musically, the name of Alphonse Cote was one to respected. A multi talented man he did some early recordings and Alexis Cote, also a singer and a teacher of music, contributed two of these Le Beau Reve and La Derniere Rose and the second Les oiseaux de Notre Dame and La Divine Chanson. Both are rare and are collector's items.

The collection of pictures is of particular interest. Included are Grand concerts of Union St. Jean Baptiste, 1906 and 1910; the inauguration of the anniversary of the Association of St. Dominique, 1909 all from Adelard Janelle, an authority on Franco American history in the community.

The famous Ste. Cecile band, a photograph of St. Dominic Association are the gifts of Arthur Croteau and Ovila Lessard contributed one of the children's choir of 1915 at St. Louis Church, Auburn, flood pictures from Joseph Morin and of the Androscoggin Mill from Zelphat and Laura Collet.

Music Hall, the center of entertainment in Lewiston early in the century is preserved in pictures from Ralph Lewis Jr.

The Bates Mill which held its unique place in the early history

of the community is represented in several gifts' copies of the Bates News, the company's gift. Letters signed by Benjamin-Bates and Edward Little and photographs dated 1850 and 1910 also reported to be gifts of the company.

Numerous programs related to people or events of the past include a 1964 program of the 50th anniversary of Rev. Msgr. Aime Giguere, a native of Lewiston, the 25th anniversary of Holy Cross parish.



CHARM AND FASHIONS OF ANOTHER TIME are illustrated in these family linens contributed to the Heritage Center by Prof. Madeleine Giguere. They reflect the careful handwork of three generations of women in her mother's family. Embroidered monograms, tatting, other hand made lace and drawn work embellish household linens and a few pieces of personal linen. The interesting handcraft represents only a part of Prof. Giguere's family gift. (Photo by M.A. Bonenfant).

A medallion recalls the achievement of Alexander Lemieux, tenor, in the national radio auditions of 1929. More musical items includes tapes of classical and popular music in French from the Maine State Library which also furnished for the Center's media series Norman Lapointe's La Bonne Aventure.

Concurrent with the bicentennial of the country was a gift from Raymond Gingras, a plan of the city of Quebec with its seige and blockade by Americans which was printed in 1775 or 1776.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Auger contributed memorabilia related to the late musician and teacher, Alphonse Auger, and to Adelard Janelle and the St. Domic Association and a picture of Les Defenseurs, giving statics of the first Franco Americans to hold political positions.

Recording the achievements of a contemporary political figure is an album and photographs recording the Legislative career of State Representative Louis Jalbert.

Miss Charlotte Michaud presently residing in Massachusetts was for many years a newspaper reporter.

The Center has all of the awards and plaques she received during her professional career and some interesting communications from well known French writers and some

of their books, autographed. Unique was a small gift representing the hand work of Mrs. Napoleon Despins, mother of Judge Fernand Despins. These were created from the palms distributed in Catholic churches on Palm Sunday and were kept in homes through the year to be burned on Ash Wednesday of the following Lenten season.

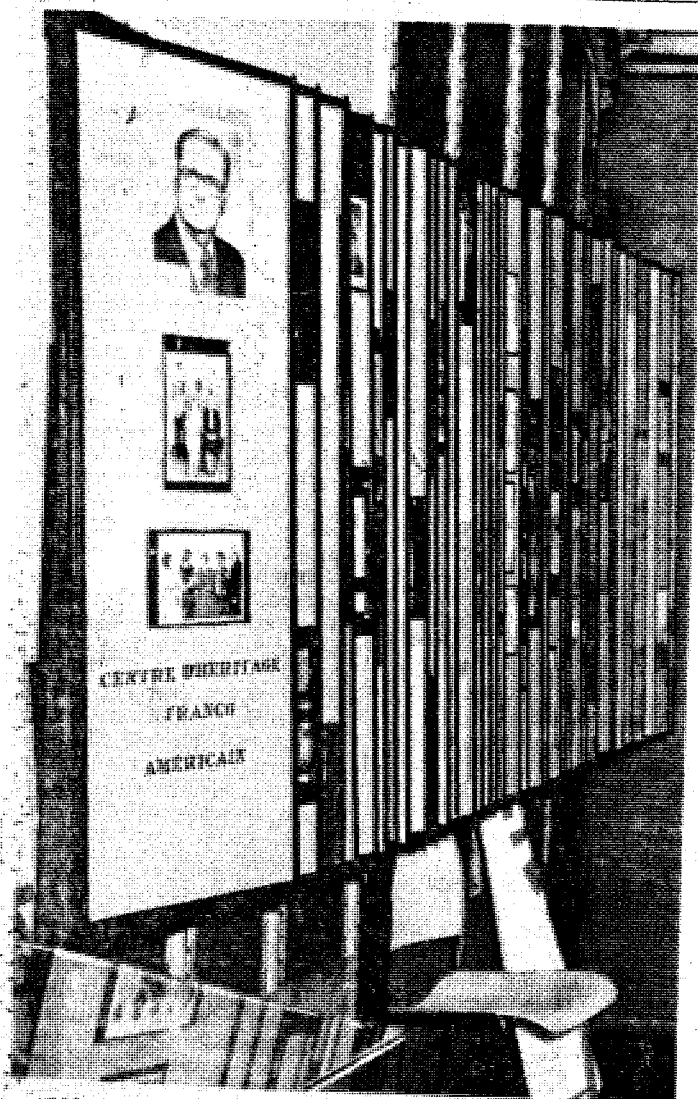
Organized less than a century ago, the Center has made great strides. Its curator, Mrs. Joan Lapointe speaks of the "grave responsibility" of caring for and maintaining these artifacts which paint so vivid a picture of a people's role in their chosen community and their background which contributed to these peoples' characters.

Located at In-Town Manor the Center is presently staffed by Donat Boisvert, librarian; Suzanne Roy, a researcher; Nancy Kingfield, secretary and another person is to be added this month.

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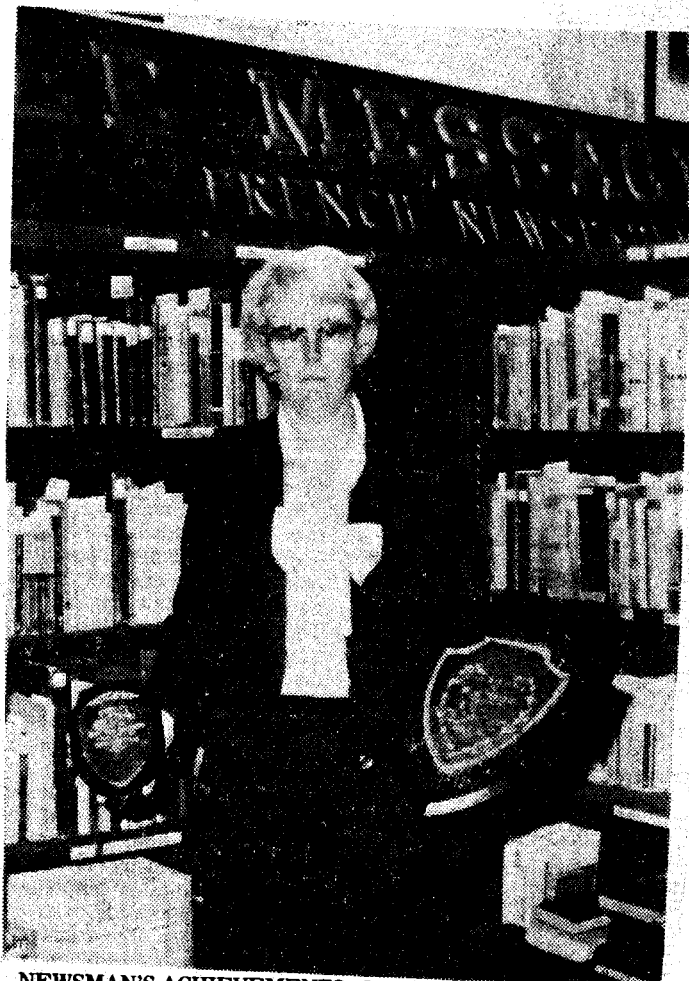
Heritage Center Constantly Adding to Its Collection

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"MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS"—That, it is said, is the value of a good picture. It is certainly true of the fast growing collection of photographs which comprise a part of a priceless bit of recorded history cherished by the Heritage Center.

Each photograph is made easily available to visitors through a compact little "gallery" much used by art shops to display unframed prints and drawings which preserves the old photographs from further fading and deterioration. In addition to these photographs there are others in souvenir programs, books, and other periodicals which make up a growing library and reference department. (Photo by M.A. Bonenfant).



NEWSMAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS—J. B. Couture long time editor of Le Messenger was recognized by the city of Lewiston and the Maine Press Association in these two plaques which were presented recently to Le Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain. They are held by Mrs. Joan Lapointe, curator who reports of many other interesting acquisitions which may be seen by visitors or students at the Ash Street headquarters of the Centre.



PATRONNESSES DISCUSS PLANS Mrs. Richard St. Hilaire, left, president; and Mrs. Marcel Moore, membership chairman of the Patronnesses of St. Mary's General Hospital are discussing various activities in which new members can participate. The membership drive and luncheon on Nov. 3

will include a Floating Fashion Show.

Alex Tanous will also be present as the guest speaker for the event which will take place at Lost Valley Lodge.

Reservations can be made with Mrs. Paul Dionne and Mrs. John Bonneau. (Staff photo by Simokaitis)



BOOSTER CLUB REBIRTH — A meeting of key people concerned with St. Dominic's Regional High School met recently for the purpose of organizing a Booster Club which will benefit the regional high school. This meeting marked the first in a series of events that will give rebirth to the club which existed many years ago.

Present at the meeting are, left to right, Brother Roger Emoyne, St. Dom's principal; Brother Gerard LaFlamme, St. Dom's athletic director; Mrs. Marie Bateau, president of St. Dom's board of education; Bert Gagnon, past SDHS chairman;

and the Rev. Father Francois Drouin, founder of St. Dom's High School.

The main purpose of the meeting was selecting and appointing the directors of the proposed new Booster Club. A spokesman for the nominating committee said the task of finding candidates for directorships was met with enthusiasm. "Most of those contacted were very receptive to the idea of the revival of the Booster's Club and showed a pronounced interest in actively participating," said Al Nadeau of the club's organizing committee. (Staff Photo by Gray)

Caron Chairs Fri. Meeting for Dignitary

Lewiston's mayor will chair a breakfast conference Friday for a foreign dignitary at the Maine

Municipal Association conference at Portland.

Mayor Lillian L. Caron will host Mayor Emilie Lennert of Holsteinsborg, Greenland, at the 8 a.m. meeting. Mayor Lennert is spending a month traveling in this country under the auspices of the U.S. State Department.

Mayor Caron will be joined in greeting the Greenland official by Madeleine Freeman, a member of the Orono Town Council and president of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), and Barbara Chesley, a Durham selectwoman and MMA executive board member.

Mayor Caron said Mayor Lennert flew into Portland Thursday night. She is joined by Dr. Irene Lemarchand, her escort/interpreter during her visit to the United States. Mayor Lennert speaks Danish and only a little English.

She will be in the Portland



MAYOR LILLIAN CARON

Grondin Wants New Blood to Represent Ward Three



DAVID L. GRONDIN

George F. Call will have some opposition this year in the Ward Three aldermanic race in Lewiston.

David L. Grondin, 35, of 23 Horton St., submitted his petition signatures Tuesday to the Lewiston city clerk's office. His last-day entry gives the voters of Ward Three a two-way choice for alderman in the city's Nov. 8 election.

A Lewiston native, Grondin feels it's time for some new, young blood on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The incumbent he is trying to unseat, Call, is a 14-year veteran of the City Council.

Grondin said Tuesday night, "If there's young people in the

system who try to get involved, you're going to get new ideas. We've got to open up the doors of City Hall somehow to get young people's new ideas in there."

Grondin also said economic development is something he'd work for as alderman. He said, "If there's one thing this town needs it's jobs—good paying jobs. We need to aggressively pursue industrial development." The aldermanic candidate is a board member on the Lewiston Development Corporation and the Jaycees.

He also said, "I don't think that any alderman should run more than twice." Grondin said this would prevent "...the whole system from being bogged

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down, just as it is now. It's so static that it cannot respond quickly to its problems."

Grondin said, "I've walked Ward Three and I want to represent the ward because there are a lot of small people out there who feel absolutely frustrated about city government."

Grondin is self-employed in store security. He is a Lewiston High School graduate and has a bachelor of arts degree in environmental sciences from Indiana University in 1968.

The aldermanic hopeful has also worked for the Oxford Hills Development Corporation at Norway. He served as its assistant director last year.

In Ward Seven

Latulippe Reverses Stand, Will Run for Re-election

BY JAMES F. KILEY
Lewiston Ward Seven Alderman Denis A. Latulippe will be running for re-election this fall.



DENIS A. LATULIPPE

Latulippe filed the required number of petition signatures Tuesday on the deadline day for filing. He had announced on Sept. 16 his intention against running for re-election but his last minute filing creates a four-way race for the Ward Seven aldermanic seat.

Roland J. Champagne of 28 Pleasant St., Rita Sabourin of 363 Pleasant St., and Roger Dubuc of 121 East Ave., will be facing Latulippe in the Ward Seven race on the Nov. 8 municipal ballot.

Latulippe said Tuesday, "Since announcing my decision not to seek re-election I've received numerous calls from people asking me to reconsider. This show of support was certainly gratifying and deeply appreciated."

The one-term alderman said, "I found it extremely difficult to

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ignore the wishes of the people of Ward Seven to run for re-election." Latulippe continued, "I believe I've won the trust of the people of Ward Seven and I feel a certain obligation to Ward Seven and the people of the city."

Latulippe said he wants to continue to serve his ward as an alderman and decision-maker during the next two years. He said, "With the knowledge and experience I've gained in my service of office I feel I have the ability to make critical decisions for the city and Ward Seven."

The alderman said, "I will continue to work hard for the people in Ward Seven. However, I'll try to limit my involvement in other committees, both in the public and private sector." Latulippe originally decided against running for re-election for family and business reasons.

Latulippe is presently the City Council president and the chairman of the city's Recreation Advisory Committee. He also served as the chairman of the city's Ice Rink Committee this year. The Ward Seven alderman opened up Lumber World on the Highland Spring Road earlier this year, and with this new business, his city duties, and parish and sports activities, Latulippe originally decided against running.

He first ran for political office in 1975 when he was elected as Lewiston's Ward Seven alderman. Latulippe said Tuesday, "I plan continued sound reasoning and decision-making and I always want to be responsible and accountable as an alderman." He said, "Honesty and integrity will still be my motto."

Newcomer

Blais Becomes Third Man To Enter Ward Six Race



ROLAND BLAIS

A political newcomer was among the last minute entrants Tuesday who filed nomination papers to run in the Nov. 8 Lewiston municipal election.

Roland Blais, a Rumford native, will be on the ballot in the Ward Six race against incumbent Bertrand Dutil and Roland "Larry" Pleau, who also announced Tuesday. Blais served four years in the U.S.

Navy, stationed aboard the USS Kittyhawk, and worked in Connecticut from 1963 to 1971, when he moved to Lewiston.

A member of the Cavalier Snowshoe Club, Blais is a setup

man at Arrow-Heart. He said he is against any form of raising property taxes and is in favor of forming a commission to study possible city charter revision. He also is against the new police

station and an ice arena for Lewiston.

"I'm a hardworking, average, ordinary American," Blais said. "I'll do my best to represent the people of my ward."

Three-Way Race

Another Pleau Enters Race for Alderman

BY DENNIS M. BAILEY

A candidate with a familiar sounding name entered the race Tuesday for Lewiston's Ward Six aldermanic seat.

Roland L. Pleau of 106 Rosedale St., Lewiston, filed nomination papers with the city clerk on the final day that papers were accepted. He will be campaigning against incumbent Bertrand A. Dutil and Roland Blais, who also filed Tuesday.

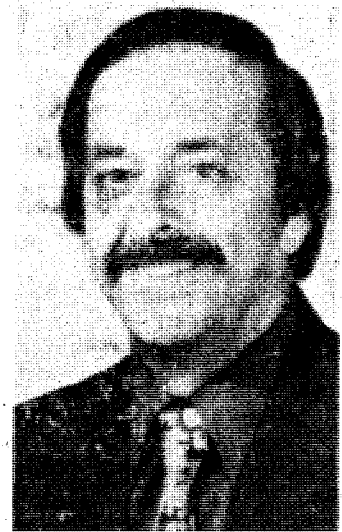
In making his announcement Tuesday, Pleau, who is the brother of Ward Four Ernest A. Pleau Jr., said, "I have lived in this ward for ten years and I know and understand how frustrating it can be trying to get in touch with the alderman. I am

sympathetic and attuned to the needs of the people of this ward. We have been ignored too long."

Pleau said he has visited more than 120 homes in the ward during the past weeks and believes people have lost confidence in their government. He said a number of residents did not know who their alderman is.

"Lewiston has a very strong government," he said, "and with the properly qualified people in office who make it a point to remember that they work for the people then it can remain a strong and efficient government."

Pleau and his wife Jackie have six children ranging in ages from eight to 19.



ROLAND L. PLEAU

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L-A Can No Longer Afford Two Competing Hospitals, Says Day

The chairman and president of the Central Maine Medical Center said Tuesday the people of the Lewiston-Auburn region "can no longer afford the luxury of two competing and duplicating health care institutions."

Charles E. Day of Lewiston told CMMC corporators that "duplication, inefficiencies and unfilled beds" are among the major reasons for the high cost of medical care and called for joint studies by area hospitals, residents and physicians "to determine realistic methods of eliminating duplication and maintaining high quality health care" now provided at both local health institutions. He said CMMC believed that shared (instead of duplicated) services "will be the only ultimate answer to total reduction of medical care costs in this region and community."

Speaking at the annual meeting of corporators, Day quoted a recent address by Robert A. Derzon, administrator of health care financing for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who told hospital administrators "the more you do now, the less the government will intervene later." Derzon urged that every hospital in a multi-hospital city such as Lewiston "ought to ask why it hasn't merged with another."

"I would remind you," Day told corporators, "that your board of trustees in 1971 passed a resolution concurring with that philosophy that supports shared services and that CMMC should share its services with other health care providers." The hospital said Day was referring to a CMMC proposal made public at the time which called for a consolidation under a single management of both CMMC and St. Mary's. The proposal was not accepted by St. Mary's.

Day reviewed the progress made by CMMC since the early 1970's, said the future of the institution was "bright," that it had attracted 17 medical specialists to the area during the last year and that seven more would be joining the CMMC staff in the months immediately ahead. He said physician recruiting had been a joint effort of the present medical staff,

Management, Board Chairman Day declared, has been further strengthened since.

As to physician recruiting, Day declared the success of the CMMC program is "unmatched in Maine or the Northeast section of the country." He said that among the 17 specialists recruited to date, there were included a neonatologist, a rheumatologist, neurologist, oncologists, cardiologist, surgeons, infectious disease specialist and others. Of the seven scheduled to arrive in the Lewiston-Auburn area, a dermatologist, gastroenterologist and ophthalmologist were included.

To fill the urgent need for family practitioners, Day stated, CMMC has developed a Family Practice Residency Program which will include a Family Practice Center to be located in the former National Guard Building acquired by CMMC in 1974 and which is located on Hammond Street.

Pointing to new services, he cited CMMC's new neonatal special care unit which, he said, "has been at more than 100 percent occupancy" since it opened in June, the family-centered maternity care concept, the designation of CMMC as a Stage II Respiratory Disease Center, the introduction of MEDLINE which links the region by computer to the National Library of Medicine, the CMMC Burn Unit, the Medical Center's continuing education programs, and others.

He also reported that during the last fiscal year, CMMC had provided \$1½ million in free services and that CMMC would continue its policy begun when the hospital first opened in the 1800's that "no human being would ever be denied medical care at this hospital."

Day also stated that the Medical Center experienced a gain of \$140,000 of revenues over expenses during the last fiscal year and that this money would be used for other "life sustaining programs" including, among others, cardiac and physical rehabilitation.

trustees and management and, as a result, occupancy and use of ancillary services had increased considerably, thus reducing the number of empty beds and idle capacity.

Corporators re-elected Day as president of the corporation and he is expected to be renamed chairman of the board of trustees when the board meets for its annual organizational session later this month. William B. Lever, CLU, of 117 Shepley Street, Auburn, was renamed vice-president.

Re-elected to the board of trustees for terms of three years were: Richard E. Dube of Lewiston; Myer Greene of Auburn; Oscar R. Hahnel Jr., Lewiston; Theodore C. Johanson, Auburn; Mrs. Joyce Lewis, Auburn; Roland L. Marcotte, Lewiston; Robert Pugsley, Lewiston; and Robert A. St. Hilaire Jr., Auburn.

Describing the Medical Center's long-range plans developed in the early 1970's, Day said three of the four major steps envisioned were nearly completed, and that considerable progress on the fourth already had occurred. He listed these as: upgrading and modernizing facilities, strengthening management capabilities, strengthening medical staff capabilities, and the development of needed and unfilled regional health needs.

He said that one of the "prerequisites" of such a plan was "hopefully to have the two Lewiston hospitals join together to reduce duplication and costs" but when it was found that this was not possible, CMMC set out to meet its goals with determined efforts "not to duplicate whenever possible."

As for modernization, Day said original plans would have cost \$11 million but the entire project was done for \$5.7 million and that it had removed obsolescence and unnecessary beds.

Dana Thompson, retired former executive director began to develop a stronger management structure, Day declared, when he hired William W. Young Jr., now chief executive officer of CMMC, to be his associate director, and when he created the position of assistant director for medical affairs.

50 Years Ago Today — '27

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"A big Studebaker sedan skidded and left the road on Centre street, Auburn, Sunday evening, turning over on its side in the ditch. People, more than seven of them, piled out. The only injury anyone suffered was a scratched toe. Nobody was the least bit excited and other automobilists assisted the driver in righting the car, and when he drove off, he waved a cheery good-bye, remarking, 'Thank you, gentlemen, for your many kindnesses.'"

"Le Signal,' new French publication of Lewiston appeared on Saturday with a circulation of already 1,000 copies and prospects of an addition of 200 next month. The magazine contains 25 pages and its subjects cover mainly literature, politics and sports tho there are departments for women and children..."

"A large section of the amusement park section of Revere Beach was leveled Sunday by a fire believed to have been set to distract police attention from a bootlegger's landing party. The damage was estimated at \$200,000."

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RECEIVES GAVEL — Roger Bouffard, right, newly-elected president of the Lewiston and Auburn Richelieu Club, is presented the club's gavel by outgoing President Raymond Pare. The club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Happy Jack's Restaurant, membership open to French-speaking members of the Twin Cities (M. A. Bonenfant Photo).

Richelieu Committees **Announced By Bouffard**

Roger Bouffard, who recently assumed the presidency of the Richelieu Club for the 1977-78 season, has announced the heads of committees which will be working under him for the coming year.

Thomas Grenier heads the committee for recruitment of members; Joseph Poliquin is in charge of the bulletin; Albert Cote, protocol; Vincent J. P. LeBlanc, publicity; Adrien Lamontagne, fraternal chairman; Dominique Bilodeau, integration and conservation committee; Armand Cote, civic projects director.

Raymond Pare, immediate past president, and Pres. Bouffard are in charge of the giving out of fines and Richard Gilbert will supervise the singing at meetings.

Richelieu Club, which numbers some 7,000 among its 240 clubs, is the only French-speaking service club in the world and, in order to join, one

must be able to speak French. The meetings are conducted only in that language and speakers must address the group in French. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Happy Jack's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served prior to the meetings.

The primary purpose of the club is to help the youth of the community.

Several fund raising projects are held during the year and the wives of members are invited to participate in some of the meetings.

Bouffard, who is part owner of the Fortin Funeral Home, will be attending the four-day international convention of the club being held from Wednesday through Saturday of this week.

Accompanying him will be Pare, Grenier, Lionel L'Heureux and Laurent Chabot, with their wives.

Quebec Language Law Constitutionality Questioned

By JOE GERVILLE-REACHE

The Christian Science Monitor News Service
QUEBEC — Chein chaud, hambourgeois, fromabourgeois.

(Hot dog, hamburger, cheeseburger.)

American favorites come wrapped in almost unrecognizable Gallic terminology under Quebec's determined drive to preserve its Frenchness.

The province's recently passed controversial language law, known as Law 101, makes French the official language in government, in education, in the business world, and in advertising.

Supporters of bilingualism say the law is unconstitutional, that Canada is a bilingual nation, and that both English and French should be the official languages through out the country.

To avoid a direct clash with Quebec Premier Rene Levesque, the federal government in Ottawa has decided against going to the Supreme Court to test the law's constitutionality.

But federal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau told a press conference Oct. 6 that he would seek a constitutional amendment affirming the rights of all Canadians to educate their children in either English or French. He also said the federal government would join in any private legal action challenging the validity of Law 101.

Officials of the separatist Parti Quebecois government which came to power in last

November's provincial election deny that Law 101 is unconstitutional. They say that any English-speaking resident of the province retains the right to send his child to an English School and to communicate with the administration or the courts in English if he chooses.

"An English-speaking resident of Montreal (where most of the province's Anglo-Canadians live) can speak English for 24 hours a day if he so desires," said one government aide.

"The basic idea of the law is to give French-speaking Quebecers the right to express themselves in French and to be served in French anywhere in Quebec," he added.

The law makes a distinction between individuals and corporate entities. For the latter the language of communication must be French.

Under the Canadian Constitution each province has full powers over education. Quebec subsidizes public schools for its English-speaking minority as well as for its French-speaking children. (the six-million French-speaking Quebecers make up 80 percent of the province's population.)

Law 101 lays down conditions under which a child may qualify to attend an English school. One parent of the child must have had his or her elementary education in English.

Critics say that this eliminates freedom of choice and that the law is particularly hard on immigrant families. They say it compels

immigrants to send their children to French schools, even if they would prefer to have them attend English schools.

There are exceptions under the law. If an immigrant family already has one child in an English school, it can send its other children to the same school to preserve the unity of the family.

The bill applies to kindergarten, elementary, and secondary education, but not to

universities.

When schools reopened this fall, some parents defied the new law and sent their children to English schools although they officially did not qualify.

The government is treating this kind of situation with kid gloves. "There is no question of using force to implement the law," one official said. "That would only have a harmful effect on the children involved."

Feds Okay Lewiston's Minority Participation Effort, Projects Are 'Go'

By STEVE GREENE

Federal officials have informed Lewiston officials that the city's proposal for complying with a minority-participation provision affecting \$1.2 million worth of public works projects seems to be satisfactory, so the city probably will not have to request that the requirement be waived.

Word has come from the Philadelphia regional office of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) that Lewiston's plan—which involves purchasing project supplies through a minority business enterprise (MBE) agent—will probably meet federal regulations, and the city should proceed on that basis.

The federal requirement, which has generated some controversy in parts of New England and other areas with small minority populations, is that 10 per cent of each grant awarded under Round II of the Local Public Works Act of 1976 go to a bona-fide MBE—defined as a business in which over half the control or ownership is by blacks, Spanish-Americans, orientals, American Indians, or Aleuts.

Three waterline projects awarded to Lewiston this summer in the second round of funding are affected by the 10 per cent minority provision. They include projects on River

Road, East Avenue/Russell Street, and in the Sunnyside neighborhood.

The first round of funding, under which Lewiston received \$492,000 for the Lincoln Street water line project, contained no provision regarding minority participation.

A Few, But Inexperienced

Lewiston officials and potential project bidders have been concerned at the difficulty of finding a local minority-owned business to undertake part of the water line project. At a pre-bid conference Sept. 30, several complained that the few minority contractors in the state were inexperienced with water line projects.

Now it appears that the city can fulfill the federal provision by purchasing the pipe and/or fittings for the three projects from an MBE agent, rather than by finding an MBE to perform part of the work. But Assistant City Controller Richard T. Metivier noted today that the assurances from the EDA office have been spoken rather than written ones, and based on the best of their knowledge of the city's intended method of complying with the federal regulations.

"We'll still encourage bidders to try to include some minority participation (in the project bid contracts), to

comply with the spirit of the law," Metivier declared.

But he acknowledged that the recent communication from EDA "takes some of the pressure off the contractors" to try to find an MBE subcontractor for the work. Whereas at last month's pre-bid conference he city urged all potential contractors to comply with the 10 per cent provision in their bid proposals, Metivier said today that "now we can also encourage bids from firms which are not able to meet the 10 per cent regulation."

A proposed addendum to the city's project applications to EDA reads that "the Minority Business Enterprise participation requirement for this project as stipulated by the Federal Regulations will be met by the City of Lewiston through the purchase of materials to be supplied by the City as specified in the Contract Documents. However, all bidders not qualifying as Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to utilize Minority Business Enterprises as much as possible."

It is this solution to the federal requirement that EDA has indicated it will approve.

At Least So Much

To comply with the provision, the city must purchase at least \$12,900 in materials from an MBE for the River Road

project, \$49,300 for the Sunnyside Neighborhood project, and \$58,000 for the East Avenue/Russell Street project. Those figures in each case are 10 per cent of the total bid award.

City Engineer Harland Hatch today announced the dates for the bid openings of the three projects. Bids on the River Road water line project will be opened Monday, Oct. 24; on the East Avenue/Russell Street water line project, Wednesday, Oct. 26; and on the Sunnyside Neighborhood water line project, Friday, Oct. 28. All bids openings will be held at 10 a.m. in the City Controller's office.

Bids on the three projects were originally scheduled to be opened today and next week, but the openings were postponed while the city waited to receive a new set of wage determinations from the U.S. Department of Labor. The wage rates, which are binding on contractors working on the federal projects, came in today, Hatch said.

The city engineer observed that the new wage rates, which are adjusted periodically by the Labor Department for each geographical area, are more favorable than the rates used under the first round of funding. Some of the rates are higher than the previous set, and others are lower, he said, but in general, they appear to reflect more closely the prevailing wages in the private sector.

Gagne Concerned With Lack of Petition Signers

Acknowledging the mid-point of the sculpture petition drive, Louis-Philippe Gagne III of Lewiston expressed concern Friday over the low tally of signatures. He said, however, there is still time for people to sign the petition if they want to see the sculpture in "Our Heritage Park" removed.

"There is no reason for a strong vocal opinion against the sculpture and such weak action," the Lewiston recording artist said. "Everywhere I sing, for example, people tell me how much they dislike the sculpture and how glad they are that someone is doing something about it."

The petition seeks to have the question of the sculpture go

before the Lewiston voters in a referendum, but 1,000 signatures are needed before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen consider such action. The count presently stands at 79 signatures with less than two months left to collect the necessary amount.

The 60-foot, multi-colored sculpture by artist Normand Therrien has been the object of controversy since it was erected last summer. A grant from the Maine Commission on Arts and Humanities paid for the majority of the artist's fees.

"I'm not asking the people to vote against beano," he added. "I'm asking 1,000 people to help me bring the matter of the sculpture to all the Lewiston voters and let them decide."

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Sun Readers Write



Admissions Policy at Bates

To the Editor:

As the person most directly responsible for the admission to Bates of Ms. Heather Ouimet McCarthy and countless other graduates of Edward Little High School, Lewiston High School and St. Dominic High School in a period of more than thirty years, I would like to comment on her recent letter which appeared in your columns.

Like Ms. McCarthy, these students achieved fine academic records at Bates and contributed substantially to the extracurricular life of the College. Many of them have chosen to remain in Lewiston-Auburn and are engaged in successful careers as doctors, lawyers, teachers, business persons and government and social service workers; numerous examples could be cited.

For years, Bates has received many more times the number of applications than it could accept; consequently, many qualified young people who could have been successful college students had to be rejected. Under these conditions, it has been the policy of the College to give preferential consideration to applications from local students, in much the same manner as we do applications from children of alumni. Both of these groups

are important constituencies of the College and have always received top priority in determining the makeup of the student body.

I wish to assure Ms. McCarthy and your readers that it is not a question of applying "less stringent" standards in order to fill a local student "quota" that leads to special consideration being given to Lewiston-Auburn students who request admission to Bates.

An evidence of the high quality of local students at Bates is the fact that in the past ten years the local high schools have won the President's Award three times and have been runners-up to the winners seven times. This is an award that goes annually to the secondary school represented at Bates by three or more students whose combined scholastic average is the highest. Each year there are approximately 100 schools thus represented. Most recently, in 1974-75, Lewiston High School was the recipient of this award by virtue of the fact that its top three graduates at Bates earned a combined quality point ratio of 3.826 out of a possible 4.000.

Milton Lindholm
Bates College 1935
Dean Emeritus of Admissions

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Lewiston Shoppers Favor Malls Over City's Downtown Area, Study Shows

BY DENNIS BAILEY

The majority of Lewiston shoppers feel that the city's malls are cleaner, have better parking facilities, better availability of goods, and better prices than the stores located in the downtown area.

Those findings are part of the results of a survey called "Consumer Perceptions of Downtown Lewiston." The survey was conducted under the direction of the Bates College Sociology Department and funded by the Downtown Businessmen's Association and Intown Council for Growth and Development.

In almost all areas, Lewiston consumers rated the shopping malls to be superior to the downtown business district. As the city and other groups, such as Lewiston Tomorrow Inc., move to revitalize downtown, the study is seen as a first step in recognizing people's perceptions of Lewiston's Downtown and determining what is needed to attract more shoppers to the area.

The study was released this week and was given to members of Lewiston's Planning Board on Tuesday.

In many ways, the survey's results are not surprising. Consumers feel strongly that parking and traffic control is much better at the malls than downtown; the extended hours at the malls are rated favorably by the consumers; restroom facilities and benches are more readily available at the malls; and the malls have a better availability of goods, a better variety of goods, and a better mix of stores, the consumers surveyed feel.

One of the more surprising aspects of the study shows that consumers feel that prices are better at the malls. A total of 48 percent of the respondents felt prices were good or excellent at the malls, while only 24 percent felt downtown prices were good or excellent.

It should be emphasized that the survey is only of the perceptions of the consumers. In other words, prices may not actually vary between the malls and downtown but the majority of consumers feel they do. "People will offer an opinion on the basis of little or no factual information,"

writes John Reed, who directed the Bates students in conducting the survey. "Secondly, people may frequently act on the basis of perceptions that have little basis in fact."

Nevertheless, if consumers feel that prices are better at the malls, or that restroom and parking facilities are better, that represents a real problem for the downtown merchants and shows areas which must be studied in attempting to aid a deteriorating downtown.

The survey began in the spring of 1976 when a group of downtown businessmen approached the Sociology Department at Bates College seeking help to conduct a survey of consumer perceptions of downtown. Under the direction of Reed, a group of students undertook to design a questionnaire and gather data during the Bates College short-term in April, May and June of 1976.

There were actually two studies: one involved stopping pedestrians on downtown streets at random times and places, asking them a few questions about the origin, purpose, and destination of their trip, and requesting they fill out a survey form; the second part involved delivering a questionnaire to randomly selected homes in Lewiston.

Roughly 60 percent of those receiving questionnaires completed and returned them. Those responding appear to be a representative sample of Lewiston residents and users of the downtown, the study notes, and the findings are a "reliable indicator of consumer perceptions of the downtown."

Besides obtaining how consumers rate the downtown compared to malls, the survey also asked shoppers what they thought would make the downtown a more attractive place to do business.

In 14 of the 18 comparisons, people rated the malls more favorably than the downtown. The factors which seem to evoke the greatest contrasts between downtown and a local mall are parking, accessibility from parking, and traffic conditions. Thirty-one percent of the respondents rated parking at the malls as good or excellent compared to only 13

percent who rated parking in the downtown as good or excellent.

When rating the accessibility of stores from parking, three-quarters of the respondents thought the accessibility of stores from parking was either good or excellent at the malls, while less than a quarter gave those same ratings for accessibility in the downtown area.

When they rated traffic conditions for the malls and downtown, only eight percent of the respondents rated traffic conditions in the downtown as good or excellent compared to 44 percent who rated them good or excellent for the malls.

In other areas, 68 percent of the responding consumers rated the physical appearance of malls as good or excellent as compared to just eight percent who rated the appearance of the downtown highly. Fifty percent rated the availability of resting facilities in malls as good or excellent compared to 13 percent who thought such facilities were good or excellent in the downtown area.

As for shopping hours, 31 percent rated downtown favorably, while just over 75 percent felt the mall hours were good or excellent.

Larger proportions of people perceive that malls are cleaner, have better restroom facilities, and that there is a better availability of goods, variety of goods and mix of stores. However, the percentage differences are not as large as those concerning traffic and some other aspects of the physical facilities.

The only area in which the downtown did better than the malls was in the quality of goods and the friendliness of clerks. Fifty-five percent of the respondents rated the quality of the goods downtown as good or excellent compared to 46 percent who rated the quality of goods in the mall as being good or excellent. About 49 percent rated the friendliness of clerks in the downtown as being good or excellent compared to 36 percent who used the same ratings to describe the friendliness of clerks in the malls.

Consumers did not perceive any great differences the way goods were displayed between downtown and the malls or in

the availability of public transport.

Surprisingly, fewer than 50 percent of the respondents felt there was a need for mini-parks in the downtown area. This is one of the considerations which the architects involved in the Cityscale Project will be studying.

As for other needs, 55 percent of the respondents said that an indoor mall would make the downtown a more attractive place to shop. Just over 40 percent felt that fewer signs in the downtown would make it a more attractive place for them to shop. About 35 percent said the provision of child sitting services would make the downtown a more attractive place for them to shop.

The item that received the fewest positive responses was a closed off street which was discussed Tuesday at the Cityscale workshop. The idea is to close off a section of Lisbon Street to improve traffic and access, but the idea was not favored by the respondents. At first glance, the study notes, this might appear to be inconsistent with the notion of having an indoor mall, especially if that indoor mall were to be located on Lisbon Street.

These two items, however, are not necessarily inconsistent. The foremost concern people have about the downtown are parking. The survey would appear to show that people would oppose closing a street for an indoor mall if that street closing would lead to further congestion.

The predominant theme that seems to run through the report is convenience. Consumers want easy access to the locations where they shop, they want reasonable prices, and they are concerned with amenities, such as bathrooms and benches. It is to these areas, the study suggests, that planning efforts should be directed.

There is much more data on consumers which has yet to be explored, such as information on where consumers go to shop, how frequently people go to the various areas, and data on out-of-town stores. But above all, the preliminary study on consumer's perceptions of downtown Lewiston shows that downtown merchants have their work cut out for them if they are to compete with the modern shopping malls.

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25 Years Ago Today *Oct 11/52*

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

An antique wagon had been donated to the Kiwanis auction underway at the Lewiston Armory by F. Owens Stephens of Auburn's E. W. Penley Co. The carriage, complete with roller bearing wheels, had been built in 1906 especially for the meat packing firm by the Wade and Dunton carriage company here and was used by E. W. Penley himself and several of his company's beef salesmen.

Miss Madeleine D. Giguere of Lewiston, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Giguere of 98 Webster St., had been granted a leave of absence for the academic year 1952-1953 from her post as assistant professor of economics and sociology at the College of Our Lady of Mercy, Portland, to do graduate work at Columbia University.

Former Lewiston Sister Marks 60th Anniversary *Oct 19/77*

Sister St. Camille, 79, of Mt. St. Joseph's Home, Waterville, celebrated her 60th anniversary recently.

The family of her brother, Adelard Landry of Lewiston, joined in honoring her with dinner at the Steer House in Lewiston followed by a family party at the home of her brother. Nieces and nephews of Sr. Camille presented her with a gift of a portable television.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Hamarin, Mrs. Roger Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lavoie, Mr. and Mrs. Roland D. Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Lessard, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robert, Mr. and Mrs. John Cashman, Mrs. Ida Cyr and the Rev. Armand J. Landry, who celebrated a thanksgiving Mass.

Not present, but sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Florent Marier of Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Landry of Canada.

Sr. Camille was one of five jubilarians honored on Oct. 10 by the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Provincial House in Winslow. On that occasion, a concelebrated Mass by 12 priests took place there among whom were her two nephews,



SISTER ST. CAMILLE

the Rev. Armand J. Landry and the Rev. Lucien Carrier.

For the past eight years, Sr. Camille has been at Mt. St. Joseph's Home in Waterville. Prior to that she was at the South Berwick Academy for Girls for 50 years as a teacher and counselor. She was born in St. Pascal, Quebec, and came to this country at the age of 9 and attended Catholic schools in Lewiston until the age of 17 when she entered the convent.

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Auburn Musician Named Woman of Year by BPW

Mrs. Constance Cote of Auburn was named Woman of the Year at a reception held Sunday afternoon at the Mid Maine Mutual Bank in Auburn by the Lewiston-Auburn Business and Professional Women's Club. This traditional event marks the beginning of National Business Women's Week, Oct. 16-22, this year.

Mrs. Cote is a well-known musician and radio personality in the two cities. She started her musical career as a church organist at the age of 11. She says, however, "Of all the things I have done and been involved in, being a wife and mother and working around my home gives me the greatest satisfaction. There I am the happiest." Mrs. Cote was introduced by Lewiston Mayor Lillian Caron.



MRS. CONSTANCE COTE

Club President Patricia Eaton introduced the speaker, Mrs. Viola Willard of Caribou, president of the Maine Federation of BPW Clubs, who congratulated the club on its 58th year in the federation and was pleased to learn it has received seven new members this year. She spoke of coming events, including a workshop at Portland, the spring board meeting and the state convention to be held in Lewiston next June.

Other distinguished guests were Mrs. Arline Andrews Lovejoy of Winthrop, immediate past state president, and Miss Bertha Rideout of Brunswick, state president-elect.

Louise Green gave a brief history of the early years of the local club, which is the oldest in the state, and displayed the Emblem Trophy which was awarded to the club in 1926-27.

The theme for the Sunday reception was Hawaiian, chosen

in honor of the national president, who is from Hilo, Hawaii. Members wore leis, and the birthday cake made by Mrs. Boulah Allen was decorated with small palm trees, hula girls and leis.

Mrs. Allen had charge of the refreshments, assisted by Miss Green and Susan Dechene. Hostesses were Ms. Dori Duchette and Marguerite Powers.

Following the reception, there was an executive board meeting at which Dorothy Aalto of Auburn and Ms. Marguerite Samson of Lewiston were accepted as new members.

Wash an avocado seed and remove any pulp. Plant in ordinary garden soil in red clay pot. You soon will have a very attractive, fast-growing, house plant. Use a pot at least 10½ inches in diameter.

Democrats

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meeting because I was notified of it," Rep. Berube said. "I had intended going, and I had another personal commitment and I couldn't make it. I don't know how it was done, if the decision was arrived at by secret ballot or what, I really don't know. It seems an undemocratic process, however, in a Democratic organization, if I must say."

Ms. Giguere offered similar criticism.

"The interesting thing," she said, "is that the letter's not signed and it doesn't say who made the motion if a motion was made and it doesn't say who made the decision, if the decision was taken."

"They sent me a notice for the October meeting," Ms. Giguere continued. "and in it they said the dues for the coming year were due. I knew I couldn't make the meeting because there was a trustees' meeting of the Lewiston Library that night and so I sent them my check for my dues as they had been solicited."

Ms. Giguere said the requirement for membership had come as news to her.

Nobody Told Her

"My point is that nobody ever told me this before," she said, "and I don't think I would have become a member of a group that would bind me simply to work for Democratic candidates or any candidates consistently."

"I'm not sure that's the only interpretation anyone could make on that requirement. It doesn't say 'each and every' Democratic candidate, and I certainly support a majority of Democratic candidates."

Ms. Giguere, who estimates her contributions to candidates and the party as "consistently" running from \$50 to \$200 "for the last five or six years at least," was asked if she sees the letter as punishment for endorsing Republican Cohen.

"Obviously it is," she replied. "They have a date there and I presume that is the date we endorsed him."

Rep. Berube, who said she had been "active in a sense" in the club, working at field days and attending some meetings, seemed somewhat surprised by the club action, noting, "This comes from the Democratic Women. In the past, the County Democratic Committee has not censured those who have actively worked for a Republican candidate."

"I expected a reaction from the small core, the very, very small minority of the Democratic organization in Lewiston," Rep. Berube told The Journal from the State House, where she was

attending a meeting as House co-chairman of the Performance Audit Committee. "I fully expected that because I've been through this for other reasons for other things with some of the group so I think it follows a pattern that I've experienced over the past seven years with them, this small group."

Rep. Berube emphasized she had "no intentions" of making the letter public because "I didn't want it to reflect unfavorably on the many sincere women who are members of the organization," but confirmed its existence when queried by The Journal.

Efforts to obtain details on the action by the Androscoggin County Democratic Women's Club at the Oct. 11 meeting were largely unsuccessful despite a wide-ranging effort to reach officers and members of the group.

Her Own Person

The Journal was unable to reach Mrs. Germaine Gamache, president of the club and wife of Hathaway aide Al Gamache, who, reached at his Portland office, emphasized strongly to The Journal that his wife is "her own person" and that he had no knowledge of the women's club action.

A source who declined to be identified downplayed the letters to the Lewiston women, insisting they had grown out of a "review" of the by-laws of the Democratic women's group and had been unanimously approved.

Asked if she would be supporting any other Democratic candidates this year, Ms. Giguere quickly replied, "Sure."

Rep. Berube, in turn, was less quick in her answer to another question. Asked if she would continue to support Congressman Cohen in his Senate campaign, she replied, "Yes."

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'SHORT OF GOING TO SIBERIA, I SUPPOSE' REPLIES REP. BERUBE

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Membership In Demo Club Denied Two Hathaway Foes

By NANCY GRAPE

Two prominent Lewiston Democrat women, one a State legislator and the other a regular Party financial contributor, have been dropped from membership in the Androscoggin County Democratic Women's Club apparently because they are supporting Republican Congressman William Cohen of Bangor in his effort to unseat Democrat U.S. Sen. William Hathaway of Auburn in the 1978 election campaign now underway.

Rep. Georgette B. Berube and Professor Madeline Giguere confirmed today they have received letters from the club telling them that under provisions of its constitution, they may no longer be members. A \$2 dues check sent by Ms. Giguere was also returned. On Sept. 8, both women endorsed Republican Cohen.

"It's short of going to Siberia, I suppose," Rep.



REP BERUBE

Berube said today when asked about the letter. "The first thing that came to my mind is Solzhenitsyn's 'Gulag Archipelago,' and I rest my case."

Ms. Giguere said the notice came as a surprise. "I had never expected it," she

declared. "I wasn't deliberately being provocative when I sent them my dues."

Unsigned letters to the two women from the club dated Oct. 11 and received Saturday cite the objectives of the group and qualifications for membership.

The Objectives

Among the objectives are support of Democratic Party principles and "to work for the election of Democratic Party candidates" as well as to "initiate and carry out programs on behalf" of the Party and its candidates.

Membership is open to "any registered Democratic,



MADELEINE GIGUERE

woman voter in Androscoggin County who pledges herself to the principles of the Democratic Party and to work for the election of Democratic Party candidates."

"According to the constitution," the two letters tell the two women, "you may not be a member of the Androscoggin County Democratic Women's Club as of Sept. 8, 1977."

"And thus," Ms. Giguere's letter adds, "we are returning your check."

Both women questioned today the way in which the club decision, made apparently at its Oct. 11 meeting, had been reached.

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your suite
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LES DAMES MONTAGNARD — The installation of officers for Les Dames Montagnard was held recently with Arthur Raymond as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Those installed are photographed first row, left to right, Ariene Tierney, pin girl; Jeanne Poultn, secretary; Lucille Massett, vice president; Fern Ronan, president; Cleo Rouleau, treasurer; Theresa Croteau,

assistant secretary and Anita Stone, pin girl. Second row, Linda Gervais, auditor; Roland Tanguay, installer; Muguette Denis, captain; Phyllis Williams, auditor; Donald Fournier, escort; Irene Pintal, lieutenant; Donna Glasson, director; Arthur Raymond, master of ceremonies; Corinna Thomas, director and Peter George, fleury escort. (Photo By Boonfanti)

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Sr. Baillargeon Elected Alternate to AHA House

Sister Rachel Baillargeon, administrator of St. Mary's General Hospital in Lewiston, has been elected as an alternate to the American Hospital Association's House of Delegates, it was announced.

The membership of the House of Delegates consists of three elected officers, a president, 21 trustees, and 100 delegates from the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada as well as 15 delegates at large and 18 regional delegates.

The primary responsibility of the members of the House of Delegates is to take actions that will advance the American Hospital Association's purpose of promoting the welfare of the public through its leadership and assistance to its members in the provision of better health services for all people.

Specifically each delegate is responsible for electing the trustees and officers of the association, the delegates at large and the regional delegates. They are also responsible for approving or disapproving reports, recommendations, actions or resolutions placed before the House by the officers and trustees.



SR. RACHEL BAILLARGEON

As the only alternate delegate to the House from the State of Maine, Sr. Rachel is seated in the House whenever Maine's delegate is unable to attend meetings.

The American Hospital Association of which the House of Delegates is a part, consists of nearly 7,000 institutional members and more than 20,000 personal members. Founded in 1889, it represents the majority of the nation's hospitals.

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AT THE FINISH LINE — Margaret Trudeau, estranged wife of Canada's prime minister, and her companion Bruce Nevins, right, president of Perrier mineral water firm, watch finish of New York's Marathon at finish line in Central Park Sunday. (AP Wirephoto)

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(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"Several years ago a Lewiston boy, a pupil of Josafa Morin, attracted the attention of discriminating musical people of Lewiston and Auburn for the unusual talent he showed on the violin. Mr. Fred Bumpus was so interested in this boy, Napoleon Dufresne, and so confident that he had a future that he loaned him one of his valuable old violins. A recital was given for him by his teacher and he also appeared as one of the soloists at a concert in Lewiston City Hall, on both occasions surprising his audience and convincing those interested in him that he should have the advantages of study abroad and enter upon a concert career. An unusual aptitude for technic and a facility for conquering technical difficulties was an outstanding feature of his playing. From the first, the works of the old masters seemed to come easy to him. He went to Belgium where he studied under the best teachers. Last year, he returned to make his debut at a concert given for him by Mr. Morin and left almost immediately for Concord, N.H., and this season he is returning to Lewiston and will open a studio at 186 Lisbon St..."

"Miss Edna Ridley of Lewiston has returned from a Christmas shopping expedition to New York City."

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St. Dom Booster Club Is Back In Business

The St. Dominic's Booster Club is reviving, and Fr. Francois Drouin, founder of the school, will be at the kick-off meeting this Thursday to share some thoughts with parents, friends, and alumni of the regional high school.

Fr. Drouin founded the school, originally for boys but now coed, back in 1940. The school graduated its first class in 1944, and had a strong tradition of parent and alumni support for the athletic events that St. Dom's sponsored or participated in. The scattered members of the old Booster Club were successful in keeping Drouin Field for the school earlier this year when the financial difficulties of the parish made it seem that the field would have to be sold.

Now, the Boosters Club is back on its feet and holding a grand meeting this Thursday night at 7:30 in the St. Peter's School hall. Parents, friends, and alumni are welcome to attend and listen to the many guest speakers. A spokesperson



REV. FRANCOIS DROUIN

for the new Boosters says the meeting promises to be both fun and informative, and will include participation by school students "then and now."

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GUEST SPEAKER — Lewiston State Rep. Georgette Berube will be among guest speakers at Thursday night's meeting of the St. Dom's Booster Club.

Rep. Berube will be discussing the opportunities that result when a community has two different school systems available for youngsters. Public and parochial schools, she says, lead to greater choices for school children.

Rev. Msgr. Charles M. Murphy will also be a speaker. Msgr. Murphy, a graduate of St. Dom's, continued his education at Holy Cross College, Harvard, and the Gregorian University in Rome.

The meeting of the Booster Club will be held at 7:30 Thursday night, Oct. 27, at the St. Peter's School auditorium.

Oct 24/77

"The Clockmaker" Opens French Film Festival

Growing understanding between father and son is observed in Bertrand Tavernier's moving and beautiful film, "The Clockmaker," which will be shown as part of Festival de Film Francais at the Empire Theatre in Lewiston on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The film is based on a novel by Georges Simenon and stars Philippe Noiret as a gentle "L'horloger" or clockmaker in Lyons. His well-ordered world of working in his shop and joining friends for dinner is jolted when he wakes up one morning to find that his son is a hunted murderer. The son is being sought by police for shooting a right-wing informer.

Both the father and the police seek the son, but the father discovers in himself a need for deeper understanding — how did he and his son reach this nightmarish situation?

"Finally the clockmaker pieces together experiences and ideas and learns how to reach his son, both physically and emotionally. At last, the son begins to understand the father, a meaningful connection is made.

"There have been scores of films and plays about the generation gap; this film about generation affinity seems more searching and true," wrote Penelope Gilliatt in The New Yorker.

Noiret, long considered one of France's finest actors, gives the most sensitive and affecting performance of his career as the father. He is not a political person, but discovers leftist leanings in himself that draw

him closer to his son, who suddenly seems a stranger.

In one of the finest scenes in the film, the clockmaker visits his former housekeeper, Madeleine, a strong, decisive woman who seems to know the son better than the father. She is excellently portrayed by Andree Tainsy.

"The Clockmaker," made in France in 1974, is the first film in Festival de Film Francais for 1977-78. The festival is co-sponsored by LPL Plus APL and Le Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain. Admission is \$1.

Oct 27/77

Quebecers Don't Know Americans Too Well, Either

Quebec's Plans for Referendum Seen Changing

QUEBEC (AP) — Events in Ottawa and Quebec City in recent days have changed the picture on the Parti Quebecois government's plans for a referendum on independence.

Of major significance is Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's announcement in Ottawa that the federal government is considering its own nationwide referendum on national unity.

The timing of any national referendum would be crucial.

If a national campaign should coincide with Quebec's referendum all the rules and restrictions planned by the Parti Quebecois on financing, spending and organization could go for naught.

Earlier this year, the party proposed a series of regulations defended by the government as necessary to ensure a fair campaign but denounced by critics as an effort to tie the hands of federalist forces.

For example, corporate contributions to the coffers of either separatist or federalist forces would be banned outright, and limits would be placed on individual contributions in accordance with the province's new legislation on political financing for general elections.

Moreover, only individuals registered as voters in Quebec would be able to contribute, effectively cutting off any infusion of funds from English Canada on the federalist side.

All federalist groups, including political parties and associations formed expressly for the purpose of preserving "national unity," would have to group themselves into a single umbrella organization.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau did not elaborate on the ground rules he plans for a possible nationwide referendum, but presumably he would not look with favor on the PQ's arrangements.

Other members of the Quebec Liberals and Union Nationale would like to see a third option of reformed federalism, rather than a simple choice between the status quo and independence, whatever name the latter goes by.

QUEBEC (AP) — Residents of Quebec may complain that Americans have only a tenuous grasp of Quebec's political realities, but not many Quebecers have a surer grasp of the United States, says a Laval University political scientist.

"Even if we're beginning to be very preoccupied with Quebec's image in the United States, we don't know the Americans well," said Louis Balthazar, who teaches a course on American foreign policy.

He has interviewed politicians, civil servants, businessmen and others during the last year while studying American views of the Canadian situation.

"Our intellectuals, our entire elite, closed its eyes to the United States, as if the best way to protest against American influence here and to avoid it was to not think about it.

"If I had any advice to give the Quebec government, I would tell them to forget about trying to start a fan club in the United States because it won't work, the American mentality being what

it is, the community of culture that exists with English Canada.

Balthazar said the advisers responsible for Premier Rene Levesque's speech to the Economic Club of New York last January—in which the premier compared Quebec's struggle for independence with that of the 13

American colonies—may have believed it possible to win over the Americans.

"If that was the case, it was a fantastic illusion," he said.

Still, officials at the Quebec delegation in Boston say that the 2.5 million Franco-Americans descended from French-Canadian families have shown,

Oct 25/77 Ms. Morency Is Hired To Direct Festival Dancers

A Lisbon resident has been hired by the Franco-American Festival Committee to direct a folklore dance troupe being created for next year's Franco-American Festival in Lewiston.

She is Veronica Morency of the Gayton Road, a June graduate of Winslow High School. Her title with the Festival organization is folklore specialist.

"We're very pleased to have found Miss Morency who has a rich background in dance and music and who is also bilingual," said Paul M. Pare, Festival coordinator. Miss Morency started work today at the Festival office located at the Multi-Purpose Center.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morency of Winslow, the newly-hired Festival staffer started taking dance lessons at the age of five, studying under Patsy Ulma and later Jeannette Thibodeau. Miss Morency also studied piano for a number of years and took voice lessons. She was involved in several high school musical productions and sang with the Kennebec Valley Chorus.

Plans call for Miss Morency to put together a troupe composed of local people who will study and interpret French-Canadian and Franco-American folklore. The troupe should be ready next spring for demonstrations and lectures for area organizations and schools and it's expected the troupe will play a major role in

"for the most part, very encouraging attitudes" toward Quebec's aspirations.

"There is no major opposition from this group which we keep particularly close tabs on," said Gaston Harvey, cultural adviser at the Boston office.

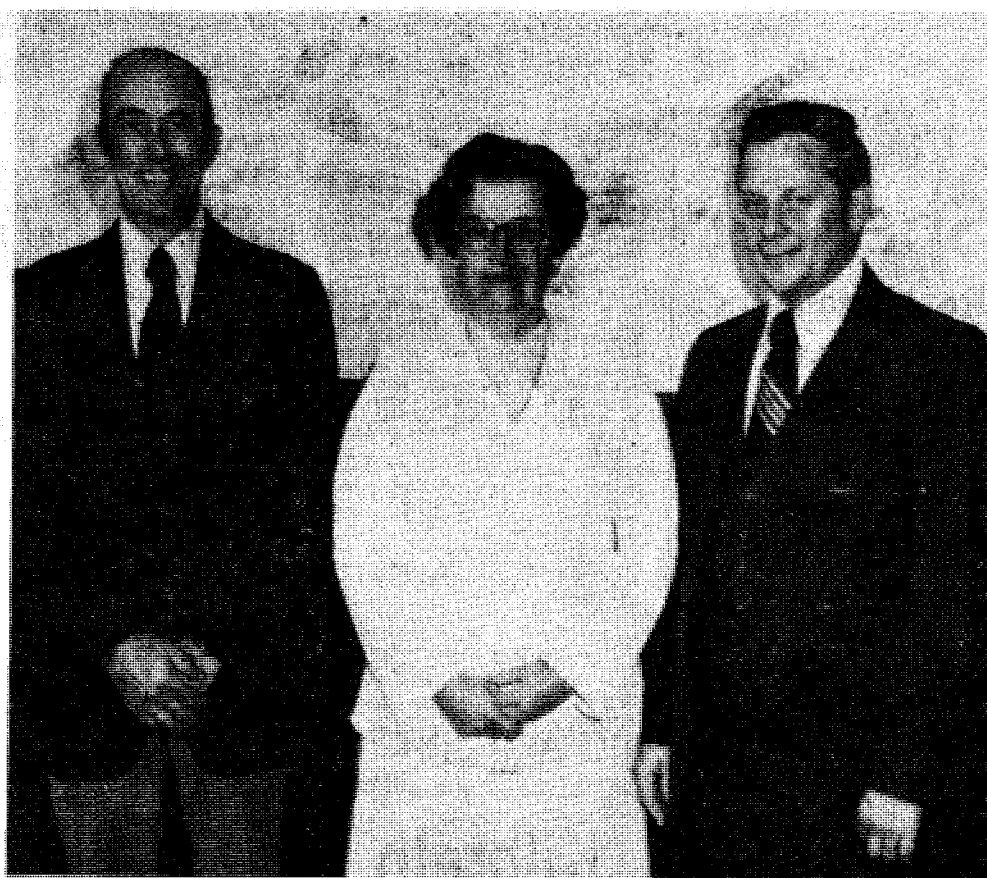
"One the other hand, they are are close watchers of the American and have no desire to Canadian scene.



VERONICA MORENCY

next year's Festival scheduled for the last week of July.

After an orientation period, Miss Morency is expected to spend some time in Quebec studying with experts in folk dance and the organization of folk dance troupes. The position of folklore specialist was created with CETA funds.



PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS — The Parish Council of St. Mary's Church will hold its first meeting of the fall season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the parish hall. Officers pictured here are, left to right, Gerard Dumais, vice president; Mrs. Roland Levasseur, secretary; and Norman Poliquin, president.

Chairmen of committees named by the

president are Mrs. Doris Martin, religious education; Gerard Dumais, liturgy; Bertrand Mailhot, Lucky Seven; Rene Ouellette, social justice; Mrs. Jeanne Turgeon, family life; Marcel Dumais, finances; Albert Dumais, building; Arthur Tancrede, parish life; and Claude Leclair, social action. (Bonenfant Photo)

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SACRED HEART LEAGUE — The Holy Cross Church League of the Sacred Heart held its first meeting of the season Sunday night and installed new officers and recognized honorary members.

Left to right, new officers are: President Peter Poulin, Vice President Maurice Mathieu, Treasurer Marcel Chaloux,

Secretary Maurice Theriault, Publicity Chairman Norm Morency, and Youth Chairman Mike Albert. Installing Chaplain Fr. Paul Plante stands at right. Honorary members cited were Walter Armstrong, Albert Berube, Lucien Gagne, Urbain Gallant, Odon Nadeau, and Leo Robitaille (Staff Photo by Gray).

9-12-77



BOOSTER CLUB - After giving speeches at the installation of the board of directors and officers of Saint Dominic Regional High School's Booster Club, Msgr. Charles Murphy, director of Education, Dioces of Portland, left, State Rep. Georgette Berube, and Rev. Francois Drouin, founder of the high school, wait for ceremonies to begin. (Staff Photo by Gray)

Festival de Film Francais Presents "The Clockmaker"

Doris Belisle-Bonneau, 153 Whitney St., Auburn, will host the first film in this year's "Festival de Film Francais" Sunday, Oct. 30, when "The Clockmaker" will be shown at the Empire Theatre in Lewiston at 2 p.m.

Ms. Bonneau is the secretary of Le Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain and is the chairperson of the community relations committee of L P L Plus A P L. Le Centre and L P L Plus A P L jointly sponsor the "Festival de Film Francais." The planning committee for the Festival includes Lisa Giguere, Mrs. Yvette C. Hasham, Norman Lapointe, and Molly Turlish and Ms. Bonneau.

"The Clockmaker" is based on a mystery thriller by George Simenon. The story focuses on a clockmaker in Lyons, whose world is as well-ordered as the watches he repairs in his shop until one morning he awakes to find that his son, whom he has raised as a companion, is being hunted for murder. Suddenly the

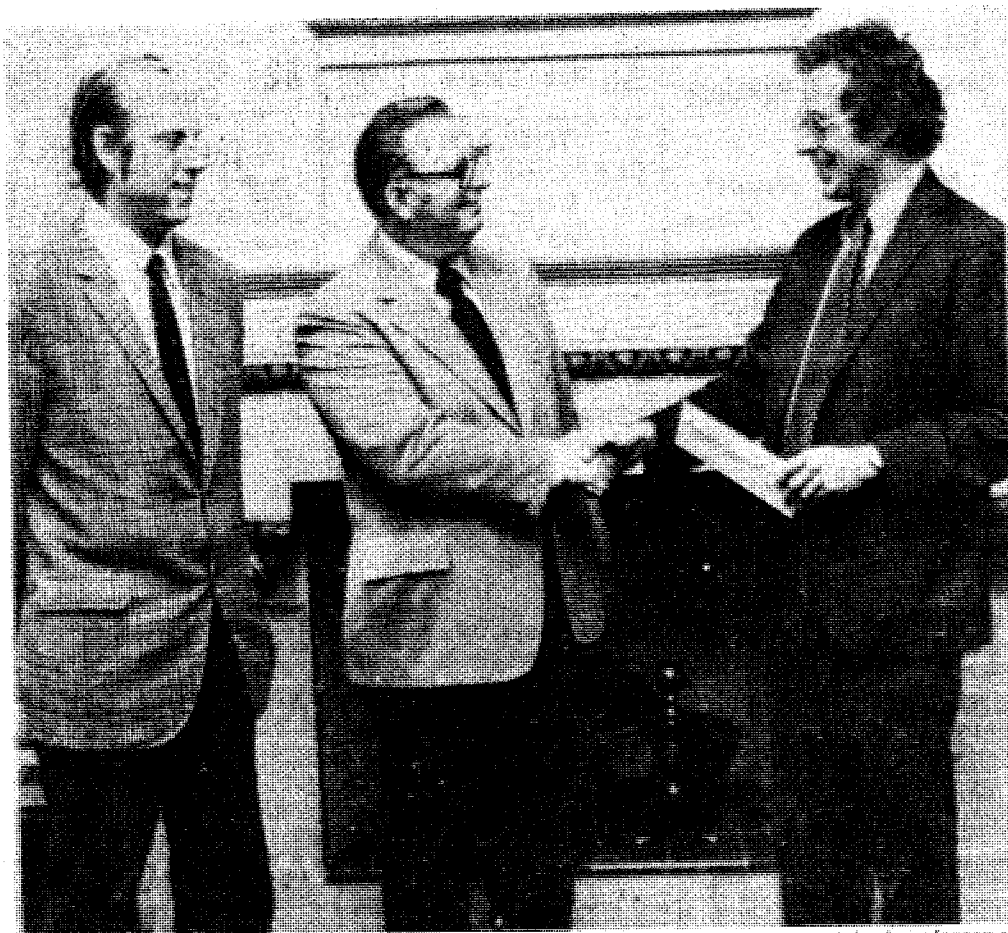
son seems a stranger.

The father carefully puts together parts of his son's life into a meaningful pattern, much as he might work on a broken clock, and eventually father and son grow to understand each other. The son's act of murder can never seem right to the father, but at last he feels close to his son whose rebelliousness seems to grow from the society in which they live.

The film is a gentle and moving vision of the father's search for his son. Philippe Noiret, one of France's finest actors, portrays the father.

"The Clockmaker" has not been rated, but the probably rating is G.

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FUND FRANCO PRESENCE — Dr. David C. Smith (right), executive director of the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy, reports that the council has decided to fund the symposium "The Franco-American Presence in America." That news was well-received Monday

by Richard C. Williamson, assistant professor of French at Bates College (left), and Raoul L. Pinette, president of the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain which is conducting the in-depth symposium. (Staff Photo by Gray)

10-4-77

Franco-American Symposium Gets Maine Council Funds

Raoul L. Pinette, president of the Centre d'Heritage Franco-Americain, announced Monday that the coming symposium on "The Franco-American Presence in America" is funded by the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy. These funds guarantee the resources needed to put together an in-depth symposium.

Executive Director of the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy, Dr. David Charles Smith of Lewiston commented, "The conference planned by the Centre d'Heritage will bring the insights of leading humanities scholars to a wide public

audience. The Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy is pleased to support this scholarly exploration of one of Maine's most important ethnic heritages."

The council gives financial support to projects bringing the perspective of the humanities to the discussion of public policy issues. Since the council's first award session in January 1976, it has made awards to Maine organizations totalling \$430,000.

Through its awards the council seeks to increase public appreciation and understanding of the humanities; philosophy, literature, modern and classical languages, history, and ar-

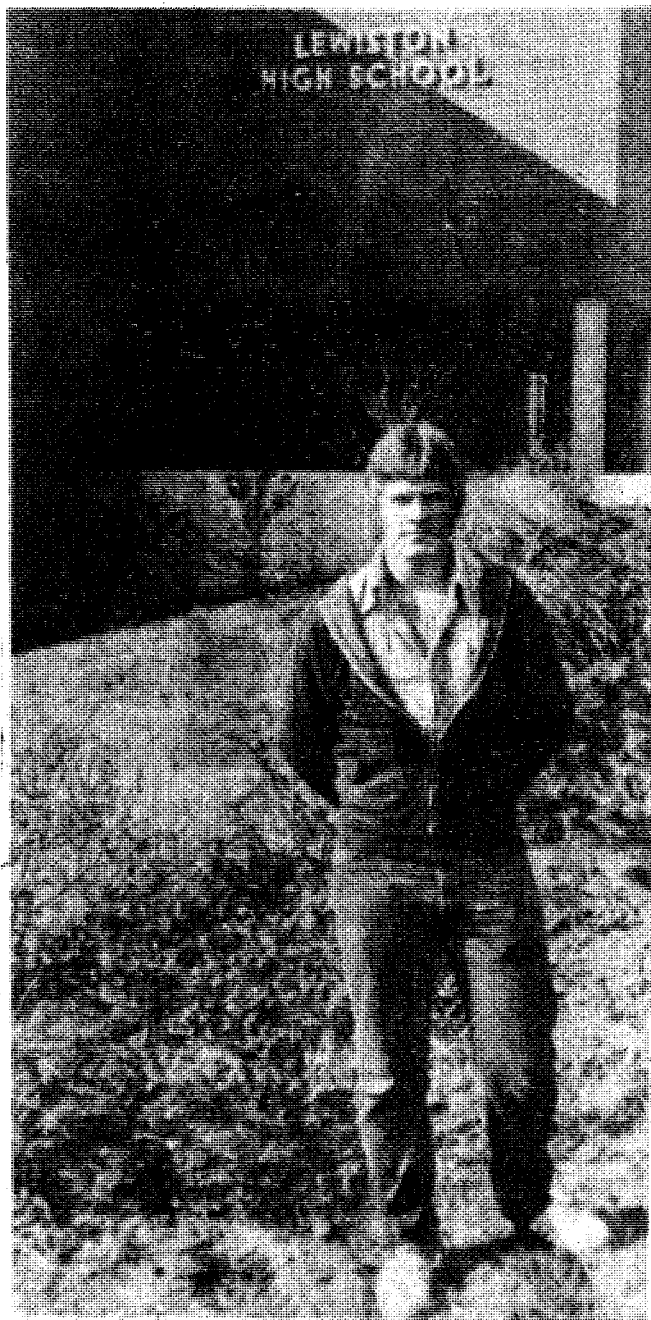
chaeology. Persons with advanced professional training in these and related disciplines are key participants in all projects funded by the Council. The Council believes that humanities scholars perform an important service by bringing their historical-critical training to the examination of current issues of public policy.

The Council receives its grant funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency created by Congress in 1965. The council also seeks funds from foundations and private donors in support of its projects. The council neither requests nor

receives state funds.

Council-funded projects have included talks and discussions, workshops, seminars, production, and broadcasting of television programs and the making and screening of films.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1977



NO. 1 AT CULTUREFEST - Bill Reny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Reny of 227 Oak St., Lewiston, placed first in the vocal competition singing a song that he wrote himself entitled "Sandy" at the annual Maine State CYO Culturefest held recently at Bangor. A senior at Lewiston High School, he is a member of St. Joseph's CYO, a member of the high school chorus, and is employed at The Value House in Lewiston. He plans to continue his education in music.

11/5/77 Levesque Assures Paris Assembly Quebec Will Split

MONTREAL (AP) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque told members of the French National Assembly in Paris on Wednesday that "it's more and more certain that a new country will appear democratically on the map."

Levesque's speech on Radio Quebec was monitored in Montreal.

Levesque said Quebec voters knew what they were doing when they elected a government dedicated "to the political emancipation" of the province.

He applauded the efforts of former French President Charles de Gaulle on behalf of the independence movement, but he noted that fundamental changes had been happening in Quebec several years before the late French politician made his famous 'Vive le Quebec Libre' speech.

Plans for Levesque's speech had been watched closely by the Canadian government to ensure the Quebec premier would not be given honors appropriate for a head of state.

The speech, given during a reception in Levesque's honor, was considered by Quebec officials as the highlight of the premier's three-day official visit to France.

During the visit, Levesque also will hold talks with French President Giscard d'Estaing and Prime Minister Raymond Barre. He will be guest of Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac at a civic reception.

Levesque gave his 25-minute speech in the Galerie des Fetes, a meeting hall in the national

assembly building. He was introduced by assembly Speaker Edgar Faure, who reflected in a philosophical vein on the ties between Quebec and France.

Earlier, the premier watched an assembly session from a VIP gallery. Faure interrupted the proceedings to introduce the Quebec premier and invite members to reconvene in the Galerie des Fetes.

Levesque recounted briefly the history of the French-speaking people in North America, noting that the British

conquest in 1759 cut the French colony of New France off from France.

Because of their environment, the former French colonists developed a distinctive culture and identity "with a North American flavor."

De Gaulle's contribution to the independence movement did not begin with his 1967 speech, but started in 1961 when he and former Quebec Premier Jean Lesage gave new impetus and substance to Franco-Quebec relations, Levesque said.

Trudeau Denies Any Wrongdoing In Mountie Spying Scandal

Nov 3/77

By NIKKI FINKE
Associated Press Writer

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau says he never ordered federal police surveillance of legitimate political parties and when he found out it was being done, "I ordered it stopped."

Trudeau faces more questioning in nationally televised sessions of the House of Commons today about tactics — legal and illegal — allegedly used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Security

Service unit during the early 1970s.

Opposition leaders grilled Trudeau Wednesday about his responsibility for the Mounties and accused his Liberal Party Cabinet of failing to investigate the alleged acts fully or make them public.

Replying to criticism that had been building up for several days, Trudeau said it "didn't cross my mind" to inquire whether the RMCP was using illegal methods to gather information on terrorist groups or political parties.

"We on this side (of the House of Commons) presume that the police are an honest group of people," Trudeau told his opponents in the Progressive Conservative and New Democratic parties. "We didn't ask the police each time, 'Where did you get this information?'"

The illegal tactics charged to the Mounties in their war against terrorists in the early 1970s include arson, break-ins and theft. They also stole, copied and returned membership lists in 1973 of the Parti Quebecois, the legal political party that advocates independence for French-speaking Quebec. It was suspected then of being linked to the terrorist Quebec Liberation Front but won the 1976 provincial election and took over the provincial governments.

Trudeau said he found out in 1974 or 1975 that the RCMP's Security Service had the Parti Quebecois under surveillance when it delivered some of its intelligence information to the government.

The prime minister denied opposition charges that he authorized the RCMP to spy on the PQ in the interest of national unity. Trudeau said he ordered the spying stopped and noted that his Cabinet produced new guidelines for the Security Service in March 1975, to prevent spying on legal political parties.

"Since the time I became prime minister in 1968 I know of no surveillance exercise of any political party as such, only the one I referred to in the case of the Parti Quebecois and I had it stopped as soon as I learned about it," Trudeau said as his

supporters applauded.

He said he learned only last week that the RCMP, acting without a warrant, had taken, copied and returned computer tapes containing PQ membership lists from the party's Montreal office on June 9, 1973.

A federal commission and a Quebec provincial commission both have been empowered to investigate RCMP security operations. The federal commission is bogged down in procedural issues but the Quebec inquiry has uncovered several new alleged wrongdoings.

DuBois Attends Open House At Wheelock

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An Edward Little High School student was one of the more than 150 high school students from all over New England to attend the open house at Wheelock College, Boston, last weekend. Rachel DuBois attended workshops on different areas of early childhood education and development, toured The Riverway campus, and met with faculty, students and administrators. The students heard talks on other programs at the school, which specializes in preparing people for careers working with young children.



FRENCH CLUB OFFICERS — Four of the five St. Doms students who are serving as officers of the school's French Club this year are grouped here. Left to right, they are — Claire Blanchette, publicity

chairman; Diane Fortin, president; Celeste Angers, secretary; and Pierre Angers, treasurer. Completing the slate of officers is Monique Dube, vice-president. (Photo by John M. Robinson)



SOMETHING NEW — Something new will soon be coming to Lisbon Street. An ultra modern "optical boutique," owned and operated by Poliquin of Poliquin's Optical and Hearing Aid Center on Lisbon Street. Poliquin has acquired the Emerson Building which now houses the Armed Forces recruiting center. Purchasing the building will, Poliquin said, would give him

double floor space and allow for three private fitting rooms instead of one. "We plan to give the Emerson Building a face-lift," said the new owner, adding that an architect is currently working on plans in improving the appearance of the building. Poliquin said, he would take proper precautions to preserve the architecture of the building.

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Louis-Philippe Revue May Preview Dinner Theater



Louis-Philippe Gagne

Talent from the Lewiston-Auburn area will be put in the spotlight next Friday when the Louis-Philippe Revue is presented at the Lost Valley Ski Lodge.

"Talent in the field of performing arts was once plentiful," stated Lewiston recording artist Louis-Philippe Gagne. "The days of operas and vaudeville in the Twin Cities may be behind us, but there's no reason why local talent cannot be presented in a modern setting."

Gagne said, "I found much cooperation from several people who share the feeling that this area is ripe for the unique concept of dinner-show entertainment. And if the premiere revue is a success, it will be repeated again and again."

Gagne states the evening will be one filled with song and dance, good food, and plenty of laughter. He is the lead singer for The Blazers and as a single artist he has made several recordings, including "Farrah," "Bon Chance, Mon Garcon," and "My Way," all of which were recorded in Lewiston.

Reservations are limited and can be obtained by contacting calling 782-0888.

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Quebec Separatists Shift Gears on Breakaway

By NIKKI FINKE

MONTREAL (AP) — The Parti Quebecois swept to power a year ago preaching independence for French-speaking Quebec. Now the party says separatism doesn't have to mean a complete parting of ways.

"We are pragmatic people. Why stay married when you can live together and still keep the union alive?" explains Camille Laurin, architect of cultural policy and key cabinet minister to Premier Rene Levesque.

"We have no intention of demolishing our links with Canada. What we are seeking is a new contract with the federal government — one that will be mutually profitable and recognize the sovereignty of Quebec."

But Marc Lalonde, the federal cabinet minister in charge of provincial relations who is

leading Ottawa's opposition to the separatists, says the new terminology is "nothing but a smokescreen to mask eventual independence" that would spell disaster for Quebec.

About the only thing the Parti Quebecois and its opponents agree on these days is that Quebec is at the crossroads of a new era. And the province's uncertain future is hurting business, muddying relations with the rest of Canada and even hampering the PQ government itself.

"We have lived together for too many years and Quebecers are feeling the restlessness that comes with middle age," explains Michel Robert, policy chairman of Quebec's opposition Liberal Party which seeks to keep the province within the 110-year-old Canadian confederation.

"The marriage may not be a good one, but it's better than living alone."

Quebec, twice the size of Texas and the largest of Canada's 10 provinces, has an 80 per cent French-speaking majority in its population of 6.2 million. Like other Canadian provinces, it enjoys an autonomy far greater than a state in the United States.

But the mechanics of how Quebec could split from the rest of Canada have not really been worked out.

Separatism had been brewing for decades in Quebec, fed by

resentment at the economic domination of the province by "Anglos" and concern that its French heritage was being lost.

On Nov. 15, 1976, the Parti Quebecois scored a dramatic victory in provincial elections by drawing on widespread dissatisfaction with Robert Bourassa's ruling Liberal government.

Levesque, the popular and articulate new premier, promised to hold a referendum before 1980 on whether the province should become independent.

The major achievement of the PQ at home has been legislation making French the official language of the province and decreeing that all newcomers to

the province must study in French schools. The bill has been widely defied in English language schools.

Levesque recently returned home triumphant from an of-

ficial visit to France where he was greeted with exceptional warmth by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of the Legion of Honor.

But Quebec has come no closer to nationhood than before. No date has yet been set for the referendum — although it is expected in 1979 — and even its wording is the subject of heated debate.

Bourassa's administration was marked by a sagging economy and alleged corruption. Under the PQ government, Quebec still maintains the highest unemployment rate in Canada, nearly 10 percent compared to the national average of 8.5 percent. The economic situation has been made worse by the recent flight of some business headquarters from Montreal to Toronto as a result of Quebec's cloudy future.

Bernard J. Finestone, in-

surance broker and honorary chairman of the Montreal Board of Trade, says the Levesque government is "dreaming in Technicolor" about the feasibility of its separatist policies.

"They want to rip Quebec out of Canada and then turn to the other provinces and demand a Common Market-style association. It is totally impossible to achieve," Finestone declared.

Opposition leaders claim the Parti Quebecois is not receiving widespread support and, to save face, has redefined separatism in less ominous terms of a "sovereign-association."

Robert, who is trying to rebuild the shattered Liberal Party, argues: "It doesn't matter if you call it separatism, independence or a sovereign-

association. We would be a weaker, smaller country."

Sixteen citizens groups have sprouted in recent months to mobilize public sentiment against separatism in time for the referendum. The largest of these groups, Quebec-Canada, claims 100,000 followers.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, himself a Quebec native of French-Canadian background, has sought to soothe the province's yearnings for freedom by promising reforms aimed at protecting French language and culture throughout Canada.

Laurin accuses political rivals of using the PQ's separatist platform to sow fear among Quebecers and outsiders. "I would like to ban the words 'separatism' and 'independence' from the Parti Quebecois

vocabulary," he says.

Laurin envisions a new relationship between Quebec and the Ottawa government based on equality and recognition of Quebec's French heritage, dating back to colonial times.

Details of the contract are still sketchy. Parti Quebecois leaders acknowledge they have yet to decide whether Quebec will need its own army, postal system and other federally provided institutions.

In Chinese tradition, April 8 marks the birth of the Buddha. On this day, during the "Buddha Bathing Festival," images of the holy figure are paraded, sprinkled with water and decorated.

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Ottawa Chides Paris over Levesque Medal

OTTAWA (AP)—The Canadian government, upset over the Legion of Honor given by France to independence-minded Quebec Premier Rene Levesque, sent a "reminder" to Paris Friday that the award should have been cleared with Ottawa.

In Paris, Levesque told a news conference that he had found "understanding, confidence and support" for Quebec during his three-day visit to France.

"I think this means France understands, as all the civilized world should, the right of the Quebec people to decide on its own future," he said.

A government spokesman in Ottawa said the Canadian Embassy in Paris sent a note to the French Foreign Ministry reminding it that any foreign award or title to a Canadian must be approved by Ottawa.

He declined to term the note a protest and said the incident was not a "major" one. But he added that the French government was certainly aware of the Canadian position.

"They wanted to pose a gesture and they certainly did," he said.

Levesque, whose Parti Quebecois swept to power in Quebec last year promising to hold a referendum on separating his French-speaking province from the rest of Canada, came to France seeking support for his aspirations.

At a formal luncheon Thursday attended by the entire French government, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing told Levesque that "whatever happens, Quebec can count on

the fraternal sympathy of France."

He added: "You will determine yourselves, without interference, the lines of your future. You have the rights and capacity to do so."

Then in a gesture that drew the Canadian "reminder," Giscard d'Estaing made Levesque a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, an award only one notch lower than the Grand Cross reserved for heads of state.

The president's actions seemed designed to give the maximum possible official support for the largest French speaking community outside France short of endorsing separatism. French Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte said France's policy toward Quebec was "non-indifference with non-interference."

But to many opponents of Quebec separatism in Ottawa, the French actions recalled how the late President Charles de Gaulle, on a state visit to Canada 10 years ago, shouted: "Long live free Quebec!" Angry Ottawa officials promptly cut his visit short.

At a news conference Thursday, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said France may not understand Quebec's position in the Canadian confederation. He said many Frenchmen seem to think that Quebec — most of whose six million citizens speak French — is a minor colony of English speaking Canada.

"If that is due to ignorance, it is up to us to set them straight," he said. But Trudeau declined to



Rene Levesque

comment on Giscard d'Estaing's comments, saying he had to see the full text first.

He added that he was awaiting a report on the Levesque visit from Canadian Ambassador Gerard Pelletier and would then decide whether the French conduct was unacceptable.

At his Paris news conference, Levesque said France's position on Quebec "shows anyone with a minimum of good will can understand the naturalness of Quebec's evolution. I don't know if Trudeau is there yet, but others are."

Aside from the public gestures, Levesque's visit produced a promise of French technical aid to Quebec copper mining projects and reinforcement of existing consultative machinery. This included agreement for annual alternating visits by premiers of France and Quebec, which Levesque called the "institutionalization" of traditional close links.

Tonight's The Last Night Of Horror

BY URSULA ALBERT

Even though Halloween is behind us, eerie sounds and spine-tingling screams will still echo tonight from within the walls of the former St. Dominic's High School building on Bartlett Street in Lewiston.

The ghosts and goblins lurking within the Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees Haunted House will open the creaking building doors to admit members of the public for the final time this year, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The doors will be bolted shut at 10 o'clock so that cob webs can set in for next year; if, in fact, the Jaycees convert that building into a haunted house when Halloween rolls around once again.

New Location?

The possibility exists that the club's haunted house will be relocated next year, Jaycees President Denis Pratt revealed today.

Plans for the former St. Dominic's High School structure calls for renovations for a local boy's club, and the building might well be undergoing these changes come next October, he said. Therefore, he commented, "I don't think we will use the same building."

It has yet to be determined where the haunted house will be set up, Pratt said, adding, however, that a more convenient building "location-wise" will most likely be sought. All of this hinges, of course, on whether or not a move must, in fact, be made or the Jaycees decide to change the location regardless of any structural changes.

'A lot Different'

Whatever the location, Pratt pledged that next year's house "will be a lot different."

Noting that definite plans are still in the making, the club president said that new ideas as far as the overall layout of the haunted house go are being considered in an effort to make next year's funhouse even more creative and frightening.

Pointing out that each year members of the L-A Jaycees obtain feedback regarding the pluses and minuses of the organization's haunted house, Pratt said that the majority of people who voiced any opinion this year stated that the house was better than last year.

We hope, he remarked, that the public will find next year's project even better.

Every year, the Jaycees learn from their mistakes and strive to improve upon their plans, he pointed out, noting that next year complying with the state's fire code will be "in the back of our minds."

Unexpected Delay

The opening of this year's Bartlett Street spookhouse was delayed when inspectors from the State Fire Marshalls' Office ordered the Jaycees to close the building to the public until certain safety precautions were implemented and a permit issued.

Some of these safety measures included spraying the walls and the contents of some rooms with a fire retardant chemical, replacing home-gauge extension cords with heavier industrial-gauge ones, installing three emergency exit lights designed to go on automatically if the power should shut off and repairing what was described as "slightly antiquated light fixtures" which created a potential fire hazard.

Next year, Pratt said, the Jaycees plan to ask State fire inspectors to discuss the general layout of the haunted house prior to the actual construction of the project to "avoid any last minute closing."

This year's delay caused the Jaycees to lose the revenue which would have been collected the first two nights the house was scheduled to be open but remained closed, he said. He noted that the club also lost an estimated \$500-\$700 which had to be used to carry out electrical repairs.

So far, the haunted house has brought in revenues totaling \$7,000. The local organization had set its goal at \$10,000.

Pratt said earlier that if the group fell short of its goal, the house would be kept open after Halloween in hopes of covering the costs incurred for carrying out the unexpected repairs. The house was also open last night.



GUEST SPEAKER — JoAnne Lapointe will speak on the history of Lewiston and Auburn when members of the Exchangelles meet Thursday evening at Happy Jack's Restaurant. The evening's activities will begin with a social hour at 6:30 followed by dinner and the program. Mrs. Lapointe will illustrate her talk with slides.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF LONGTINS got together recently for picture-taking. Anthony Steve Longtin, who will be two years old in January, is held by his dad, Raymond Longtin, an M.P. in the Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Tenn. His great grandfather, Henry Longtin of 201 Pine St., Lewiston, sits in the middle and his grandfather, Thadee Longtin, 353 Pine St., Lewiston, is at right. (Photo by Ray Philbrick Jr.)

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KEY SPEAKER — The Rev. Rosario Guilmette, OP, will be the speaker at the meeting of La Survivance Francaise at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Cordial Hall. His program will be a conference which has been taken from two songs.

Alyre Daigle will be the hostess for lunch during the social period.

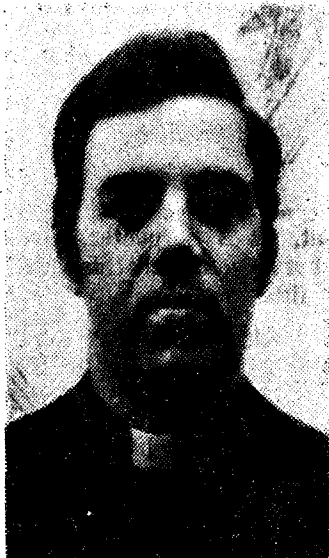
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PLAQUE FOR DR. J. P. NADEAU — Dr. J. P. Nadeau of Lewiston, the Androscoggin County jail physician for 20 years, was honored Wednesday with the presentation of a plaque by Sheriff Lionel A. Cote. The plaque was from both the Sheriff's Department and Androscoggin County Commission. Sheriff Cote said that Dr. Nadeau has given his services far beyond what he has been paid for, being available to the jail inmates at all times of the day and night. The sheriff felt that the plaque was small recognition of the services rendered the county by Dr. Nadeau. (Staff Photo by Wardwell)

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Special Night Thursday For Knights of Columbus



FR. JOSEPH J. CAHILL

This Thursday promises to be a special night for members of the Knights of Columbus when a Holy Commemorative Mass will be celebrated by the council's Chaplain Fr. Joseph Cahill and services honoring members of Council 106 who have died within the past year will be held.

Sir Knight Raoul Pinette of the Wallace Assembly, Fourth Degree, has been assisting church activities chairman Richard Letourneau with arrangements for the service and will assist Fr. Cahill during the ceremonies.

The service will begin at 8 p.m. in the main hall of the K of C house on East Avenue in Lewiston with the Fourth Degree honor guard led by Capt. Aurele Roy escorting the participants of the mass into the council chamber and later assisting during the actual ceremony.

Also helping Fr. Cahill during the service will be lecturers; Richard Fournier, Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree; Mrs. Connie Pinette, President of the Ladies Auxiliary; and Jerry E. Bouchard, Grand Knight.

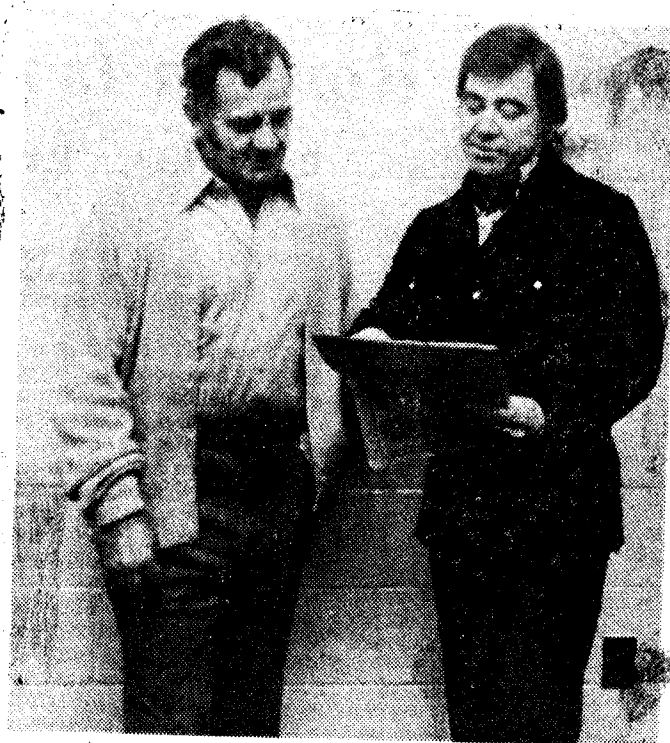
The deceased members who will be remembered include Gerard Berube,



RAOUL PINETTE

Laureat Dupont, Raymond Bilodeau, Bertrand Tardif, William Dee, Marc Bosse and Frank Parrotta.

Special invitations have been sent to surviving members of their families and they will be asked to participate in the service which will be followed by a light luncheon of coffee and sandwiches.



FIDDLER'S COMPETITION CHAIRMEN — Two well-known local musicians are serving as co-chairmen for Lewiston's First International Fiddler's Competition to be held Friday evening, Dec. 9, at the Lewiston Junior High School Auditorium. Supervising the arrangements for the event are Chuck Frechette, left, and Marcel Larrivee, both of Lewiston. Some 25 fiddlers from throughout New England and Canada are expected to compete for cash prizes in the open competition being held to raise funds for the 1978 Franco-American Festival. Working with Frechette and Larrivee is Paul Pare, Festival coordinator. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Festival office located at the Multi-Purpose Center. (Staff photo by Gray)

Cohen^{11/12/77} Wants Relief From 'Over Regulation'

By TUX TURKEL

Capping a tour that took him to Waterville, Augusta, Rumford and Norway yesterday, Congressman William S. Cohen was in Lewiston this morning to meet constituents and speak of his future aspirations, should he emerge victorious in the upcoming Senatorial contest between himself and Sen. William Hathaway.

High on his list of priorities was to provide some "relief from the over-regulation coming out of Washington" to the people of Maine, relief he feels is long overdue in the state.

Better Influence

The 37-year-old Bangor native is giving up his seat in the House with the belief that he will have a "greater opportunity to bring my ideas and energy to bear and have more significant influence on legislation" that will benefit Maine people.

He cited the smaller group of elected officials and less procedural rules in the Senate as the vehicle to let him do so.

"We've got to retain more local control and less federally mandated policies," Cohen said, referring to the plight of the small business person in Maine. "Ninety-nine percent of the businesses in Maine are small."

Energy, Environmentalists

Noting his opposition to the Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric project — a project his opponent strongly supports — Cohen answered charges by Governor Longley that "environmentalists are against every energy project in the state" by saying Maine should rely on smaller, more varied ideas to fulfill our need for power. He referred specifically to smaller hydroelectric projects, better development of the state's abundant wood resources, and increased use of rail transportation to move goods.

He indicated that the state could move toward energy efficiency without so much federal help, and pointed to his college roommate Charlie Wing, and his success with Cornerstones, the alternate energy-efficient housing venture in Brunswick.

Further discounting the belief that all energy projects are opposed, Cohen gave his initial support for Central Maine Power Co.'s proposed Sears Island coal plant, calling it "consistent with President Carter's direction" and gave his support of research funds for the Passamaquoddy tidal project. He did, however, offer only cautious approval to more nuclear development in Maine, namely CMP's proposed Richmond site, slated for the 1990's.

"We've got to consider nuclear power as part of our total energy picture," he agreed, but expressed concern for storage of nuclear wastes. "We just haven't concentrated enough on the alternatives."

Oil Pricing

Continuing on energy discussion, the Second District Republican spoke out against the Carter Administration's proposal to let domestic oil prices rise to reflect the high prices of world oil, as dictated by the OPEC nations. Saying that letting domestic oil companies up the prices would be comparable to price fixing, he noted that it would have a "tremendous inflationary impact" on consumers, even with the help of rebates. He did, however, throw his support behind the President's plan to offer tax credits and deductions for people instituting energy saving measures.

Robert Redford!

Faced with the fact that running a

Cohen

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Senatorial campaign is expensive, Cohen said he has been "trying to do it on my own, for the most part," but didn't rule out the possibility of former President Gerald Ford appearing in Maine to campaign on his behalf. Asked what he thought about Senator Hathaway inviting conservation-minded actor Robert Redford to speak at a \$50-a-plate dinner in Portland in December, Cohen said he thought it should be "a matter of concern for environmentalists" and called the move "inconsistent." Hathaway, Cohen said, has accused him in various campaign literature of being too showy.

"He calls me too glamorous," mused Cohen, "yet he decides to bring in the most glamorous of all Hollywood stars."

Looking ahead, the candidate speculated that he would maintain a good working relationship with the state's senior Senator, Edmund Muskie, saying he now gets along well with the Democrat.

"We'd try to maintain the unity of the Maine delegation as best we can," he said. "We'd try to keep the delegation as non-partisan as possible."

He saw no comparison to the 1972 Senate race when Hathaway wrested the seat

from incumbent Margaret Chase Smith, saying merely "times have changed."

Cohen said he was looking forward to meeting and debating with Senator Hathaway as the 1978 election nears. The two men will appear jointly at a state chamber of commerce meeting Friday in Portland. The remainder of his stay in Lewiston was scheduled to be spent speaking to store owners and shoppers on Lisbon Street, as well as a visiting the Promenade and Lewiston malls. He was accompanied by his local press secretary, State Rep. David Ault of Wayne.

Moderate, Independent

Overall, comparing himself to the incumbent, Cohen portrayed himself as a man with a different philosophy. Calling himself a moderate and an independent, he said he would be tackle issues "based on their merit, not in regard to party alignment." What do the people of Maine seem to want most of all that he will strive to bring about, if elected?

"The biggest message seems to be less taxes," he said. "They seem to want less federal involvement in their lives. The more federalization of programs we have, the less freedom we have."

French Say Stance on Quebec Preserves Culture in Canada

By EDWARD CODY

PARIS (AP) — By supporting the autonomy-minded people of Quebec, France is safeguarding French culture in Canada and "in a certain sense protecting ourselves," says a high official of the Paris government who helped shape its Quebec policy.

France's attitude toward its French-speaking "cousins" in North America annoys English-speaking Canadians and rankles Americans, but tickles Frenchmen and generally delights the Quebecois.

"We have just as much right to accord our support to the people of Quebec as President Carter does to worry about the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union," the French official said.

"We are protecting French language and French civilization in North America, and by so doing we are in a certain sense protecting ourselves," he added.

Of all European countries, France is particularly watchful of its civilization. The government strives to preserve French customs through cultural subsidies and to maintain the quality of the language through such organs as the French Academy.

Despite language variations — both vocabulary and pronunciation — between Quebec and the country that colonized it in 1608, some circles here view the preservation of Quebec's cultural independence as an assertion of French national heritage.

Paris policy toward the province was re-enunciated last week when President Valery Giscard d'Estaing assured visiting Quebec Premier Rene Levesque of France's "understanding, confidence and support."

Levesque's Parti Quebecois, which came to power in the 1976 elections, has promised a referendum on whether Quebec should

separate itself from English-speaking Canada. The party claims the French language has lost in prominence in recent years.

France's policy first grabbed headlines in 1967 when then-President Charles de Gaulle cried to a cheering Quebec crowd "Vive le Quebec Libre (Long Live Free Quebec)." That angered the Canadian government so much that de Gaulle cut short his trip.

Some observers have said De Gaulle was carried away by the crowd's clamor, but French officials who helped prepare the moment say his shouted slogan was the fruit of careful calculation.

"French policy toward Quebec has remained exactly the same through three presidents and seven premiers," said the source, who has been associated with the policy for years. "The Quebec (policy) had been there for a long time. De Gaulle's move just helped the world discover it. It was a publicity gesture."

The official said Giscard d'Estaing's exceptional treatment of Levesque, while less showy than de Gaulle's action, was designed to show continued support for an active pro-Quebec policy.

Levesque was accorded honors usually reserved for chiefs of state. The premier attended a round of official dinners, gave an unprecedented speech in parliament's ceremonial hall and was made a grand officer of the Legion of Honor by Giscard d'Estaing.

Canadian Ambassador Gerard Pelletier called the distinction a "hitch in international usage" about which the Canadian government expressed "astonishment."

U.S. Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman is known to have expressed concern over what he saw as increased French support for Levesque's autonomy aims.

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ST. MARY'S NOVEMBER ARTISTS — Three Jewiston artists exhibit their paintings at St. Mary's General Hospital. Chairperson of St. Mary's monthly art exhibits, Mrs. Florence Poussard (left), of 16 Perley St. holds one of the 2 paintings by her at this month's exhibit. A new artist, Mrs. Candide Leblanc (center) of 1 Perley St., has been studying art since March at the Holy Family Parish Center. She enjoys working in oil media and most of her works are still-life and landscapes. Her son, Denis Leblanc of 172 Bates St., studied under Sr. St. Paul while attending St. Peter's School and later under Mrs. Poussard.

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LEWISTON SAYS HELLO to Senatorial candidate William Cohen as he stopped in the city today, following visits to four other central Maine towns.

The Congressman strolled Lisbon Street, speaking to merchants and Saturday morning

shoppers and spoke briefly about his plans for the Senate, should he win over Sen. William Hathaway next year.

Above, he shares a few words with Robert Ouellette of Lewiston before moving on to the Promenade Mall. (Staff photo by Gray).

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Funeral Director Burpee Named To N.E. Council

A Lewiston man has been appointed to the Northeast Council of State Boards and Agencies for Funeral Directing, it was announced today.

Gerald W. Burpee has been appointed to the council, which is made up of the state boards and licensing agencies of the seven Northeast states and New York. The council has been in operation since 1952 and has been an effective force in many aspects of funeral service in the Northeast.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the council will be guests of the New England Institute of Anatomy in Boston, which will present a model continuing education program at the school.

Also on the agenda are final plans for a continuing education program to be held at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on April 11 and 12.

Gerald Burpee is the owner of the Albert Funeral Home in



GERALD W. BURPEE

Lewiston and a member of the Maine State Board of Funeral Service. Paul E. Driscoll, governor of District #1 of the council, made the announcement.

50 Years Ago Today — '27

(From The Lewiston Journal Files)

"Members of St. Mary's parish of Lewiston were joyful Sunday afternoon to see the official laying of the corner stone of their church which, started in 1907, is just now being completed, and that before SS. Peter and Paul church which was started several years before St. Mary's..."

"The service clubs are to have a part in the big apple show at the armory next week. Each club will be represented by an apple identifying team. For the Rotary club, president McIlroy has appointed Bancroft Wallingford, Cheney Brown and Dr. R. N. Randall."

"A party of local big game hunters drove into Lewiston with a huge bear, three buck deers and a score of partridge mounted all over their auto Saturday morning. The party was composed of Frank Lussier, his two brothers, Phillip and Adelard, and Earl L. Love. The Lussier brothers live on the River road in Auburn and own the Diamond taxi..."

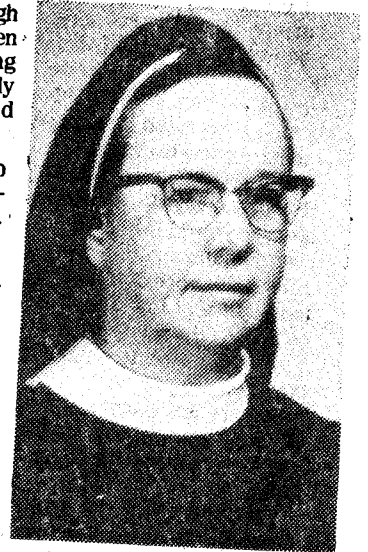
"Mrs. Lizzie Newell has returned from Smyrna Mills where she has been spending several months with her sister." 11/15/77

French Program at St. Dom's Sponsored by St. Francis

St. Dominic Regional High School students who have taken the French IV course are being given an opportunity to study Canadian Culture and Literature on a college level.

College credits are offered to these students in a special program under the auspices of St. Francis College at Biddeford.

Sr. Solange Bernier, chairperson of the French Department at St. Dominic Regional High School is teaching the course for which Dr. Norman Beaupre, director of Admissions at St. Francis is director.



SR. SOLANGE BERNIER

The culminating point of the program is the presentation of a major French play by the students as well as a cultural and educational trip to Quebec in the Spring.

The general objective of the program is to make known to the students, French Canadian Literature and help them develop an appreciation and love of their unique cultural and ethnic heritage.

Following a study of the principal historical developments of French Canada and Quebec its historical base students concentrate on family life, social life, economy, education, art and

culture. This leads to a study of the evolution of French Canadian Literature.

Suburban Area News



SPECIAL THANKS — Town Deputy Bill Hobbs of Turner received a specially inscribed plaque this morning in the office of Sheriff Lionel Cote who extended the thanks of the Androscoggin Sheriffs Department and residents of the county for the officer's "alertness and dedication to duty on October 24" and for his "law enforce-

ment capabilities". Sheriff Cote said "If all deputies were like Hobbs, we'd only need one." Hobbs is credited with apprehension of two male juveniles involved in an armed robbery at the tax collector's office in Turner, and subsequent recovery of nearly \$2,000. (Betty Libby Photo)

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11/16/77 Dr. Chazin Named To Staff At St. Mary's

The appointment of Norman Chazin, M.D., to the Department of Medical Services, Psychiatric Service, at St. Mary's General Hospital was announced today by Sr. Rachel Baillargeon, administrator, and Michael Bach, M.D., chief of medicine.

A native of Atlantic City, N.J., Dr. Chazin is a 1968 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, who received his medical education at Tufts University School of Medicine, graduating in 1972, and who served his residency in psychiatry at the Maine Medical Center at Portland.

Prior to affiliation with St. Mary's, he was a staff psychiatrist at the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center at Glen Oaks, N.Y.

Specializing in individual psychotherapy, sexual and marital relations, as well as family and group psychotherapy, he joins Drs. Richard Fortier and Ronald Campbell, also recently appointed members of the St. Mary's psychiatric staff, at their offices at 14 Golder Street, Lewiston.



DR. CHAZIN

A member of the American Psychiatric Association, and the Maine Psychiatric Association, he is eligible for membership on the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. Chazin and his family reside in Gray.



CANDYSTRIPER WEEK — St. Mary's General Hospital is honoring the junior volunteers as Youth Appreciation Week is being observed throughout Lewiston-Auburn. Pauline Fournier, right, coordinator of the St. Mary's Candystripers, is seen with

four of the young ladies being so honored this week. In front of a display depicting some of the daily Candystriper activities are, left to right, Debbie Obie, Lisa McWhinnie, Nancy Higgins and Julie Smith.



RECEIVES THIRD AWARD

— Technical Sergeant Alfred St. Amant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred St. Amant Sr., Lisbon, has received his third award of the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal in ceremonies at Kindsbach, Federal Republic of Germany.

Sergeant St. Amant, an aerospace control and warning systems technician, was cited for meritorious service.

He is assigned to Detachment 1, 615th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, a part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The sergeant, a 1961 graduate of St. Dominic's High School, Lewiston, attended the University of Oklahoma and Gulfcoast Community College, Panama City, Fla. His wife, Meg, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis of Kotzebue, Alaska.

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HONOR CROSSING GUIDES — Optimist Club member Maurice Landry greets crossing guide Peitra Longo near Wallace School as that club continued to honor the youth of the community during Youth Appreciation Week. The club acknowledged the contribution made to public service by the various school crossing guides in the city. Youth Appreciation Week was initiated to observe and recognize the positive contribution of youth to their community and society.



SDHS SUPPER CHAIRMEN — Mrs. Raymond Duval, left, and Mrs. Normand St. Marie are serving as co-chairmen of a supper being sponsored by the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association of St. Dominic Regional High School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at St. Peter's cafeteria. Tickets are available at the school or through Mrs. St. Marie of 40 Homefield St. or Mrs. Duval of 1294 Sabattus St., Lewiston. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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BEFORE THE GREAT DEBATE— Mayor Lillian L. Caron looks out at a large crowd gathered in Council Chambers at the City Building Friday prior to the City Council's recount of disputed ballots in the Nov. 8 mayor's race in Lewiston. Shortly after calling the

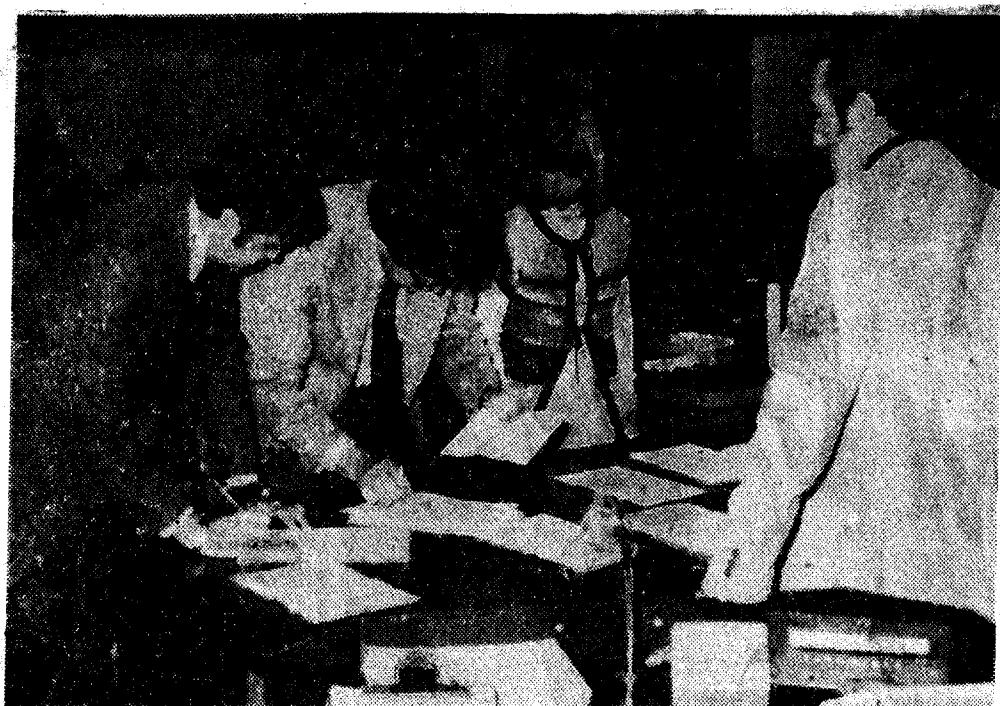
meeting to order, Mayor Caron stepped down to avoid a conflict of interest and Council President Denis Latulippe, standing, chaired the unprecedented session. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis).



BIRON IS RELAXED— State Rep. Laurier G. Biron, the top vote getter in the Nov. 8 election for mayor, looks relaxed during the recount of

disputed ballots Friday by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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CHECKING THE BALLOTS—Attorney's for the two candidates in the Nov. 8 mayor's race inspect the disputed ballots Friday prior to the recount before the Lewiston Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The ballots, mostly write-in votes for

Thomas Mangan and other candidates, became the central issue in the four hour session which resulted in neither candidate receiving more than 50 percent of the total votes. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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NORMAND VALLEE, president of St. Dominic Regional High School Booster Club, will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Richelieu Club on Wednesday evening at Happy Jack's Restaurant.

Vallee will speak on the subject of revitalizing the Booster Club at the school.

A social hour at 6 will precede dinner and the program.

A new feature of the meeting will be the awarding of attendance prizes to some of the members present.

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Lewiston Man Enters Guinness Book with New Swim Record

BY KENT EWING

Munching cheese and crackers that friends pushed out to him on a kickboard, Norman Albert of Lewiston treaded water for 55 hours in Pennsylvania State University's Natatorium, breaking a world record set earlier this year by five hours.

Albert, known as "Abb," for abnormal, to his friends at Penn. State, entered the swimming pool at noon Wednesday. He had planned to stay afloat for 72 hours, but, according to his parents in Lewiston, the 20-year-old meteorology major began to look a bit prunish and some of his friends at the university talked him into coming out at 7 p.m. Friday.

Albert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Albert of 54 Brooks Ave., said their son wants to swim the English Channel this summer, and the stunt was an effort to attract sponsors.

"We've been under a considerable amount of tension all week," said Albert's father, Lewiston postmaster. "I guess it's better than smoking pot. It's like Mt. Everest. It's there."

Albert was sent to the university medical center immediately after getting out of the pool, according to his parents, and although he has blisters on his hands, he is alert and in otherwise good health. Albert's temperature had been checked periodically while he was in the pool.

"A friend of his at Penn. State called us and said he was very alert," Albert's mother, Anita, said. "He had blisters on his hands from the friction of the water."

"As parents," she continued, "we're not very enthusiastic about the whole thing. We've been in a frenzy since Wednesday. He wants to prove to

himself and to other people that he can swim the English Channel (from France to England). Of course we're proud of him. He's going to be in the Guinness Book of World Records. But we wish he would forget it."

Albert's father said his son has dreamed of swimming the English Channel since his freshman year at Lewiston High School, when he was known as the runt of the swimming team.

"He was called a runt," Mr. Albert said. "He would finish 15 minutes behind everyone else and then look up and say: 'Who won?' But he developed, and the next year he was winning. It shows you what determination can do."

Mrs. Albert said her son has never done anything "wild" like this before. He is usually shy and reserved, she said, adding that she was startled at an article in the Penn. State student newspaper, The Daily Collegian, in which her son was quoted as saying he was going to eat cheese during the stunt to check natural body functions.

"The cheese is supposed to block you up," Albert told the student newspaper.

Mrs. Albert said, "I couldn't believe he said that. 'This young man is very, very stable and very shy. He has never done anything like this before.'"



NORMAN ALBERT

Albert also told the newspaper that boredom was the toughest obstacle he would have to overcome while in the pool and that friends had agreed to visit him for three-hour stints.

"Although we were very worried," Mrs. Albert said, "we're also very proud of him. Do you realize the boredom that is involved in that sort of thing? A lot of people go berserk swimming the English Channel."

St. Peter's Honor Students Are Announced

The honor roll for St. Peter's School was released recently, and congratulations are in order for the following students:

Seventeen students with First Honor A averages include Grade 8, Lisa Cloutier, Tammera Cook, and Anne Labonte; Grade 6, Rodney St. Pierre and Enise Toussaint; Grade 5, Michael Berube and Jacqueline Hamann; Grade 3, David Gagne, Mariette Guerin, and Julie Mathot; Grade 1, Monique Hamann, Gregory Cook, Celeste Pinette, Scott Rousseau, Lisa Cloutier, Teresa Cloutier, and Rachel Morissette.

Ninety seven students received B or B+ averages.

Grade 8, Steve Bosse, David Deschenes, Monique Corneau, Kim Paradis, Rachel Rousseau, Denise Bilodeau, Denise Pelletier, Denis Courchesne, Suzanne D'Auteuil, Diane Gendreau, and Michelle Roy.

Grade 7, David Casavant, Steve Lebel, Peter Nadeau, Raymond St. Onge, Nicholas Cimato, Daniel Guerin, Michael Racine, Janice Berube, Cathy Brule, Ann Chouinard, Colette Pepin, Andrea Bail, Michelle Bosse, Deanna Couillard, Diane Dublois, Michelle Durocher, Tina Martin, and Diane Hall.

Grade 6, Ronald Beaulé, Paul Badaei, Shawn Bell, Joey Bureau, David Caron, Peter Gosselin, Tom Keefe, Donald Langelier, Michelle Bourgoin, Doreen Chamberlain, Louise Bouchard, Jacqueline D'Auteuil, Christine Nyen, and Doreen Ouellette.

Grade 5, David Bail, John Couillard, Robert Cloutier, Stephen Cote, Robert Dubois, Katherine Cimato, Katrina Cook, Denise Bourque, and Donna Dube.

Grade 4, Maurice Bilodeau, Daniel D'Auteuil, Marcel Grenier, Paul Pelletier, Billy Keefe, Susan Audet, Cindy Bosse, Lise Cloutier, Kim Dumont, Dina Duval, Lyse Gagnon, Joline Beaulé, Lunn Beaulieu, Claire Breton, Suzanne Deschenes, Monique Dostie, Cindy Foss, Carol Leclair, Crystal Raymond, Louise St. Onge, and Lisa Tran.

Grade 3, Roland Beaudette, Thomas Desjardins, Suzanne Bouchard, Diane Cote, Patricia Beaulé, Tina Cloutier, Patricia Pessant, and Celeste Vallee.

Grade 2, Scott Ellis, David St. Pierre, Marc Desrochers, and Anne Marie Mangan.

Grade One, Michel Chabot, John Chasse, Michael Cloutier, Gregory Landry, Laurier Roy, Dawna Bonneau, Gabrielle Gagnon, Sonia Lafond, Amy Lebel, Eric Beaucage, David D'Auteuil, and Danny Tran.



LOOK MA, NO HANDS! — Norman Albert, son of Postmaster and Mrs. Roger Albert of 54 Brooks Ave., Lewiston, broke the world's record for treading water yesterday at Penn State University. Norman, a junior at Penn, stayed in the pool for 55 hours, 5 hours longer than the old world record, and earned himself a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

His record came at the expense of his hands, which were blistered and waterlogged from constant immersion.

The stunt, Norman said, was promoted to find funding for his next watery adventure: swimming across the English Channel (AP Laser-photo).

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Thanksgiving Mass To Be Celebrated

The Rev. Napoleon Cournoyer, now semi-retired, will be the celebrant on the occasion of the annual Thanksgiving Day Family Holy Mass which will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the main hall of the Lewiston Council 106 Knights of Columbus home on East Avenue.

This is one of the most important events on the K. of C. calendar of activities. Father Cournoyer is a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, and for years was the chaplain of the Fourth Degree Assembly in Lisbon Falls Council. He has been a member of the order since 1961.

Father Cournoyer taught theology at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing for 27 years and now serves as CCD coordinator at St. Patrick's Church and is also involved in the "Weekend Ministry" at that church.

He will be assisted in serving the Mass by Danny Whirley as altar boy, with Danny's father, Sir Knight Thomas Whirley as lector.

There will be a communion breakfast after the Mass, the



REV. COURNOYER

breakfast being prepared by Willie Boutin.

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TICKET CO-CHAIRMEN — St. Peter's School PTFA is sponsoring another New Year's Eve dance at the Lewiston Armory. Ticket co-chairmen are, left tonight, Mrs. Gerald (Pauline) Langelier and Mrs. Marcel (Gert) Chasse.

The event will be held from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with dancing to two live bands. A deluxe smorgasboard will be served shortly after midnight. Tickets are limited and may be obtained by contacting either Mrs. Langelier at 65 Jefferson St., Lewiston or Mrs. Chasse at 11 White St., Lewiston. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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Ouellette High Scorer In Class A

Lewiston High's jet-speed halfback Mike Ouellette has officially won the Class A Conference individual scoring race for the current campaign.

Final statistics released today show that the Blue Devil speedster, who scored all 20 points in Lewiston's crucial loss to rival Edward Little in the Veterans Day windup, was a decisive champion in the scoring parade.

Ouellette wound up his spec-

tacular season with 17 touchdowns and ten points after for a total of 112. That's a dozen better than South Portland halfback Jay Mackie, who wins second honors with 100 points.

John Hersom, two-way standout for Edward Little's Northern Division champions, is tied for fourth place behind Dickie Whitten of Waterville. Hersom scored 68 points to Whitten's 70.

Others in the top bracket: Ray Thombs of Westbrook 68, Rick Poolar of Brewer 60, Craig Gardner of Thornton 57, Dave Littlefield of Portland 52, Tom Vanidestine of Bangor 49, Guy Lajeunesse of Biddeford 42, Rick Schrepper of Edward Little 40, John Theberge of Lewiston 32.



JUDGES' PHOTOGRAPHS NOW IN COURTROOM — The newly acquired photographs of retired Maine Supreme Court Chief Justice Armand A. Dufresne Jr., at left, and that of retired Associate Justice Donald W. Webber, right, were set in place today at the Androscoggin Superior Courtroom (see story on back page). The pictures were unveiled earlier this week during well-attended

ceremonies at the courtroom. They were taken by Hervey Majo of Montreal and they have received compliments from many quarters.

The photographs hang at left and right of the Superior Court bench (Staff Photos by Gray).

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ROLAND BOILEAU

Boileau Is A Judge Of Fiddler Contest

A Lewiston resident will be serving on the panel of judges for the the First International Fiddler's Contest which will be held in Lewiston Dec. 9. He is Roland Boileau, a member of the Lewiston Fire Department, widely-known in local musical circles.

Boileau, a self-taught musician, has been playing fiddle since his early teens. He also plays guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo and accordion and played for a number of years with the now-defunct Mountain Dews.

He will serve on a panel of three judges for the Dec. 9 fiddler's contest which is expected to draw some 25 fiddlers from a wide area. The fiddlers will be competing for cash prizes in the event which is sponsored by the Franco-American Festival Committee, which is seeking to raise funds for next July's festival.

The contest will be held at the Lewiston Junior High School Auditorium starting at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased either at the door or they can be reserved by calling the Festival Office, at the Multi-Purpose Center.

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Androscoggin School: Student Discipline from Within

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By KENT EWING

It is Monday and the 9 a.m. general assembly at The Androscoggin School is delayed 20 minutes because two students haven't arrived yet.

Denis Ledoux, co-director of Lewiston's alternative school, busies himself with some paper work at a table in an alcove of the Trinity Episcopal Church basement, where the school has held classes since September.

The six other pupils enrolled at the school — whose students range in age from 12 to 18 — and two teachers and a curious observer from Poland Spring watch the Phil Donahue Show on TV. Donahue is interviewing James Gaylord, an ex-high school teacher who was fired when his homosexuality was discovered.

"This is educational," protests one student as Ledoux moves to turn off the TV. Ledoux relents and decides to let the students watch the show another five minutes before starting general assembly, without the two missing students.

One of the two students, a seventh grader, comes in about five minutes later, sipping a pepsi and munching onion-flavored potato chips. The other, a freshman, doesn't show up that day.

During general assembly, the observer from Poland Spring, an artist, tells the students how the Androscoggin School differs from the alternative school he once taught at.

"But," asks a 16-year-old student who is sitting on a couch, his feet resting on a table in front of him, smoking his third cigarette in the last half-hour, "was it sort of like this — you know, relax, put your feet up?"

That's the way it is at the Androscoggin School — relax and put your feet up. Classes, from basic arithmetic to psychic phenomena, are held on the most informal and personal level: students laugh and joke with teachers, attendance is non-compulsory and no grades are given.

Discipline, says Ledoux, is something students have to learn by themselves.

"Discipline problems are an attempt to carve out space for yourself," he says. "Rigorous discipline can be perverse. Our job is to help students understand the discipline inherent in what they're doing. This is discipline from the inside...not 'you don't do this,' 'you don't do that.' That's arbitrary discipline."

"How do you help a plant to grow?" Ledoux continues. "You plant it in the sun, give it water and let it blossom."

Whenever there is a problem at the Androscoggin School, teachers try to handle it in a democratic way.

When the air in the section of the basement where general assembly is held becomes stifling because four students had been smoking incessantly for 45 minutes, a vote is taken and it is agreed that after finishing the cigarettes they are smoking the four students will not smoke again until after general assembly.

Although three teachers, including himself, participate in the vote (all voting in favor of no smoking), Ledoux cites this incident as an

example of "peer pressure" and says the situation probably would have been blown out of proportion at a traditional school.

"That could have been a heavy discipline

situation," Ledoux says. "The teachers could have been in a tizzy. But we did it democratically. You shouldn't come down heavy."

Although Ledoux is reluctant to type-cast Androscoggin School students, he says that one trait they all share is hardheadedness.

"It's hard to type them," Ledoux says, "but you could say they're all very independent and hardheaded. We want our students to be independent."

One student, a 17-year-old junior who used to attend Edward Little High School in Auburn, says he likes the Androscoggin School because, "Here, if you stay within the law, you can do what you want." The student says he was suspended from Edward Little several times for smoking, drinking and "partying" on school grounds.

A 16-year-old ex-Lewiston High School student nods his head in agreement, adding, "You can smoke, munch out, anything you want."

Another student, a freshman who went to a school in Durham before coming to The Androscoggin School, says, "I don't like being bossed around. In Durham I got in trouble every day. I'd never go to school. I got caught smoking. In eighth grade I had a sixth grade education. I like it here. You can do what you want."

An eighth grader complains that the teachers at Webster Middle School in Auburn gave him headaches. "Every day we went I just got a headache," he says.

Asked what he likes about The Androscoggin School, the student replies, "Gum chewing and the hours."

The school usually lets out at 3 p.m. This Monday, students go home at 2.

General assembly starts each day at around 9 a.m. and generally stretches on past 10, when the first class is supposed to begin. During general assembly, students and teachers discuss possible field trips (Ledoux is an ardent proponent of doing things rather than just reading them and any other issues at hand).

Another class begins at around 11, and at noon students get an hour lunch break. At 1, students go to the Multi-Purpose Center

gymnasium where they play volleyball and basketball for an hour. This Monday the sole female student at the school does not attend gym class.

At 2, some students must leave to go to their jobs, but French class is usually held for those who remain.

All of the students at the school must earn part of their tuition. Students under 16 pay \$300 a year, and the older students pay \$500. The students' parents must add to that, Ledoux says, but their portion of the tuition is negotiable.

"People should be involved in their own financial life," says Ledoux. "It makes them more serious about school."

The tuition pays for much of the school's operating expenses, although Ledoux and Martha Blown, who helped Ledoux plan the school, are paid through CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act). Ms. Blown, attending a reading workshop at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston this week, is not at the school Monday.

The school's expenses are surprisingly low. Trinity Church rents its specious basement to the school for a minimal monthly fee, and, through his contacts, Ledoux, a Lewiston native, makes good use of community resources like the Multi-Purpose Center.

Ledoux says that more space is needed, however, and he would like to move the school to six rooms in the Lewiston Memorial Armory.

The Lewiston Board of Parks and Recreation has voted to recommend that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen allow the school to rent the six rooms for \$125 a month, considerably more than it is paying for the Trinity Church basement. However, Susan Hayward, a teacher at the School, says State Fire Inspector Donald Rogers told her that the six rooms would not pass a fire inspection.

"We're still waiting on the armory," Ledoux says, "hoping they can do something about the fire hazards."

Meanwhile, students will go on feeling quite at home where they are.

"It's great," says the 16-year-old student as he rises from the couch. "Just put your feet up. Relax."



JOANNE C. MORIN, a Lewiston native, has joined Dual-Lite Inc. at Newtown, Conn., as marketing supervisor. She was previously with Lowengard and Brotherhood of Hartford, an advertising and public relations firm where she served as publicity director.

She is presently a student at Manchester Community College and is certified with the State of Connecticut as an Emergency Medical Technician.

The former Lewiston young woman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand R. Morin, now of Bolton, Conn., formerly of Lewiston, and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morin of Sixth St., Auburn.

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Inside City Hall

BY JAMES KILEY
Sun Staff Writer

12/3/77
Lewiston city officials apparently learned their lesson from last year.

A contingent of eight officials will be leaving this morning from the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport for the National League of Cities Conference at San Francisco, Calif.

Last year Lewiston's aldermen received some flak (part of it self-imposed) for driving to Portland and

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leaving by plane for the same convention. This year the city officials are following a resolution passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 1976 to use the Auburn-Lewiston Airport for all official and personal trips.

The National League of Cities will begin its Congressional-City Conference Saturday at San Francisco. Two of the city officials will return on Thursday with the remaining six arriving at the Auburn-Lewiston Airport on either Saturday or Sunday, Dec. 10-11.

One of Lewiston's strongest supporters of these National League of Cities conventions, however, won't be going. Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron will have to stay home for her runoff election Monday with State Rep. Laurier G. Biron.

Speaking of the election, Lewiston City Clerk Gerald P. Berube said Friday his office will be open today (Saturday) from 9 a.m. to noon for the special purpose of filing absentee votes. He said Lewiston residents can still cast absentee ballots at his second-floor city building office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, Monday.

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Lewiston residents still have two more chances to register to vote in Monday's special runoff election. Romeo Boisvert, the chairman of Lewiston's Board of Voter Registration, will have his city building office open between 9 a.m. and noon today.

You can still register to vote on election day, too. Boisvert said his board will be open to register voters from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. Boisvert said anyone who wants to register to vote must first come to his office and then go to the polls to vote Monday.

Monday's election will offer two ballots to Lewiston's voters. One is solely for voting for mayor while the other will

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list the controversial question on the repeal of the uniform property tax and eight state bond issue questions.

Lewiston's city clerk warns voters to carefully inspect the blue ballot for the uniform property tax and the eight bond issue questions. Berube said the question on the repeal of the uniform property tax is right up at the top of the ballot and he is warning Lewiston voters not to mistake it for part of the ballot instructions.

The eight state bond issue questions will follow beneath the uniform property tax referendum. The first bond issue question states it is question number one on the ballot. However you must still vote on the uniform property tax above it.

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It's been blue pencil time in Lewiston's City Building this week.

Assistant City Controller Richard T. Metiviers sat down and "walked through" the 1978 budget proposals with the heads of 10 city departments this week. One session included a three-hour night meeting with the city's Public Works officials on the Public Works Department and Water and Sewer Division budget proposals.

Lewiston City Controller Lucien B. Gosselin, who was around for consultation at all of these budget reviews this week (including three nights), said Metivier will be meeting with School Department officials and the city's general government office heads during the next week to complete the budget review.

Gosselin said following this "walk through the budgets" he will sit down with Metivier and review all the 1978 proposals. The next step for next year's budget will depend on the city's Board of Finance.

The Finance Board will probably set up a budget review schedule at its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 12. Gosselin said he and Metivier might be meeting with the Finance Board for an all-day Saturday session before the end of the month on the budget.

In any event the Finance Board will be holding several public hearings on the 1978 budget proposals before Dec. 31. Gosselin said he expects the Finance Board will make their entire budget recommendation to the city's Board of Mayor and Aldermen by Jan. 5.

Gosselin also said the city's Community Development (CD) Department should have a new administrative secretary by the end of next week. The city controller is also the CD Department director and he has interviewed candidates for the position and will make a recommendation to the aldermen soon.

Lewiston's Planning Department Director Gore Flynn has the same problem. He has been looking for a new administrative secretary this week and has interviewed several candidates. The city's Planning Board will be holding a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the City Building's meeting room A to hear Flynn's recommendation and will probably hire one of the candidates.

Flynn also said the city's UDAG Committee (for a federal program called Urban Development Action Grant) has hired recently retired Planning Department worker William O'Connell as a special consultant to the committee. O'Connell will be doing some data gathering and analysis for the many statistics required in the 30-page UDAG application on a temporary basis.

One last thought: the Maine Department of Transportation will be holding a special public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the City Building's council chambers. Anyone interested in the state-funded reconstruction project on Russell Street between East Avenue and College Street is invited to attend.



A DINNER SHOW IS PLANNED—Getting away from more conventional fund raising programs the PFTA of St. Dominic's Regional High School is sponsoring a dinner-show to be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at seven o'clock at the auditorium of St. Peter's School.

Dr. Cornelia Tiongson, general chairman, is seated at the piano which will be purchased by proceeds from the affair. With her is Nancy Cote, ticket chairman.

The show will be South Pacific, presented by St. Dominic's Regional High School's drama club in full costume. A catered roast beef dinner will be served at seven o'clock.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Cote at 4-4177 or by calling the school office. (Staff Photo by Gray).

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LES VIVES LA JOIE — This group called "Les Vives La Joie" will provide entertainment at the monthly meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Richelieu Club Dec. 14. Group members are, left to right, seated, Lucy Guerrette, Gisele Pare and Rejane Lemay; standing, Roger M. Bouffard, president of the group, and Raymond Pare, master of ceremonies. Absent when the picture was taken was Jeannette Rivard.

The meeting will be held at Happy Jack's Restaurant. The all-French song review will also include a sing-along. An amusing skit staged by an undisclosed well-known personality will also be featured. The performance will be presented following the dinner at 7 p.m. which will be preceded by a social hour. Helping on the committee will be Adrien Lamontagne. (Staff Photo by Gray)

12/8/77

St. Mary's Lists New Hygienist

St. Mary's General Hospital announced Thursday the appointment of Denise J. Caron as dental hygienist at the hospital's dental clinic.



DENISE J. CARON

Ms. Caron is a graduate of Lewiston High School and received an associate degree in dental hygiene from Bangor Community College. In 1977 she was awarded a bachelor of science degree in nutrition from the University of Maine at Orono.

As a dental hygienist she will assist dentists at the clinic by cleaning the patient's teeth, setting up X-rays and providing education to the patients on proper methods of dental hygiene.

12/9/77

Marathoner Fails Test, Says He'll Be Back

BY KENT EWING

Lewiston firefighter Norman "Buzzy" Metayer lost his chance to run in next year's Boston Marathon when he finished the Fifth Annual Maryland Marathon in four hours last Sunday in Baltimore, but he still has his dream and his self-respect.

The 41-year-old lieutenant finished the 26-mile, 385-yard race in four hours and two minutes, one hour and 19 minutes behind the winner. Metayer needed a time of 3½ hours or less to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

"I was disappointed at first, but not now," said Metayer, who had run seven or more miles a day for the past two years in preparation for the race. "I did pretty good. The course is a series of hills. Some of the guys there were telling me, 'Why did you pick this one to qualify? It's the worst in the East.'"

"I'm going to run it again next year," Metayer added. "I'm going to run in other marathons. I'm not going to let this thing beat me."

Metayer, who lives with his wife and seven children on High Street in Lewiston, said he almost dropped out of the race

when he reached the top of Satyr Hill, which rises 320 feet in seven-tenths of a mile. But he said his pride and unknown woman's voice in the crowd kept him going.

"My legs felt like they were flipping out from underneath me," Metayer said. "When I got to the top of the hill, I got cramps. I really thought about quitting. The only thing that kept me going was a woman's voice in the crowd. She kept saying, 'Don't stop. Your legs will freeze up.' Also, I wanted that jacket. I kept telling myself, 'I've got to get that jacket.' Any one who finished the race got a red nylon jacket with 'Fifth Annual Maryland Marathon' printed on it."

Metayer said there were 3,000 participants in the race, many of whom dropped out while, or shortly after, running up Satyr Hill.

"I picked the wrong course," he said. "The whole course was worse than I thought it would be."

It's billed as the worst in the East. Just guessing, I'd say there were 20 hills in all. Satyr Hill was something. After that, I realized I wasn't going to make it in time and I didn't push myself."

Metayer had told the Lewiston Firefighters Association, Local 787, which paid for his round-trip plane ticket to Baltimore, that he would run the race as a public relations stunt for the Fire Department and the city of Lewiston. During the race, Metayer wore a jersey with "Lewiston Fire Department" printed on it.

Metayer said none of his fellow firefighters was disap-

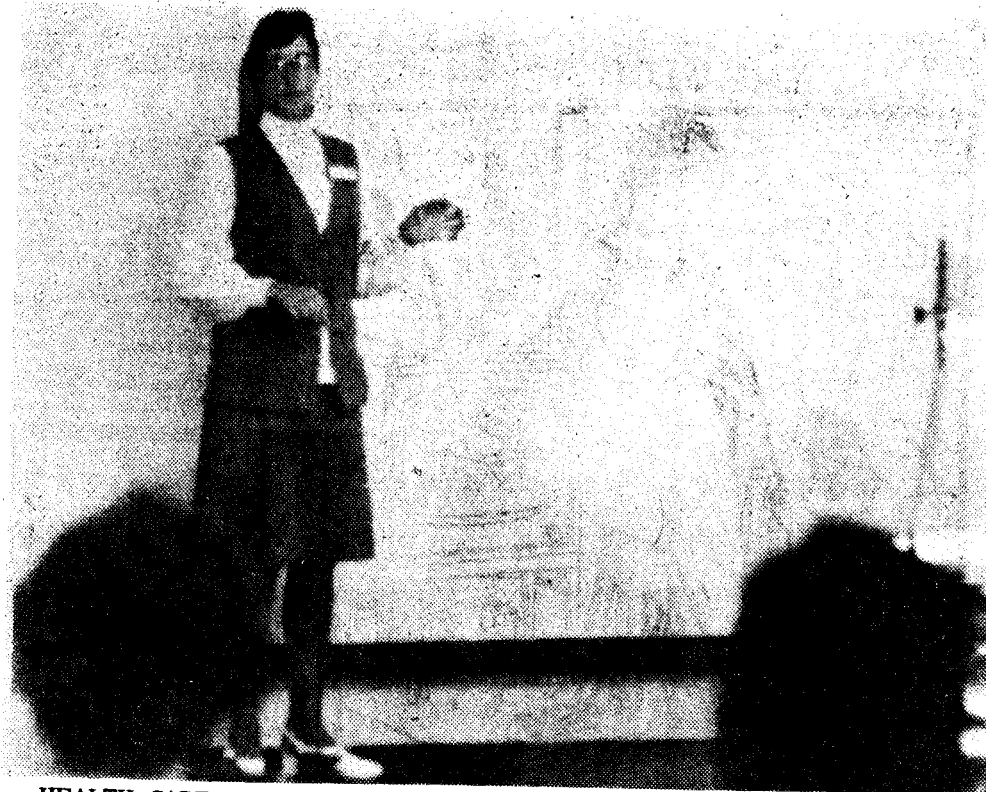


NORMAN METAYER

pointed when he told them that he hadn't qualified for the Boston Marathon. "I told them what a rough course it was," he said, "and they didn't seem disappointed."

"I just didn't know the course," he added. "The whole course was worse than I thought it would be. I'll be back next year. It won't beat me again."

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HEALTH CARE CAMPUS — Sr. Rachel Baillargeon, St. Mary's General Hospital administrator, speaks to St. Mary's department heads about plans for a comprehensive health care complex encompassing St. Mary's, Marcotte Nursing Home and a new facility to be constructed.

The Lewiston (Maine) Daily Sun Monday, December 5, 1977

St. Mary's, Marcotte To Create Health Care Campus

The Society of the Sisters of Charity and respective boards of St. Mary's General Hospital and the Marcotte Nursing Home in Lewiston have announced plans for the creation of a unique 21.5-acre "campus" on the present site of the two facilities.

The "campus", according to officials, will include the existing facilities of both institutions, as well as proposed facilities, thus enabling St. Mary's and Marcotte to enjoy the economic advantages and

quality benefits that can be realized from close cooperation and common plans. The programs will emphasize a continuity of care officials say is presently not available in the Twin Cities.

Sr. Rachel Baillargeon, administrator at St. Mary's for the past two years, has been named executive director of the project. She is responsible for the overall coordination, planning and direction of this major undertaking.

Sr. Rachel, along with Sr. Yvette Trudel, administrator of the Marcotte Home, and John McCormack, associate administrator of St. Mary's, will form the top management team in bringing the "campus" project to reality.

Preliminary plans for the project call for the construction of a new 376 bed long-term facility to be located adjacent to the existing Marcotte Home. The present nursing home facility would then be converted into a support facility for both the hospital and the new Marcotte Home.

The renovated Marcotte Home will house such paramedical services as physical therapy, occupational therapy, social services and volunteer services.

"This support facility will also provide for an additional physician's office complex to complement the existing fully occupied office building. A modern community health

education center is also planned for a section of that existing building.

The 600-plus bed health care "campus" will include a significant expansion of emergency and ambulatory care programs. Also planned is the establishment of a chemical dependency program to include an inpatient alcoholic and drug rehabilitation unit. A major expansion of the hospital's present inpatient psychiatric unit is projected.

Support services, such as the dietary and laundry departments, will undergo significant improvement, enabling them to better serve patients, staff and visitors of both the hospital and the Marcotte Home.

Day care for the elderly, facilities for the terminally ill, and pediatric psychiatry are but a few of the other areas presently under active study.

According to Sr. Baillargeon, "the multiplicity of services to be shared between the two

facilities as a result of the "campus" project will further enhance our ability to maintain realistic costs while at the same time maintaining the high quality level of service which we demand for all of our patients."

The newly named executive director cited such economic advantages as increased capability for group purchasing, shared education programs, common laundry and linen services, shared business and data processing functions, and energy conservation measures.

Sister Rachel pointed out that although medical costs are an extremely important issue today, cost containment is not the only factor motivating the two facilities to undertake this major effort.

"Our directors," stated Sr. Rachel, "feel that we have a unique opportunity to develop and offer to the residents of Central Maine a 'campus' of quality health care and health related services in one central

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location. We have seriously studied and analyzed this project for the past 16 months beginning with the development of our long-range master plan in August of 1976. We are presently at a point in time where we can realize some meaningful programs in a way that we feel will best serve our patients."

During the planning process, input and advice was sought from community leaders, health care planners, state officials, and other interested parties. Suggestions and ideas from patients and the community have been actively solicited and encouraged, as well as internal input from the medical staff and hospital personnel. These various sources provided valuable feedback and were the basis for the programs being developed.

"Now," Sr. Rachel noted, "we are ready to take some positive steps toward bringing our dream of a health care 'campus' to reality."

St. Mary's to Buy Ambulance Service

In an effort to preserve a critical community emergency health service, officials at St. Mary's General Hospital announced Monday night the intended purchase of Ace Ambulance Services which was scheduled to cease operations within the month.

According to St. Mary's Board of Directors President Ralph L. Hodgkins Jr., the purchase of the ambulance service was "necessary in order to help maintain the quality of emergency medical care presently available to our communities. We could not in good conscience allow our communities to go without adequate emergency medical care for even a single day. It is our hope that in the near future, with the addition of new and modern equipment as well as highly trained personnel, the emergency service provided for our communities will be as good as any service available anywhere in the country."

The over 100,000 residents of Androscoggin County and surrounding areas are presently serviced by two proprietary ambulance services, Ace Ambulance Services and Allied Medical Services who provide the bulk of the emergency and transport care for the hospitals and nursing homes in the area. The loss of either of these could create a threat to the emergency health care delivery system.

According to SMGH Administrator, Sister Rachel Baillargeon, "the acquisition of Ace Ambulance by St. Mary's is done as a community service in order to supplement the care already being provided by our Department of Emergency Medicine. Since this need has arisen we are prepared to meet it as part of our commitment to reach out beyond the institution's walls and recognize the need for a total emergency medical service system."

A letter of intent, outlining St. Mary's plans to provide ambulance services, has been submitted to the Health Systems Agency in compliance with Federal law.

St. Mary's plans to take over operation of the service this week.

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St. Doms Will Participate In New Driver Ed Program

Brother Roger Lamoyne, the new principal of St. Dominic's Regional High School, said Monday that if there is sufficient interest shown by the students the school will be offering driver education training after regular school hours during the fall and spring as well as the regular summertime program.

Brother Lemoyne said that already he has received some registrations for the fall program, so he feels the school will have no difficulty filling vacancies so that the driver ed program becomes entirely self-

supporting. The after-school hours program made possible through legislative changes made at the 108th Maine Legislature has to be self-supporting. It is offered entirely after the regular school hours.

Brother Lemoyne said he has adopted a wait and see attitude about the program but he feels that judging from the advance registration there will be a sufficient number of students participating to support the program financially. Cost of the program is paid on a pro-rated basis by the students.

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Name Miss Dube To Post With Heritage Center

Miss Lucille L. Dube of 8 Mount Hope Ave., Lewiston, has been appointed library assistant for the Franco American Heritage Center, according to an announcement made by Raoul Pinette, Center president.

Miss Dube is a 1977 graduate of the University of Maine with a BA degree in international affairs with special concentration in French. During her junior year she pursued her studies in French at Laval University in Quebec where she worked as a research assistant with the Sylvain project in the History Department. She was also research assistant with the Franco American Research Opportunity Group at the U of M, Orono. Last fall she was a substitute teacher of French for Jean Gastonguay at Edward Little High School.

The library museum is open Monday through Friday, 8 to 5.

Mayor Caron Re-elected, Beats Biron by 844 Votes

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BY JAMES KILEY
Sun Staff Writer

For the second time in two years Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron has been elected into office by less than 1,000 votes in a runoff election.

However, due to a civil suit filed by her opponent State Rep. Laurier G. Biron challenging the results of their Nov. 8 mayoral election, Mayor Caron's victory could still be in doubt.

Mayor Caron received 7,374 votes or 52.4 percent of the 14,057 votes cast in Monday's special runoff election. Biron finished with 6,530 votes or 46.4 percent of the vote total. No write-in votes were allowed for this special runoff election which showed Mayor Caron winning by an 844-vote margin.

On Nov. 8 Biron finished first with 5,735 or 49.9 percent of the 11,334 votes cast. Mayor Caron had 5,488 votes in the first election which was 47.7 percent of the total vote. Biron did not win the first election because he did not have the 50 percent of the total vote, as required by Lewiston City Charter.

On Nov. 24, 1975 Mayor Caron won election as mayor in a similar tight runoff with Omar

Girardin Jr. She received 6,428 for 51.7 percent as compared to Girardin's 5,983 (48.2 percent). Mayor Caron only won by 445 votes in 1975.

Biron called Mayor Caron shortly before 9:30 p.m. Monday night to congratulate her on her victory even before all of the 783 absentee ballots had been counted. However, Biron said after his concession call, "All is not lost however. We will pursue our case on the original election."

He said, "The court case is pending (in Androscoggin County Superior Court) but we have no date yet. If the court will hear our case, I feel it will do the justice that the people of Lewiston deserve."

Biron is bringing civil action against a Nov. 18 decision by the Lewiston Board of Mayor and Aldermen. At a ballot inspection that night the aldermen voted to accept all 429 disputed ballots from the Nov. 8 election which kept Biron from receiving the needed 50 percent.

Biron is asking the Superior Court to overturn the aldermen's decision. He feels at least half of the disputed write-in votes should be thrown out.



MAYOR LILLIAN CARON

Some of the ballots had names like Mickey Mouse on them and if enough of these ballots are thrown out Biron would have the required 50 percent of the total ballots cast. And he hopes the court will then declare him the winner.

However, Mayor Caron didn't seem too concerned about Biron's court case Monday night after hearing the election results. She said, "I don't know anything about the court case

and I haven't had any time to think about it. But I will be conferring with my attorneys."

Both Mayor Caron and Biron said Monday night they believed the increased voter turnout helped the mayor's victory. On Monday 14,057 votes were cast in Lewiston. This is 58.9 percent of the 23,856 registered voters totaled by the city's Board of Voter Registration at 8 p.m.

In the city election on Nov. 8 only 11,344 Lewiston residents voted. This was only 48 percent (compared to Monday's 58.9 percent) of the registered voters and 2,723 less voters than on Monday.

Mayor Caron was obviously helped by the large turnout. She received 1,886 more votes Monday (7,374 vs. 5,488) than on Nov. 8. On the other hand Biron had only 795 more votes in the runoff election (6,530 and 5,735) than in the city's regular mayoral election last month.

Mayor Caron said Monday night, "I won today because of all the people who went out and voted today who didn't last month. My believers came out and voted for me. They are

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Mayor Caron^{12/6/77} Is Re-elected

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saying they believe in my first two years, that my administration is good, and that my next two years will be even better."

Biron said, "I think the additional votes cast helped the incumbent, but I don't think the snow really had an effect on either of us." Lewiston received more than seven inches of snow which began falling shortly after 6 p.m. However, neither Mayor Caron nor Rep. Biron thought the driving snow during the last two hours of the polls hurt them.

What really hurt Biron, however, was the mayor's dominance in two of the city's wards. Biron only won four of Lewiston's 22 precincts. On Nov. 8 each of the candidates won 11 of the 22 precincts.

However, it was in Wards One and Seven where Mayor Caron seemed to win Monday's race. Last night she received 1,006 (53.6 percent) of the 1,874 total votes cast in Ward One's three precincts.

On Nov. 8 Mayor Caron only received 751 votes or 48 percent of the total votes in Ward One. Mayor Caron made up 255 votes from the Nov. 8 election while Biron (who won Ward One on Nov. 8 with 813 votes) received only 55 more votes this time and lost the ward.

Just about the same thing happened in Ward Seven. Monday night Mayor Caron received 1,311 votes in Ward Seven's four precincts for 54.8 percent of the total vote in that ward. Biron received 1,077 votes last night in Ward Seven.

On Nov. 8 Biron won Ward Seven as Mayor Caron only had 957 votes or 48.2 percent compared to Biron's 1,027 votes in

Ward seven. However, in Monday's election Mayor Caron received 354 more votes than on Nov. 8.

Biron, however, only increased his Nov. 8 total by 50 votes in Ward Seven's four precincts. So on Nov. 8 Biron beat Mayor Caron by 62 votes in Ward One and 70 votes in Ward Seven.

Mayor Caron turned the tables on Biron this time. She beat him by 138 votes in Ward One and 234 votes in Ward Seven, her home ward. The difference between Biron winning the two wards by 132 votes on Nov. 8 and Mayor Caron winning them both by 472 votes last night (a net increase of 604 votes) was probably the major reason for the different result of Monday's election.

Trudeau Arrives^{12/3/77} for Talks with Premier Levesque

QUEBEC (AP) — Prime Minister Trudeau arrived here Friday for his first private talks with Premier Rene Levesque since the Parti Quebecois was elected more than a year ago.

The talks are expected to centre on economic issues and likely will not touch the more explosive topic of national unity.

Levesque greeted Trudeau at the entrance of the building housing his office and chatted briefly.

Premier Levesque was almost lost among the several dozen reporters and cameramen and had to stand on a cement block for Trudeau to see him.

They then disappeared into the building.

Levesque was accompanied by his inter-governmental affairs minister, Claude Morin. Marc Lalonde, Morin's federal counterpart, is also in the provincial capital.

It was not immediately known how long the discussions between the two leaders would last.

In Lewiston

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International Fiddlers Contest Is Tonight

Some 20 fiddlers from four states have signed up for Lewiston's First Annual International Fiddler's Contest to be held tonight at the Lewiston Junior High School auditorium.



LUCIEN MATHIEU

Lucien Mathieu, an Auburn labor union official charged with recruiting fiddlers for the competition, said 19 fiddlers from throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut have registered for Friday's contest. Another dozen or so fiddlers including a contingent from the Sherbrooke, Quebec, and Barre Vt., areas, are expected to show up for the first annual contest, according to Mathieu.

Mathieu said there are two women among the fiddlers who have registered so far. "There's a husband and a wife team of fiddlers from Fayette — Elaine and Doug Prutsik, who have registered. They are going to compete against each other," stated Mathieu. The other female contestant is Mike Pyne of South Portland, originally from New Brunswick."

Mathieu, a fiddler for many years, plans to enter the competition for three cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50. Although

Mathieu lives in Westbrook, he works in Auburn with Local 385 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union located on Washington Street. As the local's president and business agent, Mathieu travels all over the state and remains in touch with fiddlers over a wide area.

Among the contestants Mathieu has recruited is his own nephew, Donald Roy of Rockland, who at 17 is regarded as one of the most promising young fiddlers in the Northeast. Roy finished second in the Junior Eastern Regional Competition held in October at Barre, Vt. he also placed first in his category in a fiddler's contest held recently at Sherbrooke, which drew 75 competing fiddlers.

Besides those already mentioned the list of fiddlers who have already registered for the contest includes Mathew Smith of North Whitefield, Tim Farrell of Augusta, John Frechette, Raymond Frechette, Eddie Deschenes and Ben Guilmette, all of Sanford; Bruce Hobart of Auburn and Fred Carpenter of Lewiston.

Also registered are Gary Smith of Bangor, J. Walter Snype of Phippsburg, Doug Goodwin of Sheepscot, Emile Gregoire of Lowell, Mass., Joseph Robichaud of Errol, N.H., and Leo Beaudoin of Collinsville, Conn.

Mathieu has been working on the contest along with Chuck Frechette and Marcel Larrivee of Lewiston and Paul Pare, coordinator of the Franco-American Festival which is sponsoring the event. Bill Clement (Clement Paradis), formerly of Lewiston and a radio personality in Portland and Brunswick, will be master of ceremonies.

The contest starts at 8 p.m. at the Junior High auditorium and tickets will be available at the door or can be picked up at the Festival Office located at the Multi-Purpose Center on Birch Street in Lewiston.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TO PERFORM —Martha Feeley Vincent, mezzo soprano, standing, will complete her music education studies at the University of Maine, Gorham campus, when she presents a recital at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Dec. 12. Pictured with her is her mother, Rachel Eastman Feeley, who will provide the piano accompaniment for her daughter.

A recital is required of all music students in order to complete work for their degrees. Mrs. Vincent and her husband, Norman, are private music teachers in the Lewiston-Auburn area, operating the Nor-Mar Music Studio. In the fall of 1977, Mrs. Vincent taught in London, England, as part of her degree program.

The recital is open to the public, free of charge. (Staff photo by Gray)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1977

Bishop Proulx Speaker For Lew. K.C. Council

Each year, all Knights of Columbus councils set aside an evening which is known as "Clergy Night" and Lewiston Council 106 will do so this Thursday evening, at which time the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, His Excellency Bishop Amedee Proulx, will be special guest, and speaker.

A spokesman for the Lewiston Council said today: "Bishop Proulx has graciously accepted an invitation from Council 106 Lecturer Kenwood Freeley to be the main speaker at the regular weekly council meeting, and has chosen as his theme 'The Role of Catholic Men in the Catholic Church Today'."

The meeting will be held in the upstairs main hall of the council home in order to accommodate the expected large turnout, and will begin promptly at 8 p.m. The meeting is restricted to the membership of Council 106 and other councils in District Three.



BISHOP PROULX

The Bishop will be escorted into the council chamber, along with Council Chaplain Father Joseph Cahill, by the 4th Degree Honor Guard, which is led by Capt. Aurele Roy. A light luncheon of sandwiches, coffee and cake will be served following the meeting.

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Inside City Hall

All L-A Banks Join Pool

BY JAMES KILEY
Sun Staff Writer

It's official. All nine of Lewiston-Auburn's banks will participate in an innovative loan pool program.

The program is now a \$6.25 million operation (called the Downstreet Loan Pool) which will offer low-interest loans to help revitalize the downtown area in Lewiston. It is a major step made by the private sector which will sink money quickly into rehabilitating the sagging commercial area.

Nathaniel H. Bowditch, the executive director of

Commentary

Lewiston Tomorrow, said Friday the ninth bank, Canal National Bank, has agreed to put \$500,000 into the loan pool program. This easily pushes the predicted \$6 million loan pool above its highest projected level.

The Downstreet Loan Pool is expected to be coupled with Lewiston's attempt to receive federal UDAG (for Urban Development Action Grant) funds for direct improvements to the downtown area. The \$6.25 million will be offered in loans to downtown businessmen, building owners, and commercial tenants for rehabilitation, working capital or real estate acquisition projects.

The attractiveness of the loan pool is the interest rates. Loans will be offered at 1½ percent above the Boston prime rate which is 9¼ percent right now. Money can be borrowed from the pool up to a maximum of 10 years and they can be totally unsecured loans.

Bowditch and Michael Bancroft, the executive director of the Lewiston Economic Growth Council, have been tying this loan pool program into the city's UDAG application. However, Bancroft credits three bankers (Thomas Crowley of Northeast Bank, Richard E. Dube of the Canal National Bank, and Hanson E. Ray of the Androscoggin Savings Bank) along with Lewiston Tomorrow's Implementation

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Committee as the prime movers of this novel program.

Before Canal Bank joined the pool eight other banks agreed to do so. They are: Androscoggin Savings Bank, Casco Bank & Trust Co., Depositors Trust Co., and First Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Also, Mechanics Savings Bank, Mid Maine Mutual Savings Bank, Northeast Bank, and People's Savings Bank.

Bowditch's Lewiston Tomorrow is also making some of its own news.

The seven-month-old non-profit corporation is creating its own news and printing it, too. A total of 270 copies of the second edition of the Lewiston Tomorrow Inc. Newsletter was recently distributed to downtown businessmen, city officials and Lewiston residents.

Bowditch said the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy gave Lewiston Tomorrow a grant to print three Newsletters and a fourth publication on the downtown development program. The four-page publication includes articles and photographs of downtown-related programs, committees, plans, and people.

✓ The Lewiston Tomorrow executive director credits Steven E. MacIntyre and Christine Holden for the success of the Newsletter. However, Bowditch said, "We would still like a much broader clientele for our mailing list. We'd like to involve the maximum number of people possible in our Newsletter."

The third newsletter is expected to be published before Christmas with a development program newsletter following. Bowditch said the latter will be "...a short, easily readable document."

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the next Newsletter can contact Lewiston Tomorrow at its 169 Lisbon St. office or by call 784-3611.

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✓ Department has a new secretary. Constance Dion of 260 Montello St., Lewiston, began work Thursday after being approved by the city's Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Mrs. Dion is arriving just in time to help out the CD Department. CD coordinators Carol Tracy and Dana Mulkerin are involved in putting together a 30-page application for a federal Urban Development Action Grant program along with piecing together a three-year program for over \$3 million in federal CD funds.

With Friday's lifting of a Dec. 31 deadline for new doors at the Lewiston Memorial Armory, the Central Avenue building will be sure to have new tenants in January. Fire Prevention Bureau Director Robert L. Dionne had said he would prohibit the use of the armory for public functions beginning Jan. 1 if new front doors weren't installed.

The new doors are underway and Lewiston's alternative high school, the Androscoggin School, will probably begin renting classroom and office space at the armory on Jan. 3. It is presently housed at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Lewiston's Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be voting Monday night to approve a lease agreement for the Androscoggin School at the armory.

A special meeting of the Health and Welfare Board will be held Tuesday night at 6:30. The board and the city's Welfare Director Beverly Heath will be interviewing candidates for a new welfare inspector.

One last note. Anyone interested in the proposed multi-use field for Franklin Pasture might like to stop at Monday's 5:30 p.m. meeting of the Board of Finance. The board is expected to take action on funding the first phase of a football, soccer, and field hockey facility.



SUMMONS SERVED ON LEWISTON MAYOR —

Lewiston Mayor Lillian L. Caron yesterday was served with court papers in connection with a suit which, if successful, will elevate State Rep. Laurier G. Biron to the mayor's office for the next two-year term. In his suit, Biron alleges that the city's Mayor and Aldermen acted arbitrarily and illegally last Nov. 18 in counting a number of votes as valid, thus denying Biron the necessary majority needed for vic-

tory. Mayor Caron (right in photo) received those papers in her office yesterday from Connie Hicks, a civil deputy on the staff of the Androscoggin Sheriff's office.

Ms. Hicks also served papers on Lewiston City Clerk Gerald P. Berube, on behalf of the seven aldermen who are co-defendants in the suit, which was filed last month at the county clerk's office (Staff Photo by Simokaitis).

Caron Outpolls Biron ...

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By STEVE GREENE

Tuesday, Jan. 3, is inauguration day for Lewiston officials elected this year—but, despite two elections, two persons are still hoping to sit in the mayor's office on that day.

Incumbent Mayor Lillian L. Caron claims re-election to another two years in the office as the state's first woman mayor on the basis of yesterday's runoff election, in which the mayor outpolled challenger State Rep. Laurier G. Biron by 844 votes.

Now, following this morning's vote by an abbreviated Board of Mayor and Aldermen to ratify yesterday's election results, a certificate of election will be issued to the mayor, but Biron today said he now intends to claim election himself, on the grounds that the city council illegally denied him victory at the Nov. 18 ballot recount.

Hopes For Early Hearing

Biron has filed suit against the mayor and aldermen in Androscoggin County Superior Court. He stated today he hopes his suit can be heard within a week.

Nearly 59 per cent of Lewiston voters turned out for yesterday's balloting, which combined the proposed Uniform Property Tax repeal and eight state referendum questions with the local runoff contest. The mayor received 7,374 votes (52.4 per cent) compared with 6,530 votes (46.4 per cent) cast for Biron.

Two of the city's seven aldermen met in the mayor's office this morning to ratify the election results, as required by state law. The city council was convened even though it lacked the necessary four-person quorum, as five of the aldermen are in San Francisco for a National League of Cities conference.

Lewiston City Clerk Gerald Berube noted that Robert's Rules of Order provides that an official body may act even without a quorum, although its actions are later subject to ratification by the full membership. The next city council meeting is set for Dec. 12, at which time the aldermen are expected to ratify this morning's action.

Mayor Caron was understandably jubilant this morning at having bucked the odds, garnering victory in a runoff contest



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despite her second-place finish in the regular election Nov. 8. "It was a good victory—I'm very pleased," she said.

Not Giving Up

Biron, though disappointed at yesterday's results, indicated that the mayor's victory celebration may be premature. "We feel confident that the court will rule in our favor," he declared.

"There are many precedents on the books" for a court overturning the results of an election for irregularities or illegalities, he commented. And yesterday's election results will not affect the validity of his suit, he said, because a court can only consider the specific legal evidence at issue.

In his suit, Biron contends that the aldermen acted improperly in counting as valid a number of disputed ballots, which were sufficient to deny him the necessary majority of votes needed for election. In so voting, the aldermen chose not to follow the opinion of the city's Corporation Counsel.

"I don't feel elected officials should be allowed to take the law into their own hands," he said today. "Even if we'd won (yesterday), we would have continued this case," he added.

The Only Way

"It's basically a case of what's right and what's wrong," he continued. "The only way to prevent something like this from happening again is to have it proved in a court of law."

Both Biron and Mayor Caron agreed that the relatively large turnout of voters yesterday favored the mayor, and that if last night's snowstorm had fallen a day earlier, the election results might have been different.

But Biron, who said following the Nov. 8 election that he had been denied victory by a technicality, said he is not now trying to gain the mayor's office by another technicality.

"There are lots of people out there supporting each of us," he commented. "If you compare the two elections (Nov. 8 and Dec. 5), you're only talking of a difference of three or four hundred votes."

✓ "It was Larry Biron against city hall," he remarked. "They beat me—but not on the issues."

Biron noted in parting that because of the repeal of the Uniform Property Tax, a \$1 million budget increase, and possible construction of a new police station, Lewiston is faced with "a tremendous budget increase" for next year. "Maybe the voters did me a favor," he commented wryly.



AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE — Five members of the Androscoggin County Democratic Committee have volunteered to serve on the group's Affirmative Action Committee for 1978. The Action Committee will be responsible for getting members of various minority groups actively involved in the

Democratic Party's functions and decision-making processes. Left to right, the new volunteers are George Hess, Joanne Lapointe, John J. Cleveland, Dorothy M. Rowe and Connie L. Moreau. (Staff Photo by Gray)

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LET THE BELLS RING OUT — The joyous sound of a carillon is being heard in the Twin Cities ringing out from the bell tower at SS. Peter and Paul Church. A new Schulmerich Basilican carillon was installed in the church Thursday, an anonymous gift from a parishioner. Arthur Collins of Lexington, Mass., field service engineer for the company, right, gives Rev. Raymond Corriveau, O.P., pastor of the church, some instructions on the operating of the intricate mechanism in the specially designed electronic

equipment which produces true bell tones. The instrument constitutes a perfect polyphonic peal—the tonal equivalent of 20,712 pounds of cast bells. An added feature of the new bell instrument is a clock-controlled tape player utilizing pre-recorded magnetic tape cartridges of carillon selections which can be set to automatically play selections at chosen times of the day and provide the ringing of the Angelus and Mass calls automatically. (Staff photo by Gray)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADAME--Seventh graders from St. Peter's School visited Mrs. Victoria Leclair this week on her 98th birthday. Mrs. Leclair, a member of SS Peter and Paul parish is now residing at the Marcotte Nursing Home. Blessed with health and a friendly nature she is very active, is a member of Lewiston's Senior Citizens and frequently attends its activities. Until three years ago she was still serving at her parish's public suppers.

The group of visitors from the school accompanied by Bro. Denis of the school faculty, included Deanne Couillard, presenting the birthday gift, David Casavant and, at the back, Diane Gagnon, Sue Blouin and Robert Roy. (Staff Photo by Simokaitis)

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Ferland Named to Body on Control of Waste Water

Poland dairy farmer Lionel C. Ferland chairman of the Maine Agricultural Stabilization Commission and a member of the board of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, has been named to participate Jan. 4 in a New England Waste Water Planning Institute.

Ferland will be serving on the steering committee for New England as one of three Maine persons on the committee. The others are Dennis Purington, director of the Division of Municipal Services, Bureau of Water Quality Control, Maine DEP; and Barbara R. Alexander, Maine League of Women Voters.

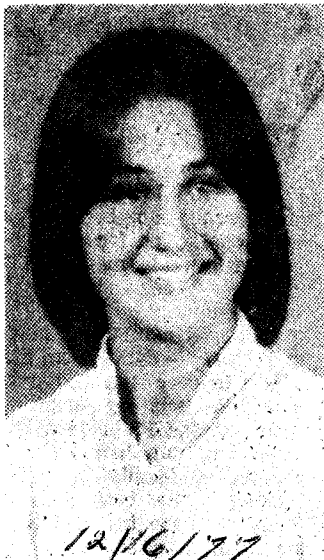
The Jan. 4 session in Boston will be a preliminary to a meeting in April at which time the overall study will be on the economic and environmental impact to the area of growth pressures and the treatment plant operations. The April conference will be sponsored by the New England River Center of Correctional Law Foundation as a pilot under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



LIONEL C. FERLAND

This will be a two or three-day session and it is expected it will be attended by about 100 state representatives.

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DIANE LANGLOIS

Final Pageant Adventures Begin Dec. 28

Diane Langlois, Lewiston High School junior who is Miss Maine Teen Ager, flies out of Portland on December 28 for the national title competition.

She will bring along her scrapbook which is judged in a special category, a gown of her choice, a dress suitable for interviews, relaxing clothes (Diane's choice, jeans) and of course her crown and banner.

Her destination is Washington and the Sheraton Park Hotel where she will immediately after registering turn in her scrapbook. For that evening the committee will have a "fun" eating concluding with a create your own at an ice cream shop with no limits set on extremes or lavishness.

Thursday, the girls, clad in white shirts, red skirts and white boots will leave on a tour of Washington, including the White House and the Smithsonian and that is a lot of sightseeing!

Pageant business will keep them busy the next day when interviews start, the delegates' state, being set in alphabetical order, the Maine title winner being in the first group which includes Alabama and Missouri. Those not being interviewed will

be in rehearsal. The two copies of essays are to be ready for judging.

Bedtime each night is 10:30 p.m. and the day of the pageant will find the girls up at seven o'clock with a rigorous schedule of rehearsing which will end at 5:30 o'clock providing the girls with a two hour rest period.

The big night is New Year's Eve and there is an understanding that the Pageant will be broadcast on Channel eight.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Langlois of 12 Bushey Circle, Lewiston.

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Sister Gelinas to Join Staff Of Intown Manor

Sister Cecile Gelinas of the Sisters of Charity has been appointed activity director at Intown Manor in Lewiston, it was announced Friday by Charles O. Gosselin, executive director of the downtown home for aged men and women. Sister Gelinas was activity coordinator at the Marcotte Nursing home in Lewiston until recently.

A graduate of St. Dominic's High School in the Class of 1948, Sister Gelinas will be in charge of recreational and social activities for residents of Intown Manor, Gosselin said. Gosselin and Attorney Malcolm Philbrook of Auburn recently purchased full ownership of Intown Manor.

Sister Gelinas, a native of Lewiston, has been a member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinth, Quebec, since 1951. She has spent her time since then working in various hospitals, nursing homes and orphanages operated by the Sisters of Charity both in Canada and in the United States. Holder of a



SISTER CECILA GELINAS

certificate in accounting, she was assigned to Manitoba in 1973 where she later was promoted to administrative coordinator in accounting. Later, she spent a year in theological studies in St. Louis, Mo., then was assigned as activity coordinator at the Marcotte Home in Lewiston, a position she held until Nov. 1.

Canadian Briefs

MONTREAL (AP) —

Nearly 100 vessels are trying to clear the St. Lawrence Seaway before ice forces it to close for the rest of the winter, says a Seaway spokesman.

John Kroon said Sunday, "There are no assurances whatsoever, but we will do our best to remove all ships from the system for the winter."

Seaway officials have kept the system open on a day-today basis in an attempt to get all vessels out, despite an announced closing date of Dec. 15.

Owners, agents and those who have chartered the vessels have indicated that it could cost them in excess of \$5,000 a day should a ship be forced to berth in a Canadian port for the winter.

Kroon estimated that more than 50 vessels may be trapped in the seaway for the winter.

Unity

MONTREAL (AP) — The search is on for a prominent French-Canadian to head the country's unity movement to coordinate the campaign to defeat the proposed referendum on Quebec separation.

Spokesmen for federalist forces say the job requires someone, most preferably a French-Canadian with a popular following, who can shape into fighting trim the eight federal and Quebec political parties and the seven unity groups which agreed earlier this month to

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work under the direction of a coordinating committee.

Robert Dostie, a Montreal lawyer and co-chairman of the Decision Canada unity group, said committee members will meet in closed meetings this week and will suggest possible candidates.

Immigration

TORONTO (AP) — An immigration department official has confirmed the existence about seven years ago of a document called the East Indian Control Program.

Tony Galasso said the document existed, no longer is in force and was not a racist policy.

He said it was designed to stop a widespread racket whereby charter planeloads of East Indians were coming to Canada, supposedly as visitors on tours organized by unscrupulous tour operators, and then vanishing.

"It wasn't racist at all," Galasso said. "It was intended to put an end to this particular method of getting around our immigration laws at the time. If these tours had originated from any other country or involved any other nationality the instructions would have been the same."

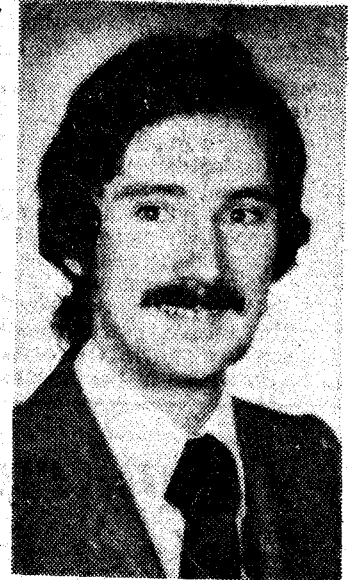
Dr. Mailhot Associated With Dr. Scott Masters

Reginald W. Mailhot, a 1977 graduate of the New England College of Optometry with a Doctor of Optometry degree, is now associated with Scott A. Masters, O.D., P.A. in his practice at 59½ Park St., Lewiston.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mailhot, Dr. Mailhot graduated from St. Dominic Regional High School in 1969 and from Providence College with a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1973. He served at the United States Public Hospital in Brighton, Mass., with special interest in contact lenses.

Dr. Mailhot passed the National Board examinations in optometry in April and received both the State of Maine optometry license and diagnostic drug license this month.

He and his wife, the former Anne Marie Berube, reside in Lisbon Falls. 1977



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Name Lewiston Woman to Administrative Position

A former Lewiston woman has been named to an administrative position at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Conn. Sister Margaret Rosita, Administrator announced the appointment of Jeanne d'Arc St. Pierre, RRA, as director of medical records.

Miss St. Pierre is the daughter of Mrs. Lucy St. Pierre, formerly of Lewiston. She was graduated from St. Dominic's Regional High School and St. Mary's General Hospital School of radiologic technology and she also attended St. Joseph's College, North Windham.

Miss St. Pierre was graduated from the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham with a BA degree in sociology. Following a course of studies through the American Medical Record Association, she attended the U.S. Public Health Service Post-Graduate Program in Health Record Administration, graduating in June of 1977. She successfully passed the National registration exam in October, thus qualifying her as a registered record administrator.

Before being appointed to her present position, Miss St. Pierre was patient care coordinator at St. Mary's General Hospital, Lewiston and as such was in-



Jeanne d'Arc St. Pierre, RRA

involved in the implementation of Professional Standards Review procedures her new position as director of medical records, she is responsible for the development, direction and maintenance of health records in order to assure comprehensive quality health care.

Miss St. Pierre is affiliated with the American Medical Record Association, Alpha Kappa Delta National Sociology Honor Society and the American Registry of Radiologic Technology.

Lewiston Man Promoted by Casco Bank and Trust Co.

Richard R. Tardif of Lewiston has been elected vice president of Administrative Services at Casco Bank and Trust Company, according to Casco's President John M. Daigle.

Tardif's responsibilities will be the supervision of the bank's own facilities and purchased services within the fiscal and control division.

Tardif joined Casco in 1969, and has served as manager of the bank's Marston Street and Auburn branches. In 1974, he was assigned as operations officer for the bank's Northern Region, and in 1976 he was promoted to assistant vice president and operations officer.

A native of Lewiston and a graduate of Lewiston High School, Tardif also attended the Auburn Maine School of Commerce, and has completed real estate law courses at the University of Maine, as well as several A.I.B. courses.

He is a director of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the A.I.B. and of the Lewiston Development corporation;



RICHARD R. TARDIF

serves as treasurer of the Lewiston Economic Growth Council and is a member of the Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees. He also is a former president of the Auburn Exchange Club.

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H. L. GOSSELIN, assistant director of the Central Maine Medical Center, will be the master of ceremonies as the inauguration of Lewiston's mayor and aldermen takes place Jan. 3.

The ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Lewiston Junior High School auditorium, with an informal buffet at Happy Jack's Restaurant following at about 8 o'clock.

Tickets are still available for \$4 at the city clerk and city treasurer's offices and from Marcel Bilodeau, chairman of the reception, at Depositor's Trust Company on Lisbon Street.

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OUTGOING LEWISTON ALDERMAN— Lewiston's Ward One Alderman Thomas M. Mangan was presented a plaque of appreciation Thursday night at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen's last meeting of 1977. Mangan chose not to run for re-election and will be replaced at the board's Jan. 3 meeting by Laurier P. Marcotte. In presenting him the award, Lewiston

Mayor Lillian L. Caron thanked Mangan for his hard work on the board and various committees during the last two years. Mangan thanked the residents of Ward One for the confidence they placed in him and said these residents were "...the finest group of people I've ever met and had the chance to work with." (Staff Photo by Gray)

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