

The late Jean-Claude Lefebvre

It's with deep regret that The Gleaner has learned of the sudden death of Jean-Claude Lefebvre on Thursday, July 28, 1988, at the age of 73.

Mr. Lefebvre began his newspaper career with the Huntingdon Gleaner in May 1936 where he was acting news reporter and sports editor from 1936 to 1942. In Valleyfield in 1942, he became director-manager of "La Gazette de Valleyfield" which he had helped launch from Huntingdon in 1936.

Later on, he was one of the four founders of radio station CFLV in Valleyfield on November 10, 1961, and he acted as general manager and secretary of the station from 1962 to 1982.

At the time of his retirement from the station in 1982, there was a staff of 20 permanent and four temporary employees.

In May 1983, Mr. Lefebvre accepted the invitation of Msgr. Robert Lebel, Bishop for the Diocese of Valleyfield, to take charge of their Press Bureau, known as "Le Service diocésain d'information"

which processes the religious news and/or comments from the Diocese to regional news media.

Mr. Lefebvre was still working in that capacity at the time of his death.

Mr. Lefebvre was always deeply involved in community activities and held office in many organization, a few of which include the following: past president of the Valleyfield Rotary Club; former director of Salaberry Club and Club Nautique de Valleyfield; house announcer from 1943 to 1967 for the annual Valleyfield International Regatta; a trustee for many years with the St. Ignatius Guild; active member of the Valleyfield Chamber of Commerce.

In his younger days, he was very active in sports, including hockey, baseball, tennis, softball, handball, and he was also publicity director and travel manager of the Valleyfield Braves who were members of the Quebec Professional Hockey League from 1947 to 1955. This team won the Canadian Championship in May 1951 and became the first

winner of the Lord Alexander Trophy. It was then recorded as a most unique feat in the annals of organized hockey.

The City of Valleyfield chose Mr. Lefebvre as Distinguished Citizen and Emeritus Sportsman on August 23, 1974, during the centennial celebrations of the municipality. The "Club Nautique" also named him "Caradora" and admitted him to the renowned International Temple of the Valleyfield Regatta in 1978.

Born in Huntingdon, Quebec, Mr. Lefebvre attended school at St. Joseph's and at the Huntingdon Academy, and Collège St. Laurent in Montreal. He was married to Madeleine Pond, formerly of Malone, N.Y. who predeceased him in 1979.

They had three children: son Lynn, and two daughters Ann Lise and Suzanne (Mrs. Robert Perrier, of Huntingdon).

The funeral service for Mr. Lefebvre is being held today, August 3, at the Valleyfield Cathedral at 11 a.m. Interment in Huntingdon.

Jean-Claude Lefebvre recalled old days at the Academy

Note—The following article was scheduled to go in the last edition of The Gleaner before the holiday. Unfortunately there was no space for it and, since then, Mr. Lefebvre has passed away but this account of what was probably his last public appearance will no doubt be of interest to readers.

A former student of Huntingdon Academy, Jean-Claude Lefebvre, substituting for Msgr. Robert Lebel, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Valleyfield, at the Ecumenical Church Service held during the 135th Anniversary Reunion of Huntingdon Academy on July 3, recalled how he was warmly accepted into the fold of the student body, even though he was a French-speaking Catholic.

He mentioned that he was quickly made to feel at home by people such as Mac Arnold,

Bill Boyd, Buford Weber, Alan Helm, Jean Smellie, Eveline Petch, Roberta Arthur, Coburn Cleland, Bernie Dawson, Betty Cree, Molly McKinnon, Beatty Cotnam, Mons Duke, Helen Brown, to name a few.

He also remembered that Principal Macmillan used to be the one reminding him not to miss Mass on Sunday. Mr. Lefebvre added jokingly that this could have been the start of ecumenism, many years before the word was even in fashion.

He added that, in turn, he used to attend special religious ceremonies at the Anglican Church because his parents wanted him to participate fully in all school-related activities.

Mr. Lefebvre brought back many memories when he mentioned hockey coach Leslie Beattie. Mr. Lefebvre evoked a hockey game the school team played in

Montreal against future minister. The Academy students had been warned to remember that their opponents were to be men of the cloth, and to be respectful of that fact.

But what happened was these boys who were destined to a life of cross-checking, butting, throwing the Huntingdon boys into the boards.

Needless to say, the second period saw a sudden change in the attitude of the Huntingdon team, through the operation of the Holy Ghost or some other reason, nobody knew but the change was unbelievable.

Mr. Lefebvre did not mention if the Academy team won the game or not...

Mr. Lefebvre closed by saying: "This has been an extraordinary gathering," and "May we meet again, God willing."

Valleyfield

by Elsie Melanson

Notes of Sympathy

The Valleyfield community extends deepest sympathy to the family of Jean-Claude Lefebvre who passed away on Thursday, July 28.

Also deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. John Birthwhistle (nee Harriet Rateliff), who died on Monday, July 11, at the Centre Hospitalier de Valleyfield, after a lengthy illness.

92-year old Harriet, who was predeceased by her husband, John a few years ago, was a well-known figure in the Valleyfield English community for many years.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, July 14, at J.A. Larin & Fils Funeral Salon on Victoria, and was well attended by many old friends and relatives.

Her ashes were laid to rest in the Valleyfield Protestant cemetery beside the remains of her husband, John.

The Valleyfield community also extends deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Paul Gervais, (nee Roma Hebert), who died very suddenly on Wednesday, July 20, while visiting relatives in Montreal. Roma was 70 years of age.

The funeral Mass was held on Saturday, July 23 at Notre Dame de Bellefleur church, with many friends joining the family in a sad farewell.

Her ashes were laid to rest in the Valleyfield Catholic cemetery.

Births and Deaths

Births, Engagements, Approaching Marriages, Marriages, Deaths, Card of Thanks, and In Memoriam

BORN

PREVOST - Lawrence and Lucie (nee Gallpeau) are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Lauri-Ann, 7 lbs 7 oz, on July 28, 1988 at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Proud grandparents are J.H. Prevost and Lucien and Simone Gallpeau.

WOODWORTH, Keith and Karen (née Goldie) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Adrienne, 8 lbs 6 oz, on July 15, 1988 at the Alice Hyde Hospital, Malone, N.Y. Proud grandparents are Richard and Barbara Woodworth, Constable, N.Y., Gerald and Lois Goldie, Franklin Centre, Que. Proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel MacDonald, Huntingdon, Que.

DEME - John and Odette are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Catlin, 7 lbs 5 oz, on July 9, 1988 at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Deme Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aubin of Huntingdon.

NESS - Cecile and Larry are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Eric, 8 lbs 6 oz, July 26, 1988, 3:50 a.m. Proud grandparents are Willie and Dini Antink of Hatley, Quebec, and Bob and Joan Ness of Howick, Quebec. Proud great grandparents are Johanna Hoog Antink of Groenlo, Holland, Jim and Sally Summerton of Howick, Quebec and Hazel Ness of Ormstown, Quebec.

Native of St. Anicet dies

Raymond Cosgrove, born in St. Anicet, Quebec on April 8, 1900, son of the late John and Nellie (McDonagh) Cosgrove, passed away on July 21, 1988 in the Albany Veterans' Hospital in Albany, N.Y.

The deceased was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after serving during World War II. He spent most of his life in Detroit, Mich. where he worked in the automotive industry.

He was predeceased by two brothers, James and Ward, and two sisters, Mrs. Dora Mulaniss and Mrs. Mae Ryan.

Burial was private. A memorial mass will be said on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Malone, N.Y.

DIED

Shinek, Genevieve, Maria at the St-Louis hospital, Cowansville, Que. on Saturday, July 10th, 1988, Mrs. Maria (nee Bergevin) Shinek, age 89 years 6 months. Widow of late Maurice Genevieve (formerly of New Jersey) and widow by second marriage to Adolphe Shinek of Village St-Pierre, Que. Survived by son Victor Genevieve (wife Rowenna) of California, four grand-children and nine great-grandchildren, sister-in law Mrs. Diana Bergevin (wife of the late Adelard Bergevin). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service at the St-Sacrement Church in Howick, Que. on Saturday, July 23, 1988. Interment of ashes in St Sacrement cemetery.

CAMPBELL, Wilma Eward (nee MacDonald) - At the Montreal Convalescence Hospital, after a long illness, on June 29th, 1988. Wife of the late A. Keith Campbell. Survived by her daughter Catherine MacDonald, brother George MacDonald. Interment Ormstown Union Cemetery.

CAMERON Danny. Suddenly on July 26th, 1988 age 23 years. Beloved son of Alexander Cameron, and late Lillian Russell. Survived by brother and sisters. Funeral service was from Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Saturday July 30th at 2 p.m. Interment Zion Cemetery, Dundee, Que.

SMELLIE Catherine at Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on July 30th 1988. Catherine McGibbon age 89 years. Beloved wife of William S. Smellie. Dear mother of Kathleen (Mrs. Junior Loece) of Cornwall. Also survived by 5 grand-children, and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was from Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Monday August 1st, at 2 p.m. Interment Zion Cemetery Dundee, Que.

DICKENSON, John - At the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Quebec, on Sunday July 24th, 1988. John Dickenson, age 81 years. Husband of the late Violet Woods and the late Helen Monteith, Franklin Centre, Quebec. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, Franklin Centre on Tuesday July 26 at 2 p.m. Interment Christ Church Cemetery, formerly Ames Cemetery.

Lefebvre, Jean-Claude - In Valleyfield, on July 28th, 1988 at the age of 72 years. Mr. Jean-Claude Lefebvre, husband of the late Madeleine Pond residing at 26 Longtin, Valleyfield. Funeral will take place, Wednesday, August 3, from the J.A. Larin & Fils Inc. Funeral Home, 317 Victoria, Valleyfield to the Cathedral, where the service will be held at 11 a.m. Interment in Huntingdon Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank Dr. Blondie, the nurses and staff of the third floor for the excellent care given to Mrs. Maria F. Shinek during her extended stay at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Visits from friends and relatives were also greatly appreciated. Jean & Anita Bourcier

I wish to thank Dr. D. Fiset and the nurses on the 3rd floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, for the loving care given to Orville during his illness. My thanks to family and friends, who attended the parlour and the service; to father Carl Triskie, for his kindness and to those caring people, who sent letters and cards. God bless you all.

Joan Baxter

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, cards and expressions of sympathy.

I wish to also extend a special thank-you to Frank and Nellie Mason and a very special thank you to Diane and Robert Guertin of the Metro Huntingdon. Everything everyone did was greatly appreciated.

Bonnie, Dale and Nancy Ross

My sincere thanks to friends for the many lovely cards expressing cheerful wishes, for my 100th birthday, also for the beautiful flowers and gifts. They are very much appreciated.

Robert M. Rodgers

We wish to thank the people who expressed their sympathy with flowers and cards at the death of our father at Dugald Lang on July 24th, 1988. Thanks also to those who helped with food and serving lunch after the service.

The Lang family.

IN MEMORIAM

TAYLOR-REGINALD - In loving memory of dear Reg who left us July 26, 1988. His charming ways and smiling face. Are a pleasure to recall. He had a kindly word for each of us. And died beloved by all. Sadly missed - George, Patricia, Scott, Jennifer and Maggie.

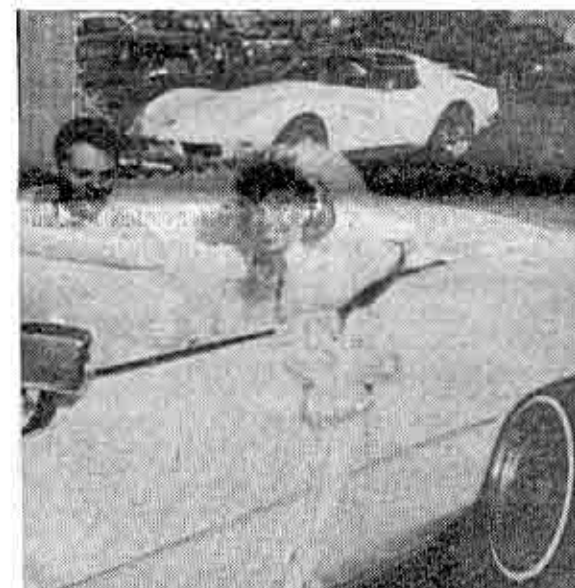
Picturesque wedding in Valleyfield cathedral

By Elsie Melanson

On Saturday, June 18, at 4 p.m., the Valleyfield cathedral was the setting for a very picturesque wedding.

Laurie-Ann Page, eldest daughter of Emile and Helen Page, of Valleyfield, and Daniel Leroux, son of Mrs. Lise Lecompte, and the late Roger Leroux, also of Valleyfield, exchanged their marriage vows in a double ring ceremony.

Father Claude Marrier, officiated at the Communion ceremony, ably assisted by Tracy Page, sister of the bride, and Roger Leroux, cousin of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leroux

Young man killed in car accident

A young man of 23, Danny Cameron, who resided at 27, Bouchette Street in Huntingdon, was killed in a highway accident involving a single vehicle on Tuesday, July 26, around 9:45 p.m.

The accident took place opposite no. 2816 on the Ridge Road in the municipality of Godmanchester.

Danny was travelling in his 1974 Thunderbird in an east-west direction on the Ridge, going towards Dundee where his father, Alex B. Cameron

resides on the Pitre Road.

According to the police report, Danny missed a curve and sectioned off a Hydro-Quebec pole then came to a violent stop as he hit a roadside tree head-on. There was no trace of braking at the scene of the accident.

Officers Pierre Beloin and Jean-Pierre Bruncau, called to the accident scene, started their investigation. They saw parts of the car strewn all over the place, showing the tremendous impact which must have

occurred when the car hit the pole and the tree.

The victim was taken by ambulance to the Barrie Memorial Hospital where Dr. Brian Dobie could do nothing but pronounce the young man dead.

In the absence of district coroner Dr. Georges Lefebvre, away on holidays, the police notified coroner Jean-François Cuillerier of Dorion.

A final report on the accident should be available in a few days.

Young boy drowns in Parc Safari lake

A young boy only 3 1/2 years old drowned in a lake at Parc Safari around 4:20 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

The victim, Rémi Houle, from Laval, was spending what was supposed to be a fun-filled day at Parc Safari with his parents and eight-year-old sister.

The tragic mishap apparently occurred when young Rémi decided to follow his sister into the water, even though, according to preliminary reports on the accident, the sister told her brother to stay by the side of the lake.

As many the 200 or so people who were in that section at the time of the accident were made to realize, it only takes a minute of inattention for such a tragedy to unfold.

The lake above-mentioned lake and others like it, which are equipped with water slides, have been opened since 1985 at Parc Safari without anything every happening.

No one had noticed the young boy in the water until a swimmer hit the body of the victim; he immediately took him to the lifeguards who tried to revive him.

The boy was then taken to the Hemmingford Medical Centre, and from there to the

Montreal Children's Hospital where a doctor of duty pronounced him dead.

The Lacolle detachment of the Quebec Police Force was notified about the accident only at 9 p.m. and an investigation was immediately undertaken.

The lake where young Rémi lost his life is only 4 1/2 feet at its deepest. According to Parc Safari spokesmen, there was a sufficient number of lifeguards on duty at the time of the mishap.

A sign also advises parents not to let children under 4 alone without supervision.

Unusual boating accident causes death of 16-year-old girl

An unusual boating accident which occurred on Lake St. Francis on Friday, July 29 caused the death of a 16-year-old girl.

The collision between two boats took place around 9:30 p.m. near Pointe-Doyon in Saint-Anicet.

The girl, Nancy Grenier, whose 16th birthday was on May 9, died of a fractured neck. She was on a boat operated by Michel Vanderwalle,

a resident of 761, 34th Avenue in Saint-Zotique. Also on the boat were his wife and son, Joyce West and James, only 4 years old.

Their boat collided with another craft operated by Michel Lamarche, of 5064, Duranlet street in Montreal. The latter as well as Joyce West were severely injured in the mishap while young James was the victim of severe shock, and Vanderwalle had cuts on the forehead.

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IN HONOR OF
DONNA GRANT & JON STUCKEY
Saturday, August 6 1988 at the
ORMSTOWN CURLING CLUB
Refreshments