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Mrs. Helen Taylor was hostess for the May meeting of the Onward and Upward Club at the Community Centre with 11 members present.

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Mrs. Harry Franklin presided for the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Reta Bouck, which opened with singing the Club Ode and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. William Kenline, secretary, read the previous minutes called the roll and read the correspondence.

Mrs. Clarence Puddicom, Mrs. Lawrence Dedrick and Mrs. Harry Franklin reported on cards sent out during the month.

A donation of \$25 was made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Two bursaries of \$25 each will be forwarded to Valley Heights Secondary School for honor students during the school year.

A request for two quilts to be quilted was expected to be done later in the year, and plans made to quilt the fancy quilt in the coming month. One fancy quilt had been quilted for a resident during the past month.

A mystery parcel donated by Mrs. Lillie Gates was won by Mrs. Helen Taylor. Mrs. Clarence Puddicom favoured two readings entitled "What is Mother" and "Basic Chemistry".

The afternoon was spent in quilting and a luncheon was served with Mrs. Lavern Alward and Mrs. Roy Lounsbury assisting the hostess as lunch conveners.

Mrs. Earl Lounsbury will be hostess for the June meeting with Mrs. Mark Armstrong and Mrs. Cecil Armstrong as lunch convener.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells of Long Point Motel will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary May 31.



Harry Ings, of Port Rowan blows a mean set of notes for the Port Rowan New Horizons club. The dance followed their pot luck supper held last week. (Photo by Richard Houghton)

Horizons take pot luck together

by Richard Houghton

Members of the St. Williams New Horizons Club attended the pot luck supper of the Port Rowan New Horizons last Wednesday evening.

The supper was well attended, and after the group enjoyed their meal, Hazel Franklin, Port Rowan, had an enthusiastic sing-song.

The New Horizons group invited Mrs. Ruth Rowe, and

husband Sydney, of Ingersoll, to join them and explain how to make articles for a fund raising project.

Mrs. Rowe operates a business in Ingersoll making dolls, tissue box covers, and stuffed animals out of a material with an extremely long fur fibre.

After the demonstration, a string band played dancing music for the enjoyment of everyone. The band was made up of members of both

the Port Rowan and St. Williams clubs.

Playing the fiddles were William Thompson, Victor Leedham, Yorkley Becker, and Dolly Becker; Howard Butler played steel guitar; and Iona Leedham and Hazel Franklin both took turns on the piano.

Playing the drums was Ken Lounsbury, Harry Ings played saxophone and Morris

Millar of St. Williams played the cornet.

Mrs. Helen Innes welcomed the St. Williams Club to the Port Rowan Club's pot luck supper which will be held every third Wednesday of the month from now on.

A member from St. Williams Horizons then responded by inviting the Port Rowan members to the St. Williams pot luck supper to be held every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Donkey baseball draws big crowd

by Jack Chapman

Donkey Baseball was the big attraction at Courtland Community Park last Sunday. Approximately 300 spectators looked on as the

Courtland and District Lions Club played Langton Lions Club.

Garry Pettinger, spokesman for the Lions, stated this was the third year that the game has been played in Courtland.

Jim Smith, owner of the donkeys said the game was introduced by his father 42 years ago. Jim and his popular baseball playing jackasses originate from Stouffville, Ontario. Now that Jim has taken over he plans to go on tour across Canada. He has tried to make the tour

before but due to popularity only got as far as Saskatchewan. Jim and his asses have also been to every state in the United States.

The idea of the Donkey Baseball game is like normal baseball, well almost like normal baseball, (no strikeouts in Donkey Baseball to ensure that no one tries to fake their way out of riding a donkey) the batter swings until he hits the ball, then runs and hops on a donkey and proceeds to first base providing he can. In order to be safe at first base the player must have his don-

key's two front or two rear feet in first base circle. To get the runner out, the first baseman must have his donkey's two front or two rear feet in the first base circle also and must tag the runner only. The procedures at second, third, and home plate are the same as that at first base. The players on the bases and in the field must take their donkey with them at all times and be on their donkeys to catch or throw the ball or the play does not count. Sound easy enough?

At the end of the game, both teams ended up in a tie. The fans were in favour of a donkey race to decide who was to win. Dan Kovacs of Courtland Lions Club who won the race (with a little help from his Lions brothers) received the winners' award, "a field full of donkey mess".

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Editorial

Olympics '76

At the international Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting in Amsterdam May 12, 1970, Quebec Mayor Jean Drapeau said, "If there is any doubt you have about Montreal, then do not choose us."

Drapeau was, of course, referring to the selection of Montreal to host the 1976 Olympic Games.

Since then, Mayor Drapeau has also stated that, "The Montreal Olympics could no more run a deficit than a man could have a baby."

Announcement of his delivery may come any day now. Since Montreal outdid Moscow and Los Angeles in its bids to host the 1976 Summer Olympics, the estimated cost of the Games has risen from \$310 million to \$653 million - more than double original estimates.

One of the reasons for the higher cost of the Games can be attributed to the illegal strike by 1,200 Quebec iron workers, which effectively shut down all building at the main Olympic facility, the 70,000 - seat 380 million stadium.

Before the Nov. 27 strike, iron workers were making \$6.04 an hour. They subsequently demanded a 50-cent raise and then upped their demands to \$1. They were using an effective means of blackmail: no money, no stadium. Labour Minister JeanCounoyer refused the wage hike.

Premier Robert Bourassa, in desperation, stepped into impose settlement so that work on the stadium could continue. The workers received an 85-cent cost-of-living supplement in two stages. 59 cents retroactive to Jan. 1 and another 26 cents effective May 1. Labour relations chief of the Construction Association of Montreal, Jean-Pierre Langlois said the pay increase would cost employers \$140 million a year.

A strike by employees of the Royal Canadian Mint halted production of the Olympic coins. Earlier mistakes in minting - a lacrosse player with two right feet for instance - has had an adverse effect on sales, a major source of financing for the Games.

By the time all seven sets of Olympic coins have been designed and sold, the 1976 Montreal Olympics expect to realize \$250 million. Gross revenue are expected to be about \$600 million with 60 per cent going for production and marketing costs.

Mayor Jean Drapeau has been accused by officials of ignoring architect's estimates, and some sources say the \$310 million figure was one of his own choosing.

Lord Killanin, president of IOC has said that Montreal has no intention of pulling out of the Olympics in the face of this lack of funds. Killanin also denies that offers have been made by Germany and Iran to host the Games.

Due to the shortage of funds, a private consulting firm hired by the Olympic committee has recommended that the Olympic Village plan be scrapped to save money.

Otto Jelinek, (PC Toronto High Park) has suggested that the Olympic Games be shared with the rest of Canada.

To ease the burden on Montreal, he asked that track and field events be moved to Toronto, swimming and diving to Winnipeg.

A public report has stated that \$90 million could be saved by scrapping plans for the retractable stadium roof and supporting pillar. Another \$200 million could be saved by moving the 33,000-seat Expo Autostade "section by section" to the Olympic site.

Is Drapeau deliberately ignoring these suggestions in the hopes of forcing the Federal Government to take the Olympics?

For some time Prime Minister Trudeau has made it clear that the government has no intention of doing anything more for the Olympics.

There has been no federal liaison with Mayor Drapeau or the Olympic Organizing Committee. No one minister has had over-all responsibility for it.

Marc Lalonde, Minister of Health and Welfare, including sports, has not been in touch with any Olympic preparations in Montreal, nor have any of his senior officials.

If there has been any thoughts of Ottawa rescuing Drapeau with money, surely someone in the Federal establishment would have the responsibility?

Prime Minister Trudeau has admitted that Canada's international reputation "would not be done any good" if the games are cancelled, but says it remains a "hypothetical situation".

When the hypothetical situation becomes real and it is time to bite the bullet, who will the explosion shock more?

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The People's Corner



Debbie Skuce: "I think they should be ordered back because the Olympics is a good chance for people to get together and do what they can."



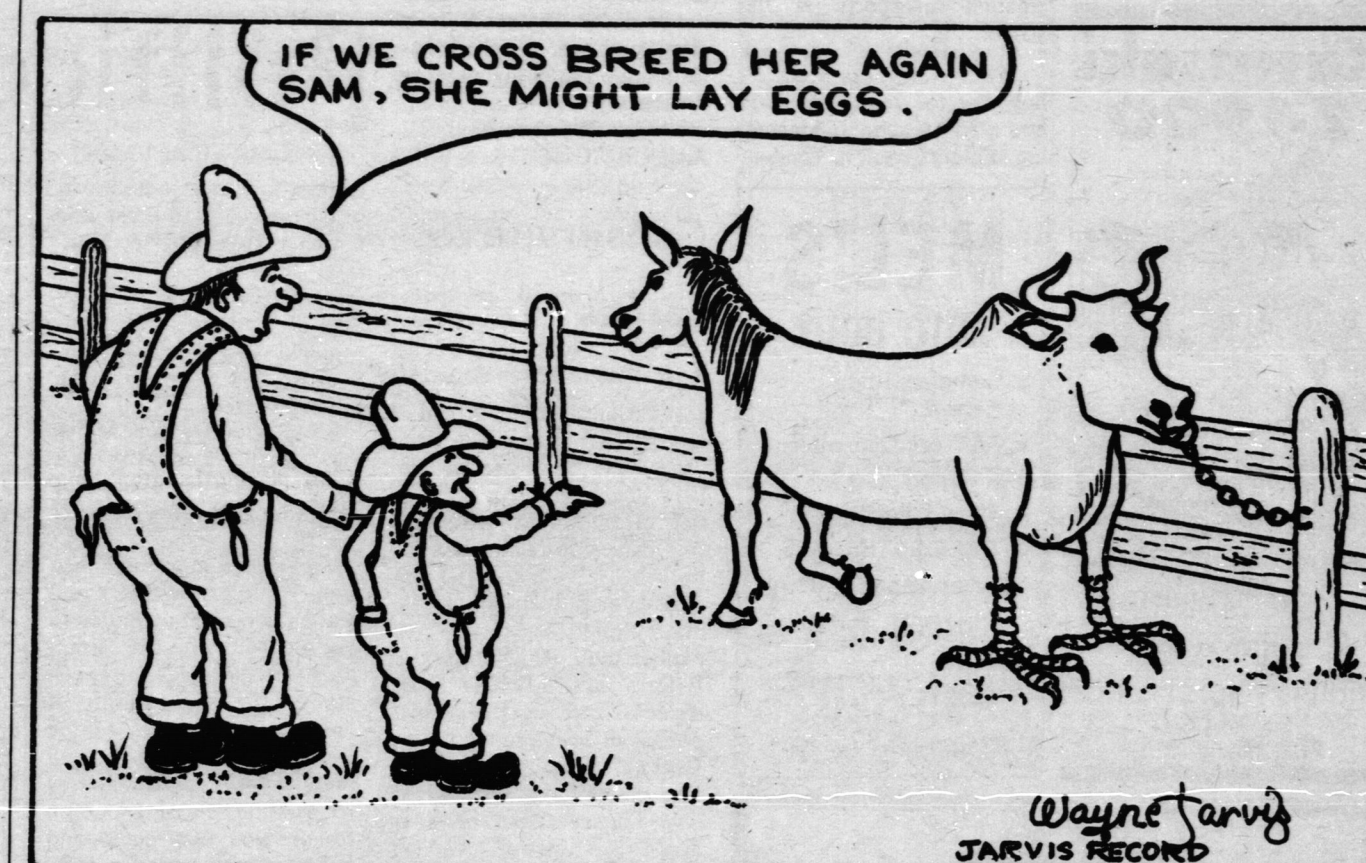
Chris Thompson: "I think they should be ordered back because I'd like to watch the Olympics. I don't think they have the right to strike unless they have a good reason."



Fred Puddicom: "I think they should be ordered back because this is the first time with the Olympics for Canada and we want to make it look good. We want to get the job done, but they still have the right to strike."

Question

Question: Do you feel that construction workers in Quebec should be legislated back to work in order to get the site done for the Olympics?



The Record Correspondent in Ottawa

By John Storm

Who is the public service responsible?

Life in the public service is good. Job-security and reasonable wages keep many servants in their current jobs. At the senior executive level, fear of one's job is usually unjustified.

A recent example shows how most public servants run to the warm security of their superiors. Prime Minister Trudeau recently said Cabinet ministers and not public servants should answer to Parliament for the government's actions.

Mr. Trudeau was referring to his decision to bar the Cabinet Secretary, Micheal Pitfield, to appear before a parliamentary committee.

Opposition members have been trying to call Mr. Pitfield before a committee to answer questions which he could answer better than other public servants. The Government benches echoed that ministerial responsibility was a basic element to Canadian politics. The Opposition retorted, saying the

action of the Government vetoing public disclosures by civil servants was detrimental to the power of Parliament. So what else is new?

When a look is taken at the background of Mr. Pitfield, it is little wonder "The Man" refused home premission to testify before the committee.

The most powerful public servant in the country is Mr. Pitfield. His position as Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Privy Council offer Mr. Pitfield the opportunity to serve the prime minister and be responsible to only Mr. Trudeau, although theoretically he is responsible to the cabinet. But then we all know the cabinet dances to the tune Mr. Trudeau sings.

The Secretary to the Cabinet is privy to many government secrets and, to some extent, can co-ordinate activities and attitudes in the cabinet. Mr. Pitfield has been reported to be a close friend of Mr. Trudeau and shares at least a half-an-hour a day with the prime minister.

The argument that Big Government cannot operate well if all members of a government must answer to anyone who questions then does have some significance to it. Democratic elitism has stopped this country from being misled and ruined by the average Canadian citizen.

But the questions from parliamentary committees come from people who, generally speaking, have the intelligence and wisdom that serve to counter government mismanagement.

If only ministers relate their department's actions these committees may be receiving a report which is radically different from that of the general ministry. Cabinet ministers are elected politicians who are sometimes shifted to various other ministries. Public servants though, have made a career of a specific field and are usually certain their survival in the public service doesn't depend on the moody behavior of the voters.

The 37-year-old mandarin has an impressive record of 16 years in the public service and many claims to fame in the academic world. But her personal friendship with the prime minister has resulted in some senior executives of the public service in viewing him with mistrust.

Political writer, Christina Newman, writes that Mr. Pitfield has a reputation for holding himself aloof, for having a certain arrogance of manner and ruthlessness of style. And you say he is a friend of Mr. Trudeau?

The Globe and Mail quoted a deputy minister, who says he spoke for at least a dozen senior officials, accusing Mr. Pitfield of being a harbinger of bad times - bad times for the public service, bad times for the Cabinet system, bad times for Pierre Trudeau.

The refusal of Mr. Trudeau to have Mr. Pitfield appear before parliamentary committees may easily be seen as preventing members of the public service from speaking publicly without permission from the relevant minister of the prime minister.