

Careers came easily, but not spare time

Henri Laperriere at 71 years has no regrets as he embarks on a third career — that of taking tour groups around Ottawa, the city he has known all his life, for the Capital Region Hospitality Services this summer.

The work is part-time and gives him the opportunity to pursue his favorite hobby of photography. However, he still hasn't found the leisure hours for catching up on the reading and historic research he would like to do before writing his memoirs.

Laperriere has already retired as an accountant (35 years with the department of public works), and as a sports writer and editor at *Le Droit* (15 years).

In March he completed his term as president of L'Institut Canadien-Francais d'Ottawa, the third member of his family to hold this office — a great uncle and his father had both been members and presidents of Ottawa's first social, literary and cultural French-speaking men's club founded in 1852.

In the library of the Institute are copies of the Paris newspaper *L'Illustration* dating from 1847 to 1941 — "a wonderful record of 19th and early 20th century life in Europe."

"I would like to spend the next 20 years of my life reading such papers and delving into the 100 or so books by French-Canadian authors in the Institute's library," he says.

One thing he won't be able to read are the records of the club's early years that were sealed into the cornerstone of a large ornate club house the organization built at 18 York St. in 1876. The building was destroyed by fire in 1887, and recently during restoration work in the area the group received the cornerstone from the National Capital Commission.

The moment was electric with excitement, Laperriere recalls. Eager members had pried open the ancient metal box that had lain for so many years protected by its chunk of Ottawa Valley limestone . . . to find a wad of hardened clay and dust.

Whoever had supplied the club with the metal box had pulled a fast one, he says with a wry smile. The box



SILVER and GOLD
by Kit Irving

should have been lined with zinc. Instead, members discovered it had soft lead walls that had split open to let in the dampness.

The Laperriere family has been in Ottawa for four generations and in Canada for about 350 years. Eight brothers, living in the province of Poitou, France, had decided to try their fortunes in the New World and had brought their young families to Canada.

Laperriere has always found family genealogies a fascinating study and was president of the Institute's genealogy Ottawa-Hull club for two years. He has traced his ancestors back on both sides of the Atlantic and has come to the conclusion that all the Canadian Laperrieres are related.

In 1974 he visited Poitou to find the family name had disappeared from the region. However, with the assistance of the local parish priest he uncovered church records that showed the family had lived there until recently under another family name — Ouvrard.

His Grandfather Cote on his mother's side had moved

to Ottawa shortly after Confederation to take up work as superintendent of the new government printing bureau. He discovered that his other grandfather Hector Laperriere, a stone sculptor, had also arrived in the city at about the same time to carve the stone work in the Parliamentary library. The two families had lived side by side in Quebec City, and when they came to Ottawa they once again became next-door neighbors.

Even though they lived so near, his older sister was surprised one day when searching through some family papers to come across a bundle of love letters written by his father to his mother during their courtship days.

"I think we were more verbally romantic then," he says with a chuckle. "My sister was amazed at how very beautiful the sentiment was in those old letters and has kept them to the present day."

He himself has been married 46 years now and has six sons, two daughters and 14 grandchildren.

It was the grandchildren who reminded him that he had a love for art inherited from his sculptor grandfather. To keep the little ones amused during visits, he had begun drawing funny pictures "like ones he once drew for local newspapers."

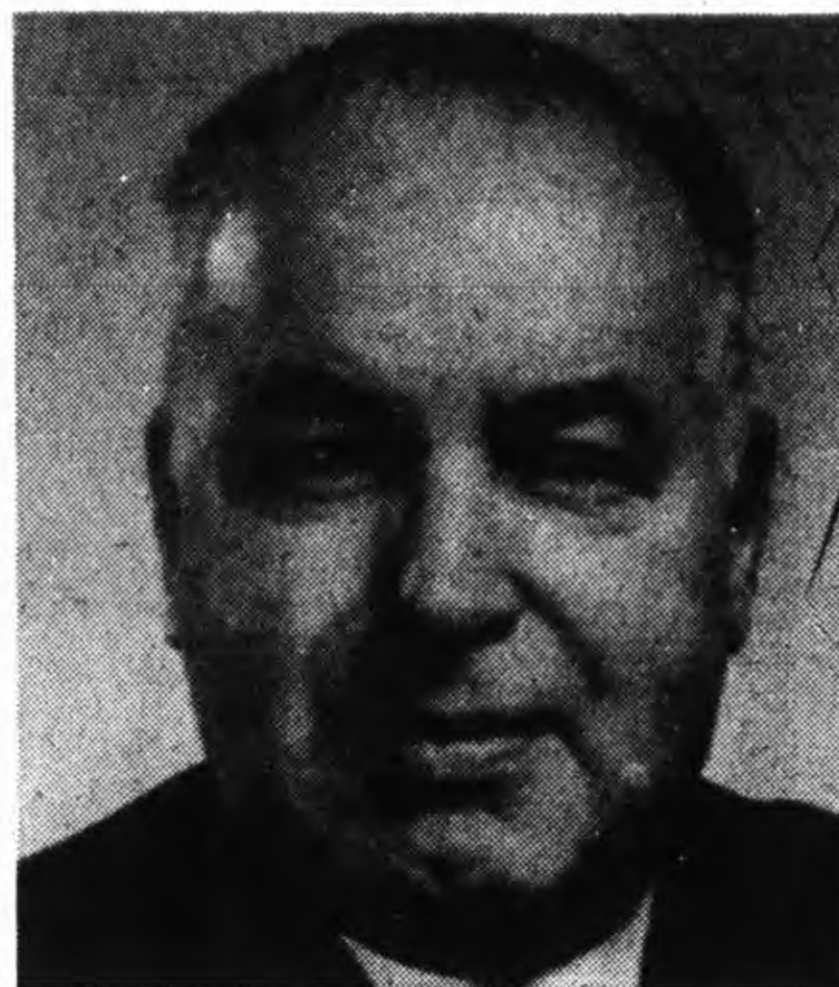
When he visited Florida with Vanier's French-speaking senior citizen Club 60, the itinerary included the *Fountain of Youth* of early explorer fame. The place inspired him to design a spouting fountain for the first issue of a newsletter he edits that is published by the 22 clubs of the Francophone Association of Senior Citizens in Ottawa, and to name it *La Fontaine de Jouvence*.

His years as a sports writer at *Le Droit* and his freelance reporting to the English newspapers including *The Journal* were recalled recently at a giant sports recognition dinner at which he was specially honored.

"Those were the years when I put in a 20-hour day," he recalls cheerfully. "I could never keep up that pace, now — working days for the public works department and nights boosting local amateur sports and baseball in particular — one job at a time is enough for me today."

During Senior Citizens Week, it was the voice of Laperriere seniors heard in the French announcements on the Civic Centre PA system. Completely bilingual, he has done this task since the week of activities began three years ago.

Last week, he told the snow-headed crowds:



Henri Laperriere

"We senior citizens may have lost such things as hair, teeth, tonsils and appendixes, but as long as we keep our spirits . . . we've lost nothing to regret."

The Vintage Years

Happy birthday this week to:

Martha Baker, 96, Arnprior and Killaloe;
Tom Knighton, 88, Montreal and Ottawa;
Agnes Larmond, 84, Eganville and Stewartville;
David Benson, 81, Smiths Falls.

Address letters to The Vintage Years, The Journal Newsroom, 365 Laurier Ave. W., Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3K6.

You're invited

Red Cross blood donor mobile clinics will be held Wednesday at CJOH-TV, 1500 Merivale Road, Studio A, from 2 to 9 p.m.; and Thursday at Bayshore Shopping Centre, 100 Bayshore Drive, main floor west of information booth, from 3 to 8 p.m.

The special Red Cross radio-press-television blood donor clinic being held Wednesday in Studio A at CJOH-TV, 1500 Merivale Road, from 2 to 9 p.m. is to help prepare for the annual 20 per cent average summertime drop in blood donors in the Ottawa area. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 is invited to attend. All types of blood are urgently required, and free babysitting is provided with cartoons and entertainment. Free transportation is also available, courtesy of the React Club, call 224-8244 or 224-8477 on the day of the clinic.

Requests for 1977-78 ice time in City of Ottawa arenas must be made prior to July 1. Contact Ottawa Recreation at 563-3222.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band is giving evening concerts this week at 7 p.m. at the RCMP "N" Division grounds, St. Laurent Blvd. and Sandridge Road until July 1 in conjunction with Canada Week celebrations.

Bell High School Graduation 1977 commencement ceremony will begin in the Bell High School Cafetorium Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Grade 12 diplomas and department awards); and at 8 p.m. (Grade 13 honor graduation diplomas). A reception will follow each ceremony.

The Nepean Public Library bookmobile will be located Wednesday at Barrhaven Public School from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday it will be at St. Thomas Public School from 3 to 5 p.m. and at Leslie Park Community Building from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Library branches and bookmobile will be observing the July 1 holiday. On Saturday the bookmobile will be at Trend-Arlington Community Building from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Craig Henry Avenue from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The summer schedule has begun for swimming in both indoor and outdoor pools at the Nepean Sportsplex. Check summer parks and recreation brochure for times and information on special family and adult swims.

Summer hours for Gloucester Public Library Branches are Ogilvie Road Branch — Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Blackburn Hamlet, Gloucester South and Orleans Branches — Monday to Thursday from 1 to 9 p.m., Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday closed.

Sunshine Music with Suzanne Pinel and Company, a special free musical puppet "happening" for children from three to nine years of age, will be touring branches of the Gloucester Public Library, July 5 and 6. The show will be at Gloucester South Branch, K-Mart Shopping Centre, on July 5 at 10:30 a.m. (English program); Orleans Branch, 2744 St. Joseph Blvd., July 5 at 2:30 p.m. (bilingual program); and at Ogilvie Road Branch, 2020 Ogilvie Road, July 6 at 2:30 p.m. (bilingual program).

Wanderin' Minstrel Claude LaBrecque will present a special free program of songs and stories for girls and boys of all ages at the Gloucester Public Library South Branch, 2958 King's Highway 31 (July 19 at 10:30 a.m.) and at the Orleans Branch, 2744 St. Joseph Blvd. (July 22 at 2:30 p.m.).

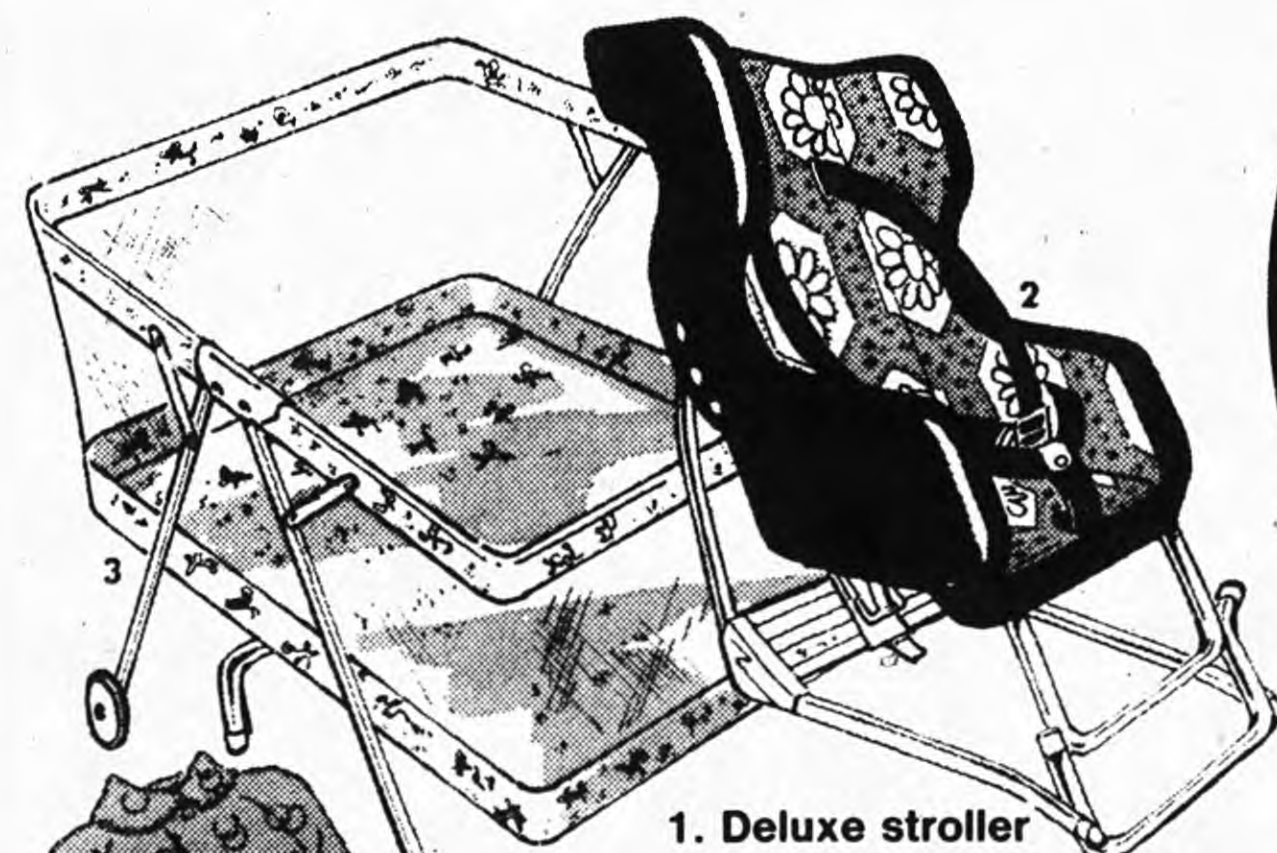
Summer hours at Nepean Public Library Branches — Merivale and Centennial — remain unchanged from past years, with the libraries open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Claude LaBrecque, the Wanderin' Minstrel, is at Centennial July 14 at 10 a.m. and at Merivale in the afternoon at 2 p.m. Suzanne Pinel's Sunshine Music company will visit Centennial July 27 at 10 a.m. and Merivale later at 2 p.m.

The West Ottawa Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St., is registering for its action-packed summer program for youngsters 11 to 17 years, *Youth on the Move*. For information call 722-2020.

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