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## Meningitis: Dozens Shot

Younger inmates lined up at the Health Service trailer yesterday afternoon to get their protection from the meningitis outbreak infecting the region.

In all, about 50 Westmorland inmates under the age of 30 were given the shot.

The vaccinations were given out because of concerns throughout southeastern New Brunswick about an outbreak of spinal meningitis.

In one case, a student at Tantramar High School, in Sackville, died after contracting the disease.

Following the death, provincial health authorities ordered shots for anyone under 30 as a precaution.

Prison authorities joined the campaign as soon as supplies of serum were available.

Meningitis is a highly-contagious disease that is fast and deadly. Often, victims complain of normal flu symptoms. And, within 24 hours, they are near death.

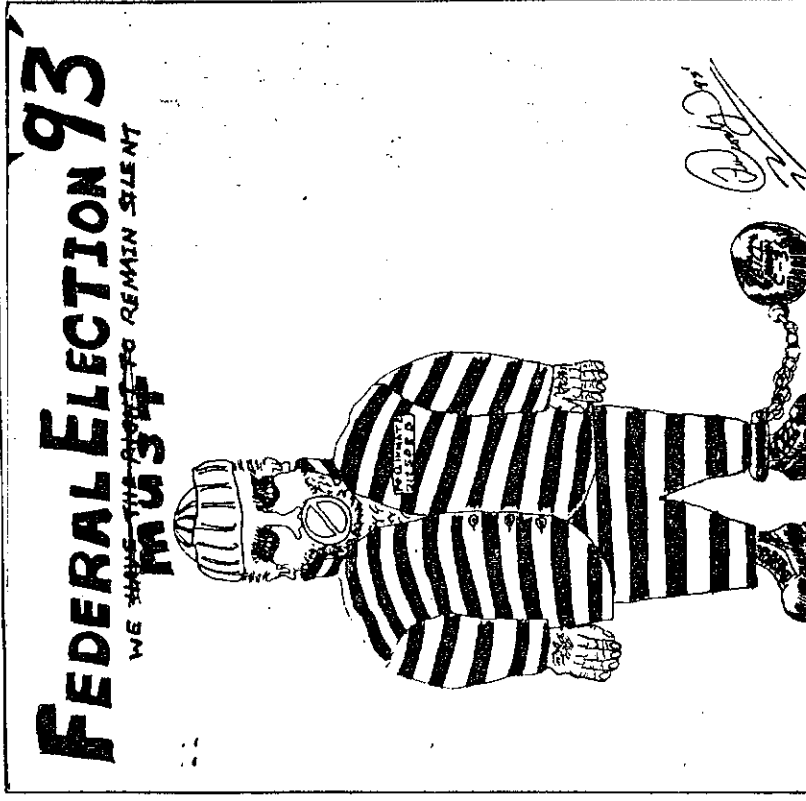
## Finance Dept. Burglary

Last week's break-in at Finance was the most-talked-about news event of the week. Except by the authorities. (Cont. Pg. 8)

## George's: Next Week

George's Country Jamboree is headed our way.

George's is standard fare on New Brunswick cable TV. (Cont. Pg.8)



## No Vote For

by John Steeves

Inmates at federal prisons across Canada can forget their political opinions on October 25th, the day most Canadian citizens will choose the next federal government. We aren't going to vote even though inmates

## Fed Inmates

at provincial jails will. That may surprise inmates who voted in last October's referendum. That was the first time federal inmates voted. And, if Parliament gets

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## Bill C-114 Eliminates Fed Inmate Vote

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its way, it will be the last.

The Parliamentary determination to withhold voting privileges from prisoners flies directly against the opinions of most courts (including the Supreme Court of Canada) which have ruled on the issue during the last five years.

But, unless there's a successful court challenge to the new law before Election Day, federal prisoners will not vote. So far, no legal challenges to the law have been filed.

### Bill C-114

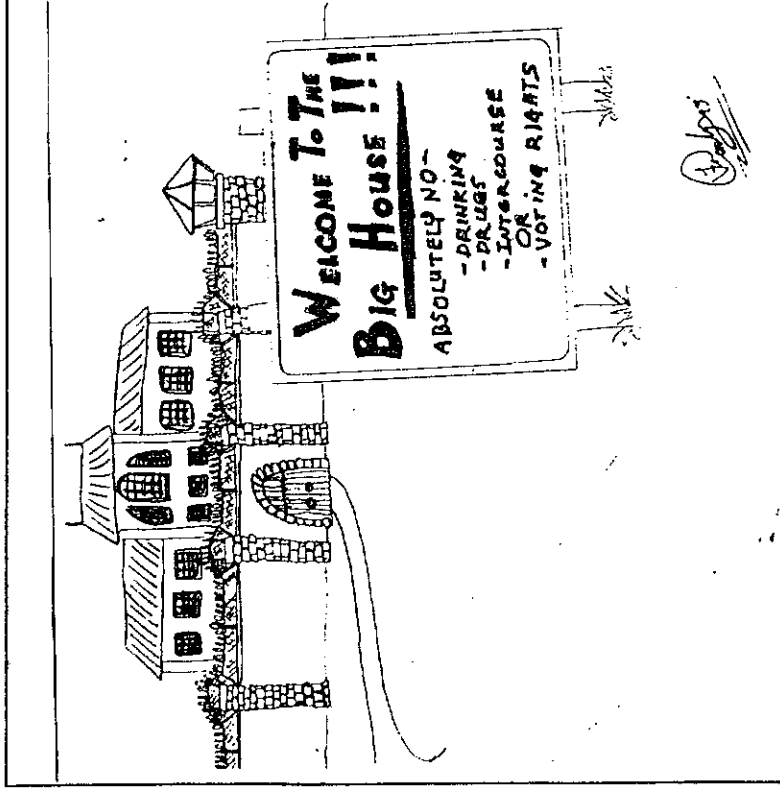
The reason is a little-known piece of legislation called Bill C-114.

It was quietly passed through the House of Commons last spring shortly after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the then-existing law

stopping prisoners from voting violated the Constitution.

That Supreme Court ruling was in line with the opinions of two lower courts

the new law spells it out clearly: Anyone serving a sentence of less than two years has the right to vote; anyone serving a longer term does not.



According to a memo from Mark Zazulak, senior counsel with the Correction Canada, 'No Vote' also applies to inmates on day parole. As Zazulak puts it, the section affects everyone "except those who are on statutory release or full parole."

### No Fanfare

The Ottawa Press Gallery paid Bill C-114 little attention when it passed. At the time, the national news media were busy following the Conservative Party leadership race which was eventually won by Kim Campbell.

(the Federal Court of Appeal and the Ontario Court of Appeal), both of which said in 1992 that inmates should be able to vote.

(In 1988, the Manitoba Appeal Court ruled differently, saying that the voting restrictions were valid).

In response, Parliament came up with Bill C-114, which went into effect in June. Section 23(2) of

## OLD TIMERS ELECTION RESULTS:

Chairman: Don Whiteway

Vice-Chairman: Paul Hawkins Secretary: Lee Arnold

## EDITORIAL

"There is no god higher than truth."  
- Gandhi

Truth is a very important concept of day-to-day life at Westmorland.

In the dorms, nobody is more ridiculed than the man who cannot, or will not, accept the truth of his own guilt.

Truth is also part of almost every program offered at Westmorland: at Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, we are constantly encouraged to accept the reality that we are people who cannot handle mind-altering substances.

Sex offenders confront the meaning of their misbehaviour; men of violence face the underlying causes of their anger; con artists of various descriptions deal with the effects of their crimes on their victims.

At chapel, we deal with the concepts of original sin and forgiveness.

For most of us, the truth does, indeed, hurt. There are few, if any, of us anxious to face the truth because it represents the very real need for us to change our innermost selves.

Most of us (with varying degrees of enthusiasm) accept the need to confront the truth. Varying degrees, because there's no doubt that some of us merely pretend to understand our programs, our religion, our

whatever.

But, we all know that our best hope for parole is following the road toward seeking truth about ourselves.

So, if truth is such an integral part of the inmate life here, why is truth not as rigidly part of life for the administration?

I will give only one example.

Two weeks ago, The Whistle planned to carry a series of articles about the Unit B external housing units. The condo's.

Part of our series touched on minor shortcomings in safety for the units.

The Whistle was not published. Senior staff were concerned, not about the truth of our stories, but about how they might affect Westmorland's public image.

Time after time, inmates are told by Case Management teams and other staff that healthy doses of truth, like bad-tasting medicine, is what we need.

If The Whistle is to be a useful part of prison life, it should be able to occasionally give the same medicine to the bureaucracy.

- John Steeves

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The jailer is another kind of captive - is the jailer envious of his prisoner's dreams? - Gerard de Nerval

1808 - 1855

## PRIVACY

Many inmates and staff have good reasons why they don't want their names in The Whistle.

Those reasons are enforced by the Privacy Act.

At the same time, The Whistle wants to mention names in our stories.

For most stories, we'll simply ask your permission.

But, for sports or recreation stories, we probably won't ask.

So, if you know you don't want your name in The Whistle for any reason, please tell us.

**NOW!**

Contact: John Steeves at the Library or Eric Tapley at ADP.

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## HELP

## WANTED

The Whistle both needs, and wants, more help.

Can you write? Be a writer!

Can you sketch? We have room for cartoons and graphics.

Like sports? We need a sports writer for the local scene.

Write French? Nous avons besoin d'un journaliste ou un redacteur francais.

It's your Whistle. Help us make it better.

## WRITING MY VICTIM

I'm sitting here in Westmorland,  
With seemingly nothing to do.  
It's times like this, my victim,  
When my thoughts wander to you.

I think of all the pain,  
That I have brought your way,  
By the wrongs I have done you,  
On that long ago day.

The details we won't go into,  
You know the wrongs I did,  
The fault's mine. Not yours, lass,  
For you were just a kid.

The shame, an inward pain,  
I brought your way, you see,  
Was from my stinking thinking,  
For which now I'm sorry.

While here at old Westmorland,  
I got into a program friend,  
Where I was forced to look  
At the hidden me within.

The me I saw there lurking,  
Wasn't a nice guy to know.  
Yet he's the guy, dear victim,  
Whom to you I would show.

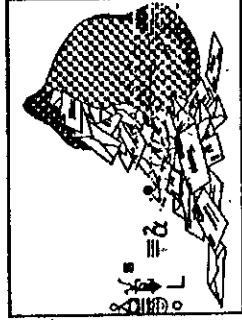
The shadow-side within me  
Would burst forth then in lust,  
I couldn't seem to control it,  
I did what I thought I must.

In trying to keep my shadow-side,  
Hidden from the world's sight,  
I'd fantasize I was with you,  
Then I'd act out; which wasn't right.

I truly am sorry, dear victim,  
And to you I apologize,  
I ask for your forgiveness.  
I've been a brute in your eyes.

Some day, dear victim, I'm trusting  
I'll hear you say, "I forgive you."  
'Cuz forgiveness I am asking for  
It's often hard to do.

Try to remember, we're all human  
Each sins in his own way.  
What I did to you is sinful,  
Please forgive me, I Pray



The Editor:

I would like to  
ask the warden how  
come.... Oops!

First, I would  
like to say "Good  
afternoon," in  
English, "Comment  
ca va?" in French  
and, in Newfanese,  
"How's she goin',  
b'ye?"

Now, back to what  
I was saying. How  
come we have to  
have a major fight  
with the nurse  
whenever we want to  
see the doctor? I  
was under the  
understanding that  
we were entitled to  
see the doctor if  
we thought there  
was a good reason.  
I want to hear his  
opinion and not  
listen to a nurse  
who's been fighting  
with someone else.

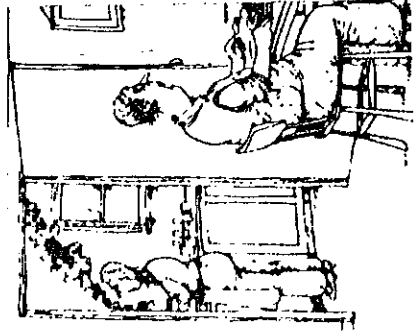
Also, why does it  
take two to three  
weeks for my  
letters to get to  
my wife? I think  
it's because the  
mail in the duty  
room is only picked  
up about once a  
week and not every  
day. (Unless  
they're sending my  
mail by dogsled).

Sam Noseworthy

## NEW ADDRESS

National Parole Board  
(Atlantic Region)  
1st Floor  
1045 Main St., Moncton, N.B.  
EIC 1H1

Telephone: 851-6345



"Westmorland Charred, again?"

## Cooking Corner

Macaroni Casserole:  
(serves two. Triple for six)

### INGREDIENTS:

1 box Kraft dinner  
cheddar cheese  
squeeze cheese  
bacon  
mushrooms

COOKING TIME: 30-35  
minutes

First, you need a casserole or other large container. Add water to the macaroni (follow instructions on the box). Remember to add a little margarine and salt (2 individual packs) so the water won't boil over. Keep the cover on to decrease cooking time.

When cooked (9-12 minutes, depending on taste), drain water and set aside.

Cook 4 to 8 slices of bacon until almost crisp. Pour off the fat a few minutes before the bacon is done so you can add 1/2 can of mushrooms to the bacon. Cook on high for 4-5 min. or until bacon is crisp.

Now, add the bacon and mushrooms to the pasta. Pour in a little milk (or 2-3 non-dairy creamers. Add the Kraft cheese packet, about 2 oz of cheddar and some squeeze cheese.

Stir thoroughly and nuke on high for another 6-8 minutes.

(Repeated from The  
Dorchester Beacon)

## No Firm Plans for 'A' Beds

by John Steeves

'A' Unit is constantly talking about where they're going to live. It's the best rumor going.

One day, dorm dwellers are moving to the old 'B' huts. The next day, hut residents are scheduled to move into the dorms to make way for new condo construction. In the dorms, everyone notices the growing number of empty beds.

Terry Hatcher, the Unit A chief, says nothing unusual is going on.

It's all a question of final approval for the new units.

Right now, he says, there's no sense moving to the B huts and suddenly getting the condo go-ahead.

As for the empty beds in the dorm, Hatcher says it's part of the plan to bring A and B Units to equal size of 114 inmates. Until there's equality, he says, most new arrivals will be handled by B Unit Case Management Teams.

The native inmate was describing his dreams to the psychologist. "Some nights, I dream I'm sleeping in a wigwam. Other night, I'm in a teepee."

Said the shrink, "You're two tents."

## Crime, Race, and TV News

U.S. television is apparently taking a new attitude towards its portrayal of racial groups in crime stories.

According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, TV news coverage is more and more focussed on violent crime stories; showing, for example, complete surveillance camera footage of a corner store robbery including the savage beating and shooting of the owners.

Furthermore, the article points out, U.S. television is no longer delicately skating over the issue of which racial group did what to whom. It's simply reporting the facts.

The article suggests that the hardening attitudes toward crime, regardless of race, is showing itself in stark reality nightly on U.S. television screens.

If you want to see the article, contact John Steeves.