



**Able Axeman**

That's Denis Ladouceur, of R.R. 2 Russell, at the bottom end of his swing during the block-chopping competition at the Russell Winter Carnival last

month. It took Denis only one minute and 32 seconds to decimate the block. (Photo by Mary Rowsell).

**Sweet at the price**

Most people try to keep up with the Joneses, but right now the Joneses, of Forced Road, Russell Village are trying to keep up with their honey bees.

Rene Jones moved here a year ago with 12 hives of busy bees who enjoyed the climate and amenities of Russell — including the sweet clover — so much that they went to work and produced over 400 pounds of honey.

What with moving and other

problems, Rene and his wife Jean didn't get around to the business of putting the honey up for sale.

They packed it in containers of 2 pound, 4 pound, 7 pound and 10 pound weight and stored it for a more propitious time.

Well, within a few weeks or a month at most, those little bees are going to be back at it, chasing down the clover and other flowers and getting right back into production for another year.

Rene and Jean with visions of another 400 or 500 pounds of honey to dispose of are putting up last fall's crop at a very sweet price, indeed, 70 cents a pound.

They say that the honey is getting a little hard now, but it makes excellent eating and can be liquefied by putting in warm water.

Interested purchasers may read their ad in this issue's classified column.



**Beaver Bob**

**When the cold goes, the water rises**

It's been a tough winter down on the Castor. Yes, sir, one of the longest and coldest cold spells on record. I mean cold.

They told us we had a high pressure area extending from the Yukon right down to Newfoundland. That is a lot of cold weather. By the time it had hung on for two weeks, it felt like two solid miles of frozen air zeroing in on the Castor.

One thing in our favour was that we got big cold in February. That meant that the sun was inching back over the horizon a few minutes earlier each morning and setting a few minutes later at night.

And that February sun was bright. Not too warm, mind you, but bright.

With a plate glass window in between it is amazing the amount of warmth that a February sun generates.

On the Castor, regardless of the sun, the cold pressed down day after day. Animal tracks disappeared, except for the odd rabbit and raccoon and one that might have been a bobcat.

The rabbit that spread his tracks around every night under the hawthorne tree was found

frozen and mangled on the Castor one morning. It was hard to say what particular animal may have done it.

The rabbit, still quite brown had been chased into deep snow by a pursuer, or perhaps even an owl and there he met his end.

In spite of the cold, skiing was good on the river and, of course, the inevitable skidoo trails everywhere.

Woodland skiing on a Sunday afternoon in bright sunshine without a trace of wind is a pleasant pastime. You are not really conscious of cold until you get a few miles from home and realize you have to ski back with the wind in your face.

By the time this appears, we are confidently told by the weather men, the cold snap will have broken and we will be enjoying warm, even pleasant weather.

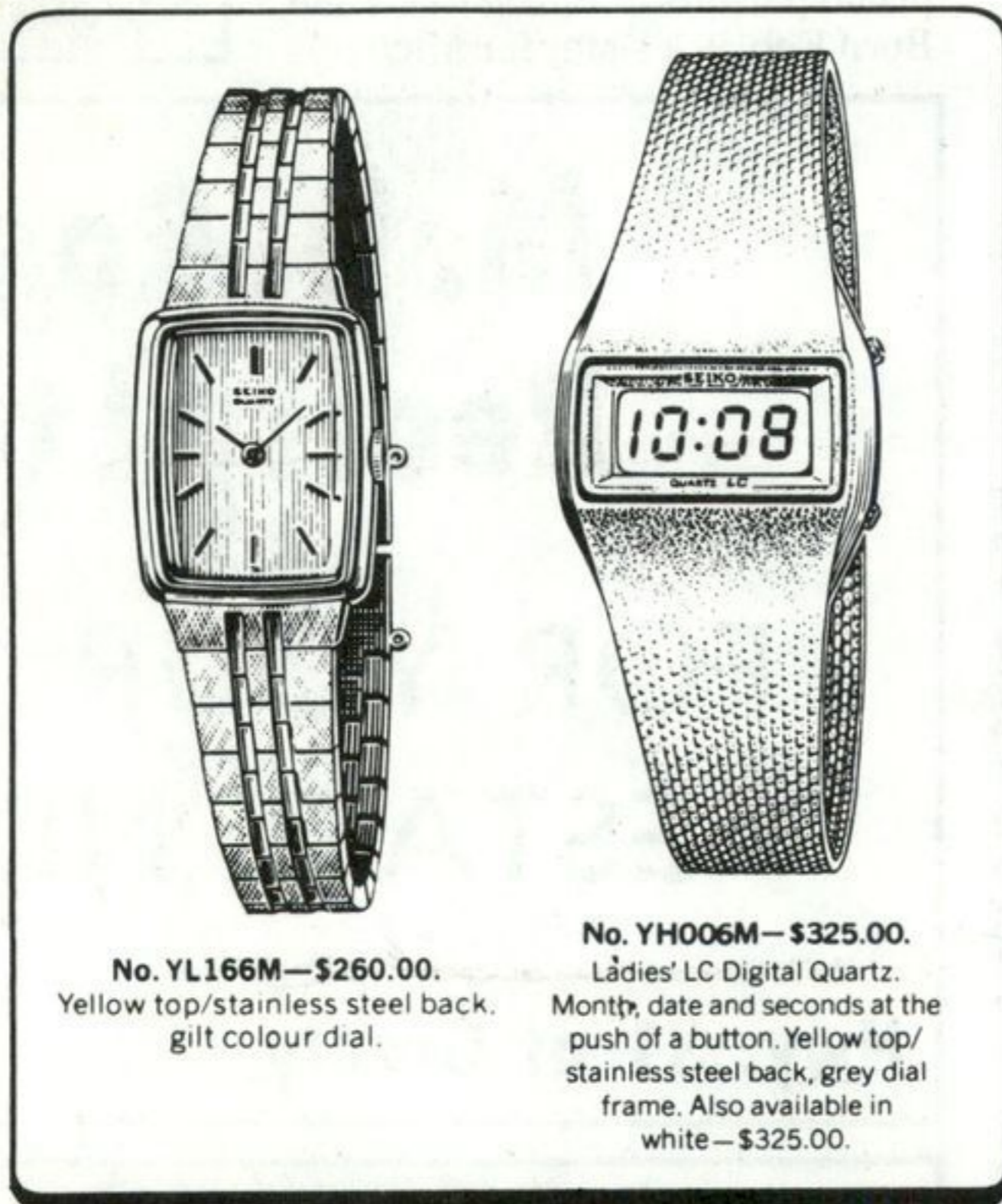
At this moment, that is my sincere wish.

The Castor is not the Caribbean or even Florida, but once the temperature gets above zero it is a tolerable place to be.

In another month, folks, we'll have nothing to worry about but spring floods.


Here's lookin' at you.

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