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Visitors Affirm School Children Lucky in Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—Three visiting Junior Red Cross workers say Canadian school children should consider themselves "very lucky."

"The school facilities here are an accident, especially in the cities," 23 year old Chiyoko Harada of Japan said. "The children must be very happy."

A philosophy professor from the University of Belgrade, Nikola Petkovic, 31, agreed with Miss Harada and said:

"In my country our schools are so crowded that the children go in shifts. This is because about 40 per cent. of our school buildings were destroyed during the war and we never caught up."

Marin K. Anagnostopoulos, 24 year old high school teacher from Greece, was also impressed with the many facilities offered by Canadian schools.

"In Greece our school classes are always overcrowded, 60 to 65 children in a class," she said. "And because we have no gymnasium, sports are not part of our school program."

The visitors—on a study of Junior Red Cross work in Canada and the United States—made the trip under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization.

They visited schools and Junior Red Cross branches in many parts of Canada since the tour began August 20 and will spend a month in the United States.

Mr. Petkovic said more knowledge is crammed into children in the elementary grades in Yugoslavia than in many provinces of Canada. "We start history and geography seriously in the third grade," he said.

In Greece, too, more is required of children—in the elementary schools. Miss Anagnostopoulos said. "They all have to learn to speak ancient Greek and Latin and study ancient Greek history."

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Will Dwarf Ford Plant

Shell Oil Company plans construction of an empire west of Bronte beginning next spring on some 600 acres. It will dwarf the Ford-Oakville project of 420 acres, accommodating the largest industrial plant in Canada, an Oakville newspaper reported last week.

Asked a report that options on several farms west of the village had been taken up this week, R. A. Daniels, of Shell's real estate department, admitted that they had, but declined to venture further information.

Toronto Realtor W. H. Bosley was in Montreal last week completing arrangements for closing the deal. The representative took up the option on ex-Reeve Joseph Wickson's 200-acre farm, as well as the 190-acre Mizuchi Vacation Camp. It is believed that the representative who subscribed to the "Bay-Catara" farm also took up the option on his 200 acres.

Though the realtor also holds an option for Shell on the Robert Elliott one-acre property on the lakefront, Mr. Elliott said it didn't happen till Feb. 15. "Terms of the agreement allow us to stay on here for six months," he added.

Purchase of the 600-acre block west of Bronte will give the oil company access both to the waterfront for barges and the Canadian National Railway tracks.

Ex-Reeve Wickson also said, "We are allowed to stay on at least till fall," and he added, "the price paid us was very fair."

C. Garfield for the 190-acre Mizuchi Camp organization said, "I'm given to understand that the option on our property near Bronte has been taken up."

Before construction can get underway, Trafalgar's zoning laws must be amended to allow industry on the lakefront.

Company Plans New Extension

Construction of the new Trafalgar Customs warehouse at the north-west corner of the Queen Elizabeth highway and the Eighth Line will begin sometime in the spring.

Allen Clavin, Sr., head of the Mid-Continent Truck Terminal stated his company had purchased the property and plans for the new building have been completed. "Construction will begin in the spring, probably about March. If structural steel available," he declared.

Plans of the new building have been presented to Trafalgar Township officials, and with the exception of certain future expansions included in the plans have been approved. It is understood the only fault with the future plans was their location too close to property lines. The property is presently zoned industrial, and was purchased by Mid-Continent from Industrial Leasholds. The name of the company, it is believed, will be Trafalgar Warehouse. It will be a boom for local business and industry as bonded shipments will be made directly to Oakville, and may be handled locally.

Permits at 11 Million For Trafalgar in 1955

The year 1955 was a record one for building in Trafalgar, with building permits showing a total value of approximately \$11,000,000, according to Angus Gregg, building inspector. This was more than double the 1954 total of \$5,026,740. Altogether 1100 permits were issued nearly all for houses. In December 86 permits had a total value of \$761,125. Of these 74 were residential amounting to \$704,500. There was one commercial permit for \$25,000, two industrial, \$15,000, and nine miscellaneous, \$16,625.

"Building will be considerably more active during the coming year," Mr. Gregg predicted. The principal development will be between the Third and Fourth Lines, in the southern part of the township, where sewers are being put in. We expect there will be some industrial building there as well as residential."

Oakville to Buy Police Cruiser

Oakville council last week approved calling for tenders for a new police cruiser after Councillor Fred Tilley said, "The cruiser is in such poor condition that police have no right to check up on other motorists."

In the first six months of last year, Canada admitted 58,417 immigrants compared to 45,765 admitted in the first half of 1954.

432 Acre Park Outside Rockwood Is Conservation Authority Plan

Rockwood may have a scenic, wooded 432-acre park on its outskirts.

A scheme for establishing a park capable of serving 43 per cent of Ontario's population—more than a million and a half people—was approved for recommendation to the Grand Valley Conservation Authority Thursday of last week at the O.A.C.

Three advisory boards, to the authority—soils and water, recreation and reforestation—carried before the authority at their forthcoming meeting.

Full-time Field Officer G. M. Coutts gave the gathering of about 30 a run-down on the amenities of the proposed park located on the eastern outskirts of Rockwood village.

Describing the tract as "one section of the best locations on Highway 7 from Sarnia to Perth," Mr. Coutts said the park, split by the highway, was 62 per cent cedar and in the southerly lot, there was 20 acres of water. In the northern part of 167 acres, there was no water and the land was suitable only for reforestation. Three dams in the larger area would need attention soon.

There were two further areas of 91 and 31 acres, which could be added at a later date if needed. The whole area was particularly suited to conservation, Mr. Coutts thought, and parts of it were extremely beautiful.

Mrs. E. A. Marsden, general chairman of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority and chairman of the recreation advisory board, traced the progress of the move to set up the Elora Rocks park, which had proved very popular and financially successful.

She said one of the main factors in setting the scheme started was Elora's gift of 100-125 acres of land towards the park. This had made a considerable difference to the G.C.V.A.'s view of the plan.

Both Elora and Finchurst had proved there was a crying need for these places, for both were crowded all summer. Moreover, both were revenue-producing.

Mr. Richardson, chief conservator-engineer of the planning department, looked into the financing of the new area. He said that although the government would often match what purchase money was raised locally, dollar for dollar, they could not rely on this. The scheme must be approved by the government first. "I know the Rockwood park and it is one of the most beautiful and suitable conservation areas," he praised. He thought it would be a pity if the land fell into the hands of subdividers.

A negotiating team, of Albert McWilliams and Oliver Wright told of a visit to the owner of the bulk of the southerly lot and his reaction to selling. Although they had not talked price, the couple thought there was a possibility the owner was patient and to show the owner that the land would be put to excellent use if bought, they reported it would be certain of remaining unspoiled.

Erasmus reeve J. L. Oakes and a representative of Guelph township both wondered at the inclusion of the reforestation area, north of the highway. They said they would prefer not to include it. There was a railway running across that land and the park value was not high.

Mr. Coutts said in reply that the scheme was not a direct decision to purchase immediately, but only a plan. Buying of the northern plot could wait until a later date. The board was meeting to decide whether to include the land in the park or not buy it.

Discussion of how money should be raised for purchase of the land was shelved. Various proposals that could be apportioned on a proximity basis, were put forward and one member suggested the neighboring conservation authority might share in the cost.

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Sees Family Unit Losing Functions

WENNEPICO (CP)—Dr. L. M. Brown, director of curriculum for Manitoba schools, has expressed fears that "a welfare state is upon us."

The protective function of the family, like the economic, recreational, educational and religious functions, has come under the influence of automation, he wrote in the Manitoba School Journal, an official publication of the Manitoba education department.

"The state has taken over a large share of responsibility for public health and personal safety. The family does not perform its protective function to the degree that it once did. Therefore a welfare state is upon us."

Dr. Brown said industrialization, with the accompanying phenomenon of urbanization, has changed the functions of the family.

Accompanying the transition from the rural, agrarian society to a highly industrialized one is a "tremendously increased tempo of social life," characterized by speed.

"The home is still a place to eat and sleep, but the members of the family are so busily engaged in so many activities that they are spending less and less time together as a family group."

Dr. Brown said the recreational function has also disappeared from the home and there is a family separation in recreational activities. Children and parents are spending less and less time together.

"The consequence of this is that both child and adolescent tend to acquire their moral concepts and ethics from their peer groups rather than from their parents."

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