

# Students Off for Overseas After Long Airport Delay

Tuesday July 12 should have been one of the most pleasantly memorable days in the lives of 15 high school students from Georgetown, Brampton, and Bramalea. Instead, it ended at midnight with many of the girls in the group close to tears everyone utterly weary and disappointed at the constant delays and lack of information that marred their departure from International Airport, Malton.

The students were due to leave on the first leg of a five-week unusual vacation in Europe at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 12:30 p.m. the party assembled at Toronto International Airport with their chaperones Mr. and Mrs. Fred Livingston. Mrs. Livingston is a member of the Georgetown High School teaching staff.

At 1:30 p.m. there seemed to be no signs. The baggage check had been made, ticketing completed, and every seat led through to the waiting lounge and "oms."

"I thought we were away," said Kathy Williams, a Georgetown District High School student. "Then suddenly we saw another group of students who should have gone later than us, ushered through the lounge and on to our plane. They gave us no explanation. No one came near us."

At 2:30 p.m. half-an-hour after the flight should have left, a brief announcement was made.

"Your plane has been delayed until 9 p.m. A meal will be provided for you at 6 p.m. in the dining lounge. In the meantime please leave the lounge."

With 3 1/2 hour wait Mr. and Mrs. Livingston had a tough time keeping the 15 local youngsters, plus 10 more from Windsor and Burlington, in check.

**NO COMMENT**  
Airline officials later refused to comment. "One plane broke down, that's all we know," he said.

At 5 p.m. a semi-official announcement was made that a second plane had been located in Texas and was being flown up to Toronto immediately.

"It will be here at 7 p.m. in plenty of time for you to get away at 9 p.m." was the promise by the airline.

At 7 p.m. the eager youngsters were assembled again.

They received another shock "Plane from Texas," said another official, "never heard of it. I can't tell you anything."

**TRIED EVERY WAY**  
The Livingstons tried every way they could to get some positive information. Some of the students from Windsor had left home at 5 a.m. and had then been at the airport 11 hours. The Brampton and district group had stood around 6 1/2 hours.

No one would say anything.

At 8 p.m. an official said "I don't think any plane is coming. Likely you'll have to stay in Toronto all night."

This was the final blow.

One girl burst into tears.

"We've everything arranged for tomorrow (Wednesday) she said. Theatre tickets, the Changing of the Guard, a visit to St. Paul's. Everything we wanted to see. If we don't go tomorrow we'll never have another chance."

Happy faces hours earlier were now sad. Nothing anyone said could revive the smiles.

At 9 p.m. still "no comment" from airline officials.

Parents of one girl wanted to take her home.

**FIRST RAY**  
At 9:30 p.m. the first ray of hope.

"The plane will be arriving in 15 minutes" said the first

friendly airline official of the day. "You'll be away by 10 p.m."

At 10 p.m. there was still no plane.

At 10:20 p.m. it finally arrived.

At 11 p.m. the tired and angry youngsters were again herded into the waiting lounge.

At 11 p.m. they were sent out again to permit another charter group to ahead of them.

At 11:15 p.m. they tried again. This time, after a 10-minute wait they got aboard the plane.

Another 15-min. wait in the plane was followed by yet another 10 minute one at the end of the runway plane after plane took off ahead of them.

Finally at 11:55 p.m. they were airborne.

But it was a little late to salvage the spirits of the majority of the youngsters.

As one said "When you start like this your heart sinks at the thoughts of what might still be coming."

If all goes well the youngsters will spend five weeks aboard converted warships touring the European coastal ports. At least, this was the original plan.

**Accordion Students Successful in Exams**

The following is a list of successful candidates in examinations held recently by the Canadian Accordion Teachers' Association in Georgetown. The names are arranged in order of grade.

Grade 1: First Class Honours: Karen Phillips; Grade 2: First Class Honours: David Holmes, Duncan Ferguson (equal); Bradley MacMaster; Honours: Patricia Kirkwood; Grade 3: First Class Honours: Donald Thompson, James Fantus; Grade 4: 1st Class Honours: Kenneth Baker; Honours: Rosanne Dorothy Parry, Steven Ewing; Grade 5: Pass: Luciana Tomazic; Grade 6: Pass: Dianne Foster.

# Says Horse's Popularity Adverse Effect on Sheep

A recent comment was made in parliamentary circles to the effect that cowboy movies are aiding the decline in the sheep industry — but down on the farm Halton men of the soil have a more down to earth opinion.

"It's horses," says James M. Hoey, a sheep farmer.

"Riding has taken quite a bit off our sheep industry. More boys and girls are riding horses now — it seems that most people are going in for horses these days."

Mr. Hoey, who has 89 sheep said that he sold only six of his pure-bred Suffolks last year. He breeds his animals to sell to farmers wanting to build up their flocks.

He spoke of the difficulty of attracting youngsters to the land and away from the city life.

"They're really not interested," he wryly smiled.

Sounding off about these cowboy movies was S. B. Williams, assistant deputy minister in charge of production and marketing at the Agricultural Department.

He told the Commons agricultural committee that sheep farming had probably fallen by about a quarter of the size it was five years ago.

He said it was the most anomalous of all branches of agriculture.

"I think the problem may be the social status of sheep. For some reason it's not very high," he said.

"Perhaps cowboy movies have done as much as anything to create the image. Too many people think of sheep as a sideline, something of a salvage operation on poor land."

He said flock sizes in Canada had been too small. "A farmer needs to have 200 ewes to produce a reasonable standard of living — too many of our farmers keep only 1 or so," said Mr. Williams.

He said it was not an easy business.

But Mr. Hoey has taken heart during the past couple of days when he saw the keen interest members of Halton County 4H Club took in his flock while on a visit.

"Things may be only fairly good at the moment and the number of sheep may be dropping off for a short while — I think it will get back again," he smiled optimistically.

# 31 Complete First Year At German School

North Halton's first German-language school ended its first year of operation at the end of June, and from all reports it was a highly successful venture.

Rudy Arbellier of Milton, president of the German-Canadian Club of Halton County which launched the school last fall, said classes would definitely be repeated next fall. He said of 34 adults and children who enrolled last fall, 31 completed the course.

A closing night was held at Milton's Union Hall, June 25th, when students presented samples of what they had learned for visiting parents and friends.

Instructor was Michael Howard of Niagara Falls. He conducted weekly Saturday morning lessons for two age groups from September through to June. The club is hoping to have Mr. Howard back again next year.

"Our club started the school on a trial basis, and it proved very successful," Mr. Arbellier said. "Now the pattern is established and we will definitely begin another class in September."

Students ranging from six years of age to adults enrolled from Milton, Acton, Campbellville, Lincolnton and Georgetown. Most were children of German origin who were born in Canada and could speak and understand the language after hearing it at their homes, but had never written in German or

the former T. H. Van Sickle law office. Mr. Van Sickle closed his office a few months ago to take a position with the legal department of Ontario Hydro.

Arrival of Dr. Aschenhurst in town brings back a name familiar in the district. (His great-grandfather settled in Ashgrove in the early 1800s when he emigrated from Dublin, Ireland, and there were members of the family living there and in Georgetown for some years.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Aschenhurst of Toronto.

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ROSLYN LIVINGSTON, BRAMPTON AND DIANE SCHENK, GEORGETOWN, study a mural of more primitive form of air transport at Toronto International Airport during the long wait to board their plane.



AT NOON, ABOUT 12 HOURS BEFORE THEIR CHARTERED flight took off, these touring students were in a happy mood. Waving as they survey the airport from the roof are (from left) Leigh Warrell, Faye Kaufman, Cindy McArter, Mike Adams, all of Brampton; Kathy Williams, Neil Hardie, Mike Hall, Rolf Tomlins, Dave Farnell, all of Georgetown; Roslyn Livingstone, Brampton; and Diane Schenk and Jackie Linca of Georgetown.

# Acton Businessman was Native of Norval Area

Lewis Edwin Atkinson, a former Acton businessman and councillor, died in Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital on June 30th following a brief illness.

Born in Norval, Mr. Atkinson lived in Acton for several years before moving to Waterloo 21 years ago.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Marjorie Stump of Waterloo and three children, Mrs. J. C. Kilmer (Jessie), Mrs. Wilf Klein (Lois) and Robert, all of Guelph.

Funeral service was held in Acton on July 4th with Rev. Andrew McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, in charge. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were Edward Thatcher, Russell Hepburn, James Bolton, Fred Meadows, Arthur Stumpf and Walter Stumpf.

Mr. Atkinson was predeceased by his first wife, the former Margaret McEachern.

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