

Guelph in midst of boom area planners make recommendations

Acton is at the edge of the fastest growing part of Ontario—the Golden Triangle area which is bounded by Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph and Galt-Preston-Hespeler.

Ontario's regional planners see a bright and busy future for this neighboring area, according to a 175 page report on social and economic prospects for Mid-western Ontario issued Monday.

The report, third in a series of the province's Design for Development, analyzes the social and economic conditions for the counties of Wellington, Waterloo, Perth and Huron.

It reports that the Midwestern Ontario region "has a well-diversified economic base, a manufacturing sector growing faster than in the province generally, an agricultural sector whose return per farm operator is far superior to the provincial

average and a vast, still undeveloped, recreation potential."

Most population

It attributes the 401-highway 7 corridor with being mainly responsible for the growth in the Golden Triangle and says that, although the area comprises only 14 per cent of the total land area, it contains almost 61 per cent of the region's population.

"Most important, between 1951 and 1966 over 90 per cent of the total regional population growth occurred in this area," it adds.

The centres of the region account for more than 80 per cent of the total manufacturing employment.

However, the area beyond the 401-highway 7 corridor generally falls below provincial standards of growth, lacks variety in employment opportunities and has below-average social and cultural facilities.

"In brief, it is rapidly being left behind the regional and provincial development," the study says.

The report indicates that a case could be made for concentrating the provisions of services in selected urban centres but did not name such possible centres.

Although the study generally avoids any firm suggestions as to what form of development is needed, it does set priorities that could serve as the basis for a

development blueprint for Midwestern Ontario.

—Increasing the over-all efficiency of the labor force, particularly in the rural areas (Perth, Huron and north western Wellington counties) along with improving productivity on farms;

—Improving highway connections to points within and beyond the region.

—Creating multi-service social and economic welfare centres throughout the region, accessible to as wide a range of people as possible;

More facilities

—Spreading health facilities to the rural parts of the four counties;

—Increasing the stress in the region on adult education and stepping up the facilities for secondary school education;

—Developing, particularly for public use, the already existing potential for recreation and cultural facilities in the area.

Porter's exhibit

The Disston Division of H. K. Porter Company of Acton will be among a total of 19 Ontario manufacturers who will be showing their products at the International Building Exhibition at Johannesburg, South Africa, from August 5 to 13.

The Ontario trade mission booth, sponsored by the Ontario Department of Trade and Development, will feature a comprehensive range of exterior and interior building supplies and equipment, plus service and maintenance equipment.

H. K. Porter will be showing hand saws, backsaws, pruning, compass and keyhole saws, all made at the Acton plant.

Holiday Monday

The Free Press office will be closed Monday for Civic Holiday. If you have news or ads in mind, please phone or drop in Thursday or Friday if possible.

The paper will be published next Wednesday as usual.



YOUNG VOYAGEURS just back from British Columbia Carolyn Mackenzie and Gordon Morris chatted with the Free Press about their stay in Kamloops

before taking a mini-voyage in Gord's car back home. Carolyn lives on Churchill Rd., Gordon on Elmore Dr.—(Staff Photo)

Young Voyageurs from A.D.H.S. explore Kamloops area with group

Taking a lesson from the past, Young Voyageurs of the 20th century each summer travel the length and breadth of Canada to explore their country.

The government-sponsored travel program this month took two Acton district high school students, Carolyn Mackenzie and Gordon Morris, to Kamloops, B.C.

No canoes

They flew from Malton Wednesday, July 8, on a charter Air

Canada flight with about 95 other young people headed out to get to know about their country.

There were 21 in their unit going to Kamloops with Mr. and Mrs. Don Burton of Hamilton as their escorts. Mr. Burton is a teacher. There were two from Acton, two from Milton, two from Georgetown, seven from Burlington and eight from Oakville.

They landed at Vancouver and spent the night at a University of British Columbia residence. Then

they went up the Fraser canyon by bus to Kamloops—a trip that took longer than their flight from Toronto.

Dry plateau

To their surprise, they left forests behind and were up in sagebrush country by the time their goal was reached on a plateau. The dust along the shores of the Thomson river and dryness of the countryside were noticed.

At Kamloops they met their genial hosts. There were 17 host families demonstrating "western hospitality."

Carolyn went to stay with a plumber and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Paziuk. Their daughter Leslie is 15.

Gordon went to an electrician and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jells who have a son Rick, 18, as well as other children.

The group travelled to various places and their junior host companions usually went with them.

Cold camp

One exception was their overnight camp at Nicola Lake where they slept out under the stars on the "clearest night I've ever seen." It was also one of the coldest they'd experienced. With

the dry weather there was a ban on fires. Even in their borrowed sleeping bags, they were chilly as the temperature dropped to 40 degrees.

They also toured a copper mine, sawmill and plywood plant, attended a rodeo, swam and waterskied in mountain lakes.

Autographed stietsons

They returned home Thursday July 16, with their big gold Stietson hats presented by the city of Kamloops covered with autographs. As they crossed over Thunder Bay, they witnessed a beautiful sunrise.

"The country was bigger and emptier than I thought," commented Carolyn. The flights were her first.

Gordon, who has travelled more, was able to compare British Columbia to other places. The lack of pollution in the lakes was obvious to him, and reminded him of mountain lakes in Austria. The water reflected the varied colors of the minerals. "It made me think how beautiful our lakes could be—if we weren't here!" Gord remarked.

Carolyn and Gordon were selected for the annual tour by A.D.H.S. staff. In the nation-wide exchange students criss-cross all over the country.

Sidewalk repairs underway this week

A program of sidewalk repairs is underway, with workmen breaking up sidewalk in the heat this week. Dempsey Construction has the contract for new curbs and will be followed by King City Paving who will be doing the walks.

New walks will be built at the United Church block on Mill, in

front of Lovell's meat market, and on Wallace St. Sidewalk is being built for the first time along part of Mill St. E. for school students en route to the M. Z. Bennett school and high school.

Some of the old walks had broken and jagged edges made a hazard for pedestrians and cars alike.

Break-in, theft at Wood Products

A break-in at the new building of Acton Wood Products Ltd. in the industrial park was reported to Acton police Monday morning. Apparently entry had been gained some time after noon on Sunday.

Welcon Construction and subcontractors as well as the new owners had materials in the building. Missing were copper tubing, fittings, cables and a transformer. Cons. Bruce Kressler is investigating.

Acton Wood Products is the first industry to locate in the town's industrial area. The building is located on highway 25 north.

Bible today

"Are you planning to publish the old Testament in the today's English Version?" "When can we expect an equally vibrant translation of the entire bible?" How about both Testaments in the language of the people.

Such questions are increasingly directed to the American Bible Society which nearly four years ago issued the best-selling Today's English version New Testament—its first experience with translating scripture into English. Distribution spiralled immediately and to date circulation exceeds 20 million copies.

This wide acceptance led the society to plan a similar translation of the old Testament, already two years of effort have gone into the arduous task, now about one-third completed.

Publication of all the 150 Psalms is scheduled for next year, and the entire bible will follow in 1975.

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