BILINGUAL EXCHANGE partners Kara Rosenquist (right) and Brigitte Hannequin have spent the past month together-two weeks in French, in Quebec and two weeks in English, in Halton county. Kara holds an original watercolor painting of the Chateau Frontenac she bought in Quebec City.



There's always much to read about Alberta, grain, oil, cattle, and things like that, but there is also another resource that isn't talked about too much-the great wealth of stories available. They fascinate me.

retreat.

The story narrated right

after that one, came from a

farmer who is also a govern-

ment official. I forget how the

mechanical bit goes, but

basically the tale is as follows,

fields on his tractor, a few

miles from home, when

something in the motor blew

and drenched him to the skin

with hot oil. He danced around

in agony, and stripped his

Then what? There he was,

clothes off as fast as he could.

bare (except for an oil slick),

some distance from home, on,

a fairly well-travelled road.

As the cars came along, he

ducked behind a stook of oats

and watched over the top for

After a few hours, he finally

recognized a car and, standing

up as far as discretion

allowed, waved madly to

attract the couple's attention.

They waved back and con-

could wait no longer. Picking

up his oil-saturated things, he

vaulted onto the tractor.

bundled the clothes in his lap,

and headed for home at top

speed, hoping to meet no-one

picture in the paper-solemn,

imagine him sitting, hunched

over, shoulders gleaming

blackly in the dusk, teeth

clenched, desperately willing

I'll bet it wasn't that way at

all though. He probably just

moseyed along, commenting

casually to anyone he met

though," before cruising on

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It got darker and colder; he

someone he knew.

tinued on their way.

on the way.

This farmer was out in the

Folks around here know that when the talk about past years starts, I'll sit like a sponge and soak up all the words. At some time I fully intend to record some of the tales, but not quite yet. I'm enjoying the luxury of sitting back listening, not having to interrupt with questions or bother taking

Some of the yarns are about homesteading, stories like we didn't hear too often in On-

Others are about happenings not too long ago, that couldn't happen in too many places other than Alberta.

Most stories we hear could happen anywhere, like the one about the guy who chased a porcupine up the road with a screwdriver. If you raise a questioning eyebrow at this, he'll insist "Well, it was all there was in the truck!"

One of my favorite tales came from a farmer who woke one night when a truck pulled into his yard and out of sight behind the barn. Shortly after, a second truck wheeled in, swung a tight circle and took off the way it had come.

Before the farmer could get to the door, the first truck flew out from its hiding place, fore out to the road, and headed off in the opposite direction from the other.

By then the farmer was completely mystified and could hardly wait till morning to phone the owner of truck number two, which he'd recognized. (The driver, incidentally, was described as a rather large, well-fed person.)

Anyhow, the driver's explanation was simple. He also had been asleep and was wakened by the noise of somebody at his 300 gallon gas tank. He ran downstairs and threw open the front door just as the theieves roared out of his yard.

Not really thinking, but madder than heck, he jumped into his truck and followed them, chasing over the country roads until they tried to duck and hide at the farmer's.

The driver thought he had them for sure and followed. He was just about to jump and holler for the farmer to give him a hand, when he realized that, in his rage and haste. he'd forgotten to grab any clothes!

I guess he just couldn't see himself making a citizen's arrest in the buff, and, discretion being the better part of valor, he beat a hasty

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Kara, Brigitte share bilingual experiences

After spending a bilingual month together, Kara Rosenquist, Church St., and Brigitte Hannequin of Ste. Foy, Quebec, said their good-byes on Sunday. They were a happy part of a 48-person group which spent two weeks in Quebec and then two weeks in Halton county, as part of a Bilingual Exchange program.

Brigitte, who is 14, also took part in the same program last year and was twinned with a girl from Ottawa. This time she stayed in Acton with the Rosenquist family and the two girls went each day to Oakville to join in the planned

One of the "monitors" on the exchange is Eileen Spencer of Milton, who is a French teacher at Acton high. She will be teaching Kara French this coming year.

There were four monitors with the group all the time. two from Ontario and two taking French in grade one in money for her trip. Montreal.

private school with 600 other Catholic girls. In Quebec, the girls spoke

French and here they speak English, and both feel they are benefitting very much from the experience. The girls chatted in English, with a few quiet

"I think I make more sense now," Kara smiles. "I find it easier to put a sentence together."

Brigitte agrees; English is better now, too. Brigitte?" She is very inter-Kara would like to go on a ested in the situation, alsimilar exchange again.

paid by the school board, Kara, who is 13, knows some by the federal govern-Quebec pretty well since her ment, and the rest raised by family lived in Montreal for the Individual student. Kara about 10 years. She started sold garbage bags to raise

Brigitte learns English in Sunday, July 3 to Sillery, The Ontario students went school too. She attends a Quebec, to meet the other 24 members of the group. They went camping for four days, enjoyed sightseeing and sports. They stayed at Brigitte's home.

In Halton, they all went camping at Rockwood, They saw Ningara Falls and Marineland, Toronto and conferences in French and Centre Island. At the Science the occasional help of ges-Centre the signs were only in English, making understanding difficult for the visitors. They had a sports day at Oak-

though many people her age She applied for it at the are not. And she doesn't think school. Some of the cost is Quebec will separate.



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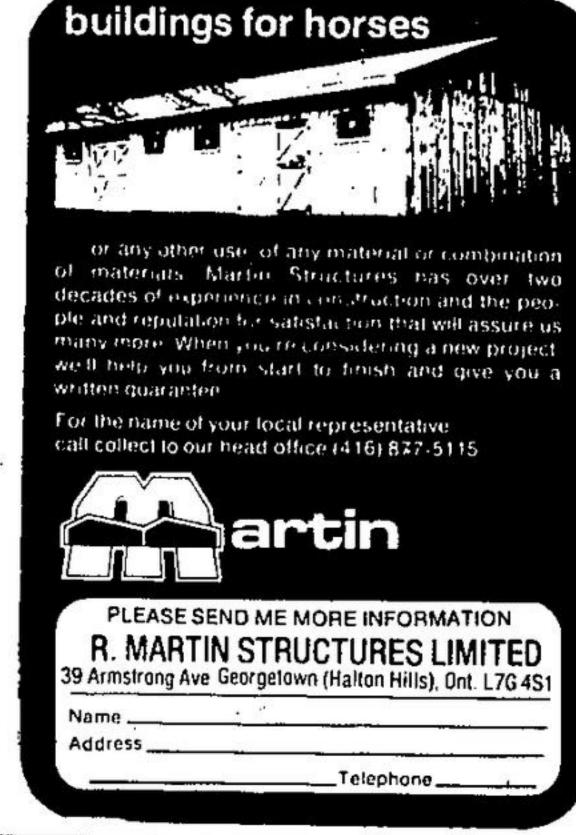
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"I can't say I'm not scared, but I am looking forward to it" she said. She added she was "in for the fun of it."

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Twin Rotary clubs, district governor says

Rotary district governor William MacKay, speaking at the Acton Rotary meeting of July 26, proposed the twin-ning of local districts and clubs in Ontario with those in Quebec as a way to help end Canada's unity problem. Twinned clubs would visit

each other, or support projects in each other's area. The concept of twinning is not new to Rotarians, as it has been done very successfully with clubs in the Bahamas and the third world.

Mr. MacKay was here on the annual visit by the district governor to the local club. Last week he visited George-



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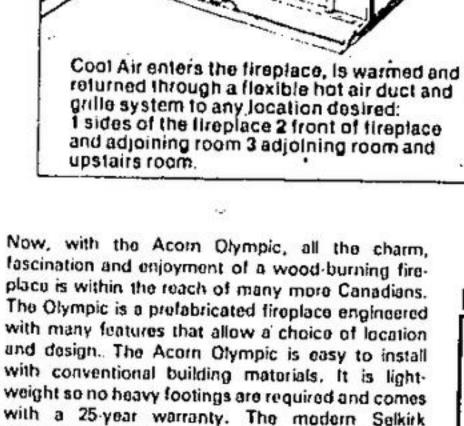
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