



COOL SODAS HIT THE spot after an activity filled day at Kelso Conservation Area for these participants in the bilingual exchange program. Halton teenagers were host to their "twins" from Quebec. Around the picnic table from left

are Renee LeMay, Christine Gorin, Diane Cloutier, Andree Charlebois, Genevieve Beaudet, Cheryl Vincent, Jennifer Milne, Julie Dessureault, Lisette Bonin and Donna Cavlovic. Donna and Andree are Acton students.

Bilingual exchange

North Halton students improve their French

Five North Halton teenagers participating in the bilingual exchange program between schools in Halton region and those in the district of Carnigan, Quebec, returned to Halton July 21 with their "twins". The previous two weeks they were guests in Quebec.

The five are Donna Cavlovic of Acton, 14 and entering grade 9 at Acton High School; Andree Charlebois of Acton, 13 and in grade 9 at Bishop McDonnell High School in Guelph; Christine Gorin of Georgetown, 15 and in grade 11 at Georgetown High; Jennifer Milne of Georgetown, 13 and in grade 9 at the high school; Cheryl

Vincent of Milton, grade 10, Milton District High School, age 14. Billeted with Donna is Lisette Bonin, 14 and in grade 10, from Tracy, Quebec, Tracy, which has a population of 26,000, is a community on the south shore of the St. Lawrence.

Staying with Andree is Renee LeMay of St. Louis, 12 and going into grade 6; with Christine, Diane Cloutier of Tracy, 15 and in grade 12; with Jennifer, Genevieve Beaudet of Tracy, 14 and in grade 10; with Cheryl, Julie Dessureault, 14 and in grade 11, also of Tracy.

The students have had an activity-filled two weeks in

Quebec, camping, swimming, visiting Old Montreal, watching the Expos play, sight-seeing by boat, going on a 16-mile bicycle rally — and that's just for starters.

They'll have as many things to do in Ontario. Keeping busy, they haven't had time to get homesick, the students say.

The teenagers said they joined the exchange program to learn a second language and to have a living experience in another province.

Teachers staffing the exchange have been each other's guests as well. With the 44 students in the senior group are Georges LeMay, project co-ordinator for Quebec, Oakville teachers Maureen Sweetman and Terry Ruf, and Sonia Ethier of St. Urs, a university student in education.

There were many applicants for the exchange this year, the second the program has been offered, says Miss Sweetman, a Milton resident. Considerably more boys were interested this summer than last. Sixteen boys and 28 girls

are enrolled. More boys than girls get summer jobs, Mr. Ruf speculated, wondering also whether there is still a tendency for girls to be interested in languages while boys take up sciences.

An enthusiastic advocate of exchanges Miss Sweetman, who has taught French for 11 years, says Halton students rarely encounter French-speaking people. "Living with their 'twins' exposes Halton students to French-Canadian culture and language in the most real sense possible."

The students, who had exchanged photographs before the program began, "ran at each other and started talking right away," reports Miss Sweetman about their arrival in Quebec. "The Halton students have shown a marked improvement in their comprehension of the French language, Mr. Ruf comments. "It's the first time they've heard French spoken naturally."

Participating students take a listening comprehension test, the same one, both before and after the experience.

During the spring, every

applicant's family was interviewed by program staff. The purpose of the interviews was to determine students' and parents' enthusiasm as well as to obtain information about the families which would help teachers in matching students. "You need understanding parents to have a total stranger in the home," Miss Sweetman comments.

In some cases interviewers found parents were more enthusiastic about the program than were their children, initially. But once in the program, these students' interest developed.

Program co-ordinators did the pairing. Some of the "twins" even look alike, Miss Sweetman observes.

All teachers involved in the program are bilingual. With the senior group their role is to act as facilitators, to ensure the planned activities take place and to help linguistically.

The bilingual exchange is a joint program of participating Boards of Education, the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Bilingual Exchange Secretariat in Ottawa.

Parkway Belt skirts Halton Hills

Queen's Park released the final plans on the Parkway Belt west last Wednesday to end a five year planning process, some of it controversial.

Halton Hills boundary along 401 Highway, missing land in the municipality.

About 59 per cent of the belt is designed for public use such as utilities, highways, transmission facilities and public open space utilities.

Halton municipalities strongly affected by the Parkway Belt are Oakville, Milton and Burlington.

Approximately 41 per cent of the area set aside for the belt is designated complementary use. These areas will remain under public ownership but will be restricted in most areas to uses that preserve the rural open-space character of the Parkway Belt.

Of the total 30,000 acres designated for acquisition,

21,000 acres or about 70 per cent are already in public ownership. The remaining 9,000 acres will be acquired by the province or other public authorities within the next 15 to 20 years for purposes such as Highway 407, Ontario Hydro's 500 kV transmission facilities or for the public open-space system.

"It will cost the province about \$175 million to acquire the remaining 9,000 acres designated as public-use area," said Treasurer Darcy McKeough. About half of this amount will be required for future highway and hydro facilities. The other half is designated for other utilities and open-space systems.

To date, the province has spent approximately \$192 million for acquisitions in the Parkway Belt West, mainly for hydro, highway and open-space requirements.

A major new part of the plan, which is to be implemented now by local official plans and zoning by-laws, is the designation of certain areas for low-density residential purposes and for

very low-density showcase industrial uses—both to be implemented under architectural and landscape-design controls.

These areas are generally located north and northwest of Metro, in Milton and in the Escarpment area where the pattern of existing development indicates such uses should be recognized, or where it was felt that the presentations of affected municipalities merit the change.

Public hearings were held during 1976 where the public, municipalities and interested groups expressed their views on the Parkway Belt. In April of 1977, the public hearing officers handed down their recommendations on the plan and their comments on the 200 submissions made during the seven-month hearing period.

"Approximately 150 submissions were received by the Cabinet from individuals, property owners, municipalities and interested groups," said Cabinet Chairman Lorne Henderson. "We reviewed these along with the 1976 draft plan, the hearing officers' report and the Treasurer's report and recommended plan."

The next phase of implementation will now be undertaken by both the provincial government, in terms of continuing to acquire lands designated for the public uses, and by the municipalities, who are responsible for bringing their official plans and local by-laws to conform with Parkway Belt policies in areas where they currently conflict. The process will now move

from plan formulation and preparation to that of liaison and administration.

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Halton Pro-Life has announced a series of public meetings beginning in September. Meetings will feature an educational program with speakers, panel discussions, audio-visual slides and movie presentations.

The first meeting in September will be held in Acton and Georgetown. A second meeting will be held in the two communities in March.

Milton public meetings will be held in October and May.

Church Services

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Churchill Rd. N.
Minister
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and Mrs. Eleanor McFadden,
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Sunday, August 6, 1978
For the month of August Combined Worship Service at Churchill Community Church at 10:30 a.m.
The church on the hill is an inter-denominational congregation ministering to the needs of the community.
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WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. — Share Program
7:30 p.m. — Young Peoples
Sunday, August 6, 1978
For the month of August and September 3rd, morning worship at Churchill Community Church at 10:30 a.m.
Please note change of time:
Mission Circle Picnic at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Lambborough, 97 Lake Ave.
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Sunday, August 6, 1978
Gospel Service at the Acton Baptist Church every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. throughout this summer. Everyone welcome.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
177 Maple Ave.,
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Sunday, August 6, 1978
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — 6:30 a.m.
Heard Dr. E.S. Kerr
Interim Pastor
THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.
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SALVATION ARMY
Gospel Service at the Acton Baptist Church every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. throughout this summer. Everyone welcome.



WELL-KNOWN SINGER-COMPOSER Neil Diamond sang to sell-out crowds in Maple Leaf Gardens both Sunday and Monday evenings sweeping close to 40,000 people off their feet. Many from Acton and area were lucky enough to get tickets, including Free Press reporter Helen Murray who took this picture with a 35mm camera, at ASA 1600, F 3.5 at a 30th of a second with an 85mm telephoto lens.

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