

Halton's Language Council Urges Student Exchanges

The Halton County Board of Education's language program council will recommend to the board a student exchange program with French Canadians. The recommendation came last week at a public hearing on the council's recommendations to be presented to the school board in November.

None of the public attended the hearing. "An invaluable aid in improving language skills is the exchange of English-speaking students with their French Canadian counterparts. 'Exchange visits make it possible for students to take part in language experiences in a real-life situation. They gain a first-hand understanding of one another's way of life and lasting friendship may develop,' the council report said.

"With the exception of some individual one-way visits sponsored by Visite Interprovinciales, the programs involve return visits to Ontario by Quebec students. Such visits entail financial expenditures for entertainment and bus transportation while these students are our guests."

\$1,500 FUND
The council recommended a fund of \$1,500 be set aside each year to cover the expenses.

It said the fund would enable six high schools to participate each year, allowing \$250 per school, but said the allowances to schools should be based on the number of guests being received.

The council turned thumbs down on the "the Quebec 'Carnival' type of visit, where students live in hotels, eat in restaurants and have little real opportunity to speak the language, and to mingle with French families."

TESTING DEVICE
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NORTH HALTON REPORT

During the week ending October 23, officers of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at North Halton Detachment worked a total of 1,016 1/2 hours and travelled 8,430 miles patrolling roads in their area. There were 60 drivers summoned to appear in Court for traffic violations and an additional 37 drivers received warnings. Proceedings in Provincial Court Milton resulted in 11 convictions. Investigations were conducted into 53 general occurrences. There were 3 thefts and 4 break and enters; 1 of the break and enters involved the theft of a number of antiques. One person was charged for violating the Liquor Control Act, 3 premises were found insecure by officers on patrol and 2 complaints were investigated concerning dog bites. There was 1 trespassing complaint, 1 missing person, 1 person charged with public mischief and 2 recovered vehicles. There were 3 hunting complaints which resulted in 3

hunters losing their equipment due to seizure and charges laid. Other occurrences were minor in nature that required little time to clear.

\$8,240.00 damage was done to 25 vehicles in 16 collisions. Eleven people were injured in 7 of the collisions and property damage only resulted from the 9 remaining collisions. Thirteen charges have been laid against drivers involved in these collisions and more charges are pending. Inattentive driving was a factor in many of the collisions with related infractions of fail to stop, improper and unsafe turns, fail to share roadway, unsafe passing and fail to report.

BRIDGE CLUB

Sixty-eight bridge players were in competition in the Legion Auditorium on Tuesday, October 26.

North-south winners were Ian Thomson and George Dyce; second, Jim Sargent and D.

Ditchfield; third, John Coats and Sid Heller; tied for fourth, fifth and sixth places - Mark Loeb, B. Fedosa; Sue Sullivan, Gundy Kistemaker; Cam Sinclair and Reina Dickson.

East-west winners were first, Carol Koenig and M. Ng; Ivan Harris, Harry Arbic were second; third, Ron Reynolds and Larry Lawson; fourth, Vi Naylor, R. Dickson; fifth, Bart Flaher, Kay Campbell; sixth Margery Mackenzie and Olive Logan.

Crafts, in Streetsville and Bramalea and recently at the Milton Steam-Era.

Members viewed a collection of his work and learned how each piece was put together into a decorative piece of art.

members discussed a final drive to sell 1000 bags of Halloween candy for the Multiple Sclerosis fund. Final plans were discussed for the pledge ritual which was held October 28, when new members received their pledge pins.

Art From Scrap Metal Shown To Sorority

Mrs. Cynthia Bartridge presented a program on Art, at a meeting of Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at the home of Helen Hutchinson.

The encyclopedia defines art as "When men copy the beauties of nature, or make beautiful things they invent themselves, and do so very skillfully."

Mrs. Bartridge presented a guest speaker, Jim Forbes, a Georgetown man who skillfully invents objects of art from scrap metal. A house painter by trade, he started his hobby four years ago and held his first exhibition in 1969. He has since had exhibitions with the Arts &

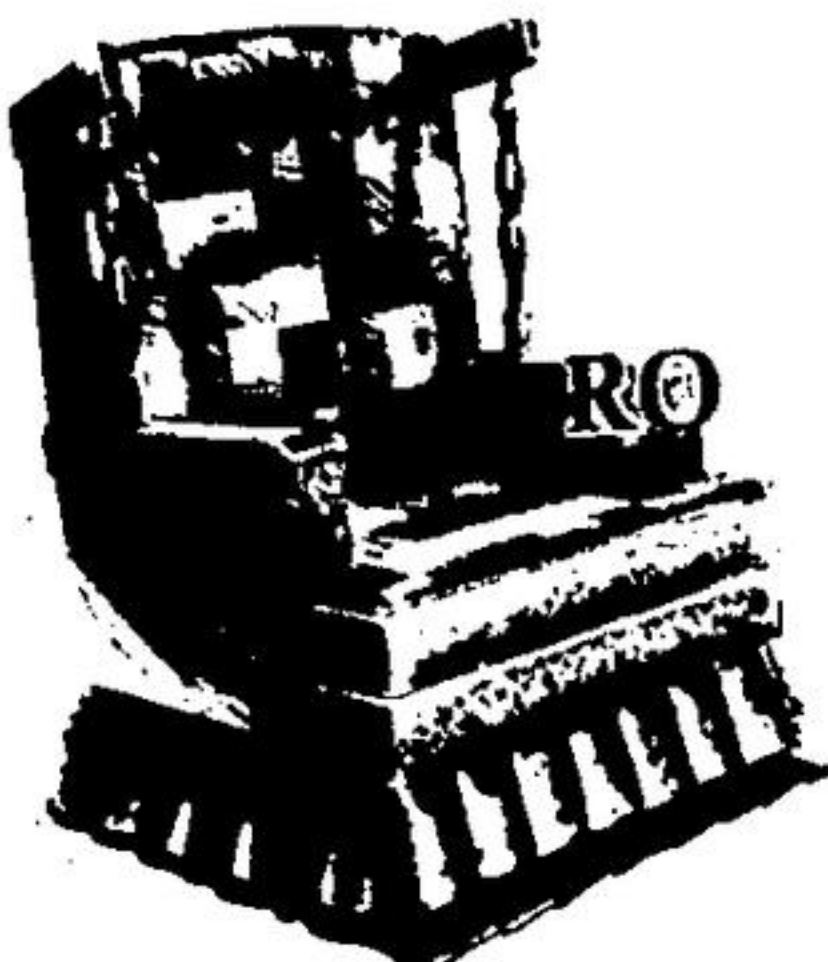
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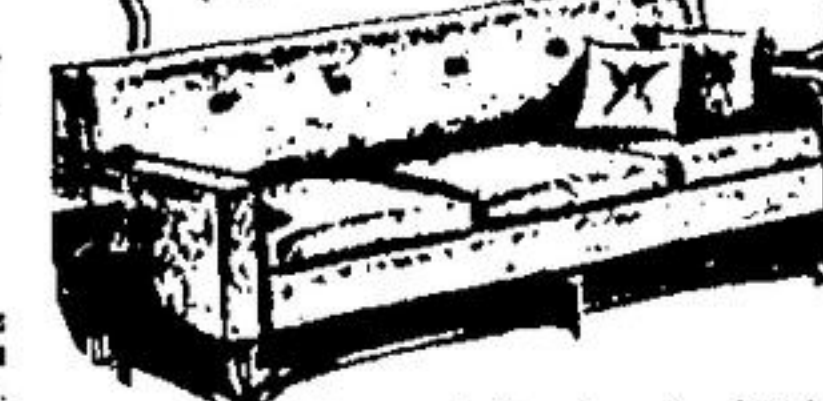
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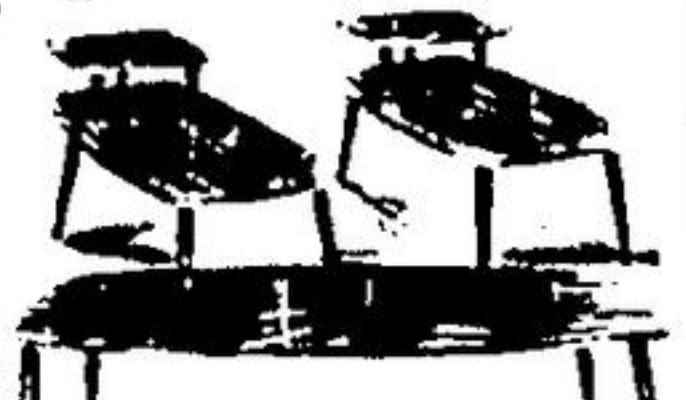
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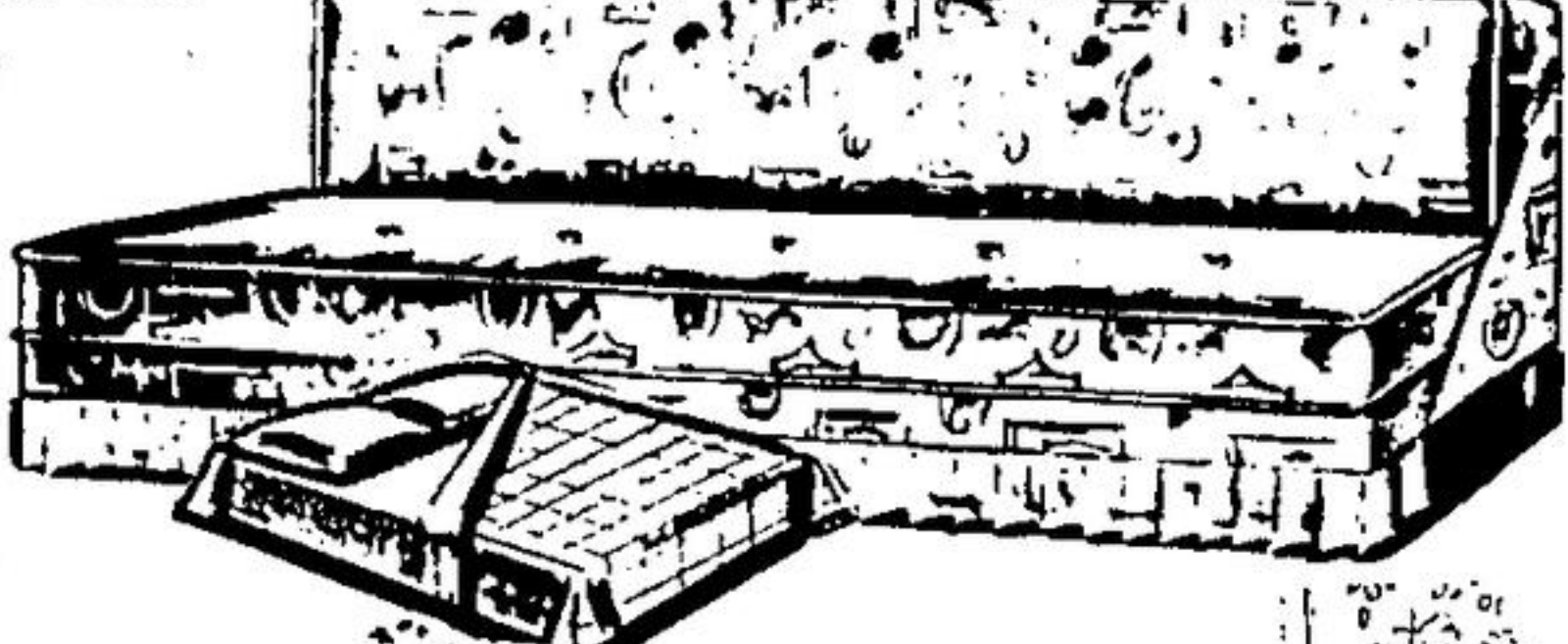
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