



Tales From Europe: This Week, The Paris Adventure

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The winter week has ended and so have the vacations of many GDHS students. Starting with this week, we will present descriptions of each of the four group trips to Europe. This week — Paris.

Students slowly returned this week as some two week vacations to Florida and South Carolina ended. Although school is in no way like vacation, there are still tales to fascinate friends. Little actually happened this week, but the air was still full of excitement from the many travelling students.

Plans for the front foyer of the school were submitted and one, that of Ian Hogg, was chosen last year. Since then nothing has happened. Nothing until now, that is. The School Council is preparing to have a chocolate bar drive to gather funds for this project and for more gym equipment. The drive will be this month, April, and is under the direction of school council member Jerry Deroo, the grade 11 representative.

SCHOLARSHIP
The school council has also announced that it is awarding a Citizenship Award for secondary students, sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, to Nancy Bean, a community-minded student at GDHS.

FOUR TRIPS
As you probably know, if you are a regular reader of this column, that over the past month there have been four trips abroad to European cities. We asked one member of each group to write something for this column.

PARIS
The trip to Paris went very nearly according to schedule: an arrival in Brussels, bus to Paris, a week of visiting the area and its sights then departure for home.

Among the places visited in Paris were Sacre Coeur and Notre Dame Cathedrals, the Arc de Triumphe, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and the Seine River. Other sights visited included Versailles, Fontainebleau, Orleans and a medieval castle at Sully.

Most days were spent on organized group tours but there were free days when the students could do as they wished.

The students were among many Heritage of Canada participants staying at Village Vacances in Dourdan, about 30 miles south of Paris. Georgetown students stayed in cabins with four rooms in each. There were about four people to a room. The accommodation was much better than expected with washrooms for each room. Members of the "France" trip had their share of the

unusual as well. The tour bus, which Georgetown shared with students from Midland and Clarkson, was on its way back to the residence after a normal exciting day in Paris when its passengers noticed an increasing number of French policemen and official-looking vans. The officers were clad in riot-gear — helmets and shields — and tear gas began filtering through the air vents in the bus.

The occupants of the bus were not far from the scene where a demonstration was taking place protesting a change in French draft laws. This incident has been well reported by news media recently and the details of the demonstration are known by most people by this time.

OTHERS GAINED
Ask any participants on any of the excursions if they think the experience was worthwhile and the answer is sure to be "Yes!"

Report Shows There Are 243,000 Acres of Farmland in Halton

According to a report issued recently by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food based on the 1971 census, there were 1,108 farms embracing a total of 243,000 acres of farmland in Halton county.

Of that, only 675 farms are considered commercial farms. Only those farms reporting sales in excess of \$2,500 of an agricultural product in the 12 months prior to the census are considered commercial farms.

The report is 111 pages of detailed charts and tables indicating what is grown, by province and by county as well as tables and charts indicating average prices received for crops, poultry and livestock.

DROP IN ACRES
In 1951 there were 153,398 acres of land referred to as improved acreage. That could include land under crops, improved pasture, summer fallow and other uses. That figure dropped to 29,373 in 1971.

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Other people have gained from the trips besides the students: parents, teachers, classmates and friends will enjoy hearing accounts of adventures across the sea.

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Local photographic stores will also gain plenty of business. The proprietors of the new Photorama store which opened recently on Guelph Street are sure to be pleased at the unexpected amount of customers which will provide a profitable way of opening the new business.

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Urge Establishment of Halton Human Services

A white paper on social services within Halton County released last Wednesday night recommended the establishment of a Human Services Council to eliminate the present duplication of services in the county.

The paper, entitled "Delivery of Human Services in the County of Halton", was presented to about 100 representatives of social service agencies at Centennial Manor by the steering committee of the Human Services Council.

COMMUNITY GROUPS
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councils, statutory and voluntary services and the future Halton regional council.

The white paper points out that at present there is fragmentation, duplication and lack of adequate services in various parts of the county. It also says there is inequality in the distribution of services and lack of preventive planning.

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