



### QUEBEC EXCHANGE STUDENTS

This week has been the week for exchange students from Quebec, with students arriving at a number of area schools. Stewarttown Middle School welcomed its group of students Thursday evening. Left to right, Joanne Muckle, David Campbell, the students' Quebec English teacher, Mme. Georgette Belanger, a parent volunteer from Quebec, Shirla Britton,

Linda Tremblay, Myra Britton, who will be accompanying the Stewarttown students to Quebec, Norbert Gabel, and Logan MacDonald, the Stewarttown principal, made each other's acquaintance Thursday, before the students separated to the homes where they stayed during their trip.

(Herald photo)

## WARP members explain tactics at recent in-town meeting

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Women Against Rising Prices (WARP), the group currently boycotting grocery items on a weekly basis in an effort to force chain stores to reduce the cost of food, is considering a change from a weekly to a monthly boycott list.

Marie Seckler, one of the founders of the original Brampton group, told those present at a meeting in Georgetown last week that chain stores say their boycott isn't hurting them. Their advertising is prepared six weeks in advance thus in-store specials aren't brought on by efforts to counteract the effects of the boycott, they say. Mrs. Seckler said that WARP feels boycotting items for a month at a time may prove the "fallacy" of these statements

and thus members are considering whether they will boycott some or all the items on their list for a full month. In deciding which items to boycott, Mrs. Seckler says the group preparing the boycott list each week looks at the shelf life of products suggested for their list and the quantity of it in storage in warehouses. They feel that retailers would be prepared to drop prices rather than lose items completely to spoilage.

Mrs. Seckler said it was not WARP's intention to hurt producers. Members are well aware that growers only receive small returns on their produce, she said, and urged producers to unite with consumers to effect changes in high prices. "Food is being made for profit, not for people," she said.

Manipulation, unfair merchandising practices and poor services are only some of the marketing tactics Mrs. Seckler said consumers should be aware of and prepared to fight. Consumers must learn to complain effectively she warned.

Becoming a member of WARP costs nothing more than 25¢ for a button indicating the wearer's support of the group and the time to pick up the boycott list each week Mrs. Seckler said.

The group's phenomenal growth from a six-woman chapter in Bramalea, two months ago, to groups all across the country indicates how widespread discontentment consumers feel regarding food prices and how desperately consumers want to change the present situation.

Mrs. Seckler warned consumers to avoid the in-store specials on items on the boycott list since this would merely undercut the effect of the boycott without effecting a permanent change in prices.

One member of the audience suggested that non-Canadian produce might be considered for future boycott list while another suggested permanent boycotts on sugar-coated cereals and all items sold in aerosol spray cans.

Organizers were disappointed at the small show of support for WARP. Only 15 people turned out for the meeting in Knox Church Tuesday evening. Marie Seckler and Mary Bennett of Bramalea supported Ellen Napier and Bev Weaver of the Georgetown group and Marg Hession from the Milton group.

# Carefree Driving

## How to check car before big trip

With today's inflationary costs, relatively inexpensive auto trips have become popular vacation choices. To prevent costly and disappointing mishaps, you'll want to insure your car is in top condition before your vacation.

Roadworthy cars should be able to pass a few critical, operational tests. Most of these inspections can be performed easily by yourself or a member of your family.

Begin by checking the brake system. With the engine idling, place your foot on the brake pedal while your car remains stationary for at least fifteen seconds. If the pedal falls away underfoot, it's a sign of a possible leak in the brake's hydraulic fluid system. As fluid is necessary for proper operation of your auto's braking system, it is important to have any related problem corrected as soon as possible.

As an additional safeguard, you'll want to drive the car on a dry, smooth road where there is light traffic. Bring the car to a slow stop and apply the brake pedal with varying degrees of pressure. At each stop, check for shuddering, sponginess, or hardness, where excessive pressure is needed to stop the car. If any of these signs appear, there is a reasonable chance your brake system needs attention.

You can avoid costly transmission repairs by frequently testing your auto fluid dipstick. Draw the stick from its tubular holder and examine the fluid it contains under normal conditions. It should appear red in color and have a pleasant "unvarnish like" odor.

You are now ready to locate the carburetor air-cleaner, a large component found in the middle of your car's engine. It's easy to unscrew the cover and remove the carburetor filter from its housing. By tapping the filter, you should be able to see any accumulated dirt. Clogged filters should be replaced immediately. This is also a good time to note the

color of exhaust smoke. White smoke indicates normal condensation purged from inside the engine. Blue or blue-gray smoke indicates your engine is burning oil and may need mechanical repair.

Clanking noises and continuous bouncing might be signs of worn shock absorbers. You'll also want to be aware of the need to oversteer after turning corners. If even one of these signs appears, it is best to purchase four new absorbers and install them as soon as possible.

Cuts, uneven treadwear, and bulges indicate more serious tire problems and are usually an indication of needed replacement. Tires should be replaced in twos, and are usually an indication of needed replacement. Tires should be replaced in twos, and new research indicates placement in the rear of the auto. Anytime tires are reset, an "alignment" or auto balance should be performed by a skilled mechanic.

Other potential trouble spots to look out for include windshield wipers that may need replacing, broken or loose rear-view mirrors and lights. Make sure signals, taillights and brake lights are working right and that headlights are properly adjusted.

Once you're sure your car is in good shape for the trip ahead, make sure it's also well-equipped with a fire extinguisher, road flares, tire inflators and a first aid kit.



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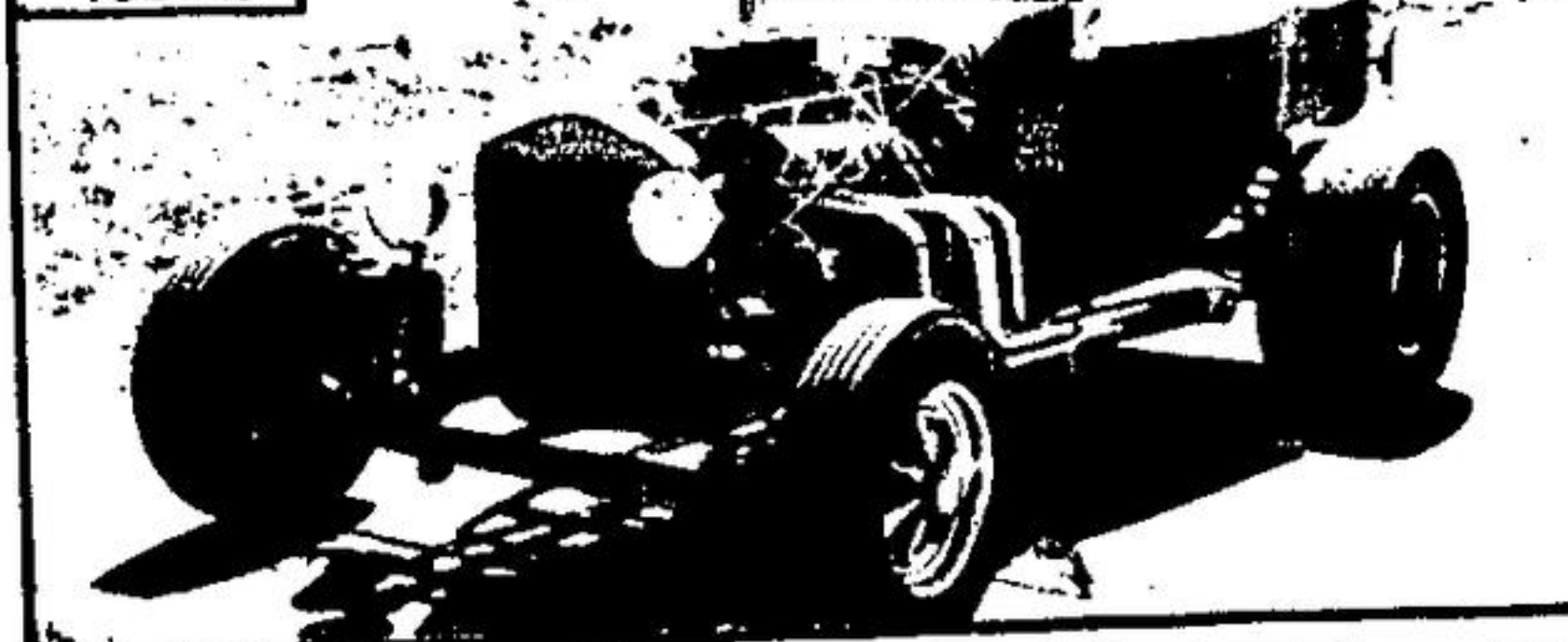
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