



Among the latest arrivals from southeast Asia were Miah Nguyet 28, and her brother Duong, 21, who were greeted at Toronto airport Thursday afternoon by members of their sponsoring group from Mountainview Baptist Church in Georgetown. The South Vietnamese brother and sister will be staying initially with Joyce Ramsden (standing at left) and her husband Jack near Ballinfad, and were assisted in moving in by Tom Robson and Sally Skelton. (Herald photo by Stephen Frost)

# Phung, Le families in Acton after long, hazardous voyage

**Herald Special**  
Both families of southeast Asian refugees expected by sponsor groups from Acton churches arrived the end of last week.

The Phung family arrived in Montreal earlier in the week and representatives of the Acton Churches for Boat People picked them up at Malton Friday afternoon.

The Le family arrived in Edmonton and flew on to Malton, where representatives of Acton's Bethel Christian Reformed Church congregation picked them up Thursday afternoon.

Both families are from Viet Nam and speak Cantonese, although the Phungs spent a

year in a camp in Indonesia while the Les spent a year in Hong Kong. The Les apparently escaped Viet Nam in one of two boats which left together. The second boat capsized during the trip.

The Le family consists of father, Ban Xiong, mother Long Gi Van, 18-year-old daughter Hu, and sons Quan, 15, and Kiet, 10.

The Phung family is made up of father Hong, mother Au Nhuon, daughter The Mol, 24, son Luong, 22, daughters Nu, 21, Thai, 19, and Bai Muoi, 18, and son An Luong, 12.

The Phung family have an apartment on Hill Street and will be going clothes hunting with one of their sponsors

Annie Kerkof Monday. Mrs. Kerkof says their apartment is already furnished thanks to donations and the only missing item, a rice cooker, is expected to be picked up very soon.

As yet, the Phung family have no jobs, although Mrs. Kerkof says the interpreter found out both Mr. Phung and his son are printers and the two elder daughters are seamstresses.

George Lee acted as interpreter for the Phung family, although Mrs. Kerkof expressed her appreciation for the time that Teresa Wong also took to explain things when they needed her.

Edith Kaminga, who is working with the Le family,

says they have not been able to get specific information on his work background yet. They think he did some sort of delivery job in a factory, possibly a shipper-receiver. However, he stresses his willingness to "do anything" when he talks with the interpreter. Mrs. Le is a seamstress.

The young members of both families are finding slight changes in the educational opportunities open to them compared to those offered children from earlier families.

Ron Chatten, principal of Robert Little Public School which the Le children will eventually attend, says the Halton Board of Education has

set up a centre in each of the three school areas where new arrivals learn basic English. Once they are fluent enough to manage, they will return to their home school as full-time students.

The centre for the north area is in Georgetown District High School.

Mr. Chatten says the children from Acton's first Vietnamese refugee family, the Caoe, are attending his school and seem to be getting on well now, but he hopes the period of language instruction in Georgetown will make it easier for the latest group's children to settle into a strange system.

## Mountainview Baptists sponsor brother, sister

Eight months after they decided to sponsor the immigration of some southeast Asian refugees, congregation members of Georgetown's Mountainview Baptist Church are organizing a "parking lot sale" to raise funds for their new arrivals, a brother and sister from Viet Nam.

Sponsored by the Georgetown congregation under the auspices of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Minh Nguyet, 28, and her brother, Duong, 21, arrived Thursday afternoon at the R.R.1 Georgetown home of Joyce and Jack Ramsden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden have agreed to take initial care of the young brother and sister on behalf of the congregation, whose sponsorship efforts were guided by a steering committee headed by Sally Skelton, Ma. Skelton

is leaving the area this week to move to Vancouver, turning over her duties regarding the sponsorship to Jane Vincent.

Nguyet and Duong arrived the week previous in Edmonton from Hong Kong, where they had been staying at a refugee camp since their departure from South Viet Nam and their hometown of Cholon. Nguyet had been working while in Hong Kong, earning some money to help in their acclimatization here in Canada. The pair have relatives in New York, Mississippi and France; their widowed mother is still in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Ramsden told The Herald that Nguyet, who speaks some English, and Duong are already adapting well to life in Canada, showing little if any sign of

"culture shock". The brother and sister have been shopping with their sponsors and do most of their own cooking at home. Nguyet has expressed a desire to visit Toronto's "Chinatown" district and purchase some Oriental magazines.

The Mountainview Baptists sponsor received word from Immigration Canada just over two weeks ago about the pair's imminent arrival. They had submitted sponsorship forms early this year after taking initial steps some eight months ago.

The congregation is holding a parking lot sale at the church May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to raise money for Nguyet and Duong. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale is invited to bring them to the church May 9 during the evening.

## Authority voices concern over Varian expansion

Varian Canada Incorporated would like to see zoning amendment to permit the severance and amalgamation of a five-acre area abutting its existing ten acres.

The land currently belongs to the McLaren estate, with part of it zoned agricultural and a portion industrial. The Varian proposal would see all acquired land zoned industrial for the purpose of future plant expansions.

The only concern voiced in the matter came Monday night from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA). A report from the CVCA said that the land provides a significant wildlife habitat for the area and there is some concern for slope stability in the area.

The town planning board's recommendation asks that Varian submit site plans to the CVCA prior to the issuing of any future building permits. These will be subject to CVCA approval.

If the board's recommendation is approved by

council, Varian will have to provide drainage and grading plans, off-street parking, flood lighting and collection and location of facilities for storage of refuse.

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## Highland Games to ask for extra litter baskets

**By ROY BOOTH**  
Information Officer

Officials of the Speyside Highland Games are now making arrangements for festivities at this year's games, scheduled to take place June 14 in Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park.

Amid the usual skirl of the bagpipes and the tossing of the cabres, the highly popular event will provide entertainment and enjoyment for all. A Cheer Garden is again among the planned activities.

To book a booth at the games, phone or write Frank McBride and the Highland House in Brampton, 130 Main St. North, 457-9822.

In past years, the Highland Games committee has had some criticism regarding clean-up and therefore has booked the fairgrounds for two days, one for the games and one extra day for a thorough clean-up.

However, this year, the town recreation department, due to the tight schedule of games for the ball club, and the problems incurred in the past because the ball fields being cleaned on Sunday, has booked the ball games for Sunday.

Due to this change, the Highland Games committee is asking the town to provide additional litter containers and is seeking the public's co-operation, both those booking a booth and those attending the games, in using the containers provided, which we are assured will be collected on a regular basis.

Thank you, and watch this newspaper for more information in the games as it becomes available.

## MP loses auto proposal

The House of Commons Thursday rejected a proposal by Halton MP Otto Jelinek that the federal government consider repeal of the nine per cent excise tax on North American-built automobiles.

Mr. Jelinek told the Commons that the automotive industry in Canada is continuing to deteriorate while the government has "failed in every way to ease the uncertainty within this vital industrial sector."

He presented a resolution to his fellow MPs asking for removal of the tax "in order to stimulate the industry and at the same time assure continued employment for the thousands of Canadians who are threatened with massive layoffs."

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