

Whirlwind tour

Centennial takes Ottawa by storm



Students from Centennial Middle visited Ottawa recently and saw the sights of Parliament Hill as well as the national war museum. They were intrigued with Field Marshall Hermann Goering's staff car, which travelled up to 160 miles per hour and got three and a half miles to the gallon in its heyday during the Second World War.

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Centennial Middle School students who visited a variety of museums and places of national interest during their recent three-day trip to Ottawa, were given just a taste of the area's attractions so that they may make a return trip in future rather than trying to grasp great amounts of information during their first visit.

"You can't expect them to enjoy it all or remember," said tour operator Reg Hinds, "but they've seen what's here and if they want to come back, they know what to look for. They've been exposed to what's available here and if they're interested, they'll come back some day. That's all we expect to do with them."

First stop for the 130 students and their chaperones was a tour of Bellevue House in Kingston, the home of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. MacDonal. Although only a couple of the pieces of furniture there are known to have actually belonged to Sir John, the remaining items are true to the period, prompting a number of irrelevant

comments when the students viewed such things as the family bath tub.

The students also toured the Hershey chocolate factory at Smith's Falls and sampled the produce courtesy of the company.

The students were billeted in pairs in Lanark House and Renfrew House at Carleton University. After their first meal in the university cafeteria, most of the students took the opportunity to try out Carleton's olympic-size swimming pool. The exercise took the edge off any restlessness after the long ride and no one complained when they were told it was time to turn in.

Thursday morning began with a bus tour of the central experimental farm. Rockcliffe to see some of the embassies, Hull, Quebec and even a quick trip to France when the bus driver backed one of the buses into the French embassy far enough to give the students the satisfaction of saying they had visited French soil.

TRACE HISTORY
Students had the chance to trace some of Canada's military history during the visit to the Canadian War Museum. That was followed by

a long wait in line to tour the Parliament buildings. Probably the best part of the wait was the fact it didn't rain until after the group got inside.

Lunch and a souvenir search along the Sparks Street Mall preceded afternoon tours of the Victoria Memorial Museum which houses the National Museum of Natural Sciences and the National Museum of Man, and a visit to Laurier House, the former residence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's prime minister during World War Two who is reputed to have received advice telepathically from his dead mother and his pet dog.

Some of the students also plopped down on a large chair

in the front hall for a quick rest. Later they discovered they were resting in a chair owned by famed Scottish poet Robert Burns.

The guided tour of Government House, residence of Canada's Governor General Ed Shreyer and his family, had to be called off because of an investiture. Instead, the students got a tour of the National Arts Centre.

After taking the evening meal at Carleton cafeteria the students returned to the buses for a trip to Rockcliffe Airport to see the National Aeronautical Collection and a visit to the museum of science and technology where they got to conduct some experiments on their own.

for most students, of course, was the pizza party.

Friday morning everyone checked out early and arrived at Fort Henry around 11 o'clock. Some of the students remained at the fort after the tour to watch the one o'clock

salute fired. Others hopped back on the bus to get to McDonald's for lunch.

The first bus arrived at Centennial Friday evening right on time, a driving feat worth noting considering holiday traffic.

Manslaughter charge laid in trespass shooting case

A charge of manslaughter has been laid against a Milton Hills man charged with criminal negligence causing death in the shooting death of a Milton youth.

Robert Marshall Esplen, 49, of RR3, Milton, appeared in provincial court last week and was remanded out of custody to August 25 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.

Mr. Esplen was arrested following the death of Andre Francis Wyman, 23, of Milton, who died from a gunshot wound May 11.

Mr. Wyman and two friends were fishing in a private pond on 10 Sideroad when the owner saw them and allegedly fired several shots over their heads to scare them off. One of the shots accidentally struck Mr. Wyman in the back; he died late that day in Milton and District Memorial Hospital.

Student clean-up

Georgetown's Business Improvement Area (BIA) will receive a grant from the provincial government to hire a student for the summer. Part of the student's responsibilities will be the clean-up of parking lots and walkways. BIA member Coun. John McDonald has been requested by the board of management to interview and hire an appropriate student.

New GARA exec

The new Georgetown and Area Ratepayers Association (GARA) presented its new executive to members last Wednesday evening. The new executive includes, president Lawrie Duggan, vice-president (technical matters) Tom Yestadt, vice-president (membership and communications) Tom Ramautarsingh, vice-president (council liaison) Brian Bush, secretary Doug Edwards, treasurer Ben Braun, and area directors Jackie Roberts, Brian Anderson, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Malcolm MacLeod and Fraser Robbin.

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