

Oral account of pioneer transport

# UG students map Halton history

**Herald Special**  
Three University of Guelph students will complete interviews this week on an oral history of one of Halton's pioneer transportation routes - how settlers moved north from Lake Ontario along the Bronte Road to Acton.

In the process, they will summarize the history of seven of the region's pioneer communities, Bronte, Merton, Palermo, the Boyno, Milton, Speyside and Acton.

The students, Carol Buchanan of RR 1, Acton, Anne Lindsay of RR 1, Georgetown and Sharon Rasmussen of Georgetown, work on a government grant through the history pulse group of the Rural Development Outreach Program. Once their work is completed in late August it will be available to schools and community groups interested in Halton's history.

The students began their work in late May with a crash course in how to operate a camera, a tape recorder and how to conduct an interview, Miss Buchanan says. This was followed by research on all the written material available on these communities.

Time is forcing them to conclude interviewing people Friday in order to have their taped interviews transcribed as well as work them into the finished presentation for the pulse group next month.

They have a couple of pages on each community as well as three to five taped interviews for each, Miss Buchanan says. The age of those they interviewed ranges from 45 to 95, Miss Buchanan says. Many of the more elderly people have not only dug out old scrapbooks and family pictures to show them and allowed them to be borrowed, they have even

found others who can talk about the community in which they are interested.

The students were surprised to find that Merton, a community which has disappeared

from maps and general knowledge, was fairly easy to document because old families

could tell its story to them. Speyside, however, which once had seven stores, a sawmill, a tannery, a post office, a Sunday school and a hotel, was very difficult to find out about and information is still lacking on it.

The Bronte Road, most of which was incorporated into Highway 25, was their topic this year, but it could be just the beginning, Miss Buchanan says. The entire county could be documented fairly well simply by following its transportation routes and future projects may tackle the task, she feels.

## Oakville boy's drowning prompts police reminder

Halton Regional Police are reminding pool owners of their responsibility to supervise their pools following the drowning of a seven-year-old boy in Oakville.

Sgt. Norm Ryall, Community Relations Officer, said this week that pool owners are very strict about rules of behavior and supervision around the pool when the warm weather

arrives, but as the summer goes on, they tend to slacken off.

In the case of the Oakville boy, the pool was left unattended

for only five minutes, but it was long enough, Sgt. Ryall said. Pools must be adequately supervised at all times, he said.

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