FRENCH WEEK IN HALTON HILLS

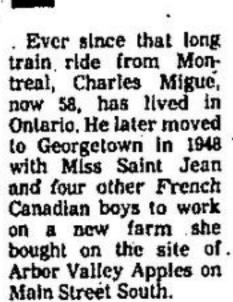
Former president remembers unflappable Miss Saint Jean

When Charles Migue was a 12 year old orphan, he remembers boarding a train for a trip to a farm where he would find work.

His pastor and a social worker in Montreal arranged for a strongwilled, but motherly lady named Miss Saint Jean to look after him in St. Catharines on a fruit farm.

Mistakenly, the young Charles thought Ontario Street, Montreal, was his real destination and not the Ontario Street train station in St. Catharines.

A series of historical articles on



The former president of the French Club in Georgetown fondly remembers the determined will of Miss Saint

She and Edward Hayes were instrumental in petitioning for a Catholic school in Georgetown for the French community.

28 FAMILIES A French Club was started in Georgetown

in 1957 when about 28 French Canadian families were living in

In 1960 there were enough families for a parish so a Blahop in Toronto eventually gave permission for a congregation to form in the old Holy Cross Church on Guelph St.

In the meantime, the new Holy Cross Church on Maple Ave. had been completed. The new parish for French Canadians was called Sacré Coeur, opening in 1965. Now there are close to 125 families that socia-



lize together and attend services at the church, says Mr. Migue. In 1954, Mr. Migue

married a niece of Miss Saint Jean and they eventually settled on a tract of land near Stewarttown on the Fifth Line where they still live today.

True to his agricultural roots, Mr. Migué built his 38 acres of swamp land into an orchard where he now grows apples, asparagus, strawberries and other fruits and vege-

DRAINAGE DONE In 1978 some drainage work was done to allow for more crop acreage.

Mr. Migue has eight children ranging in age from 19 to 29 years. One



When Charles Migue came to Ontario from Montreal he was only 12 years old. He worked on a farm in St. Catharines before moving to Georgetown in 1948 when the town's population was about 2,700, he said. Here, Charles and his wife Gabrielle stand in their orchard on their farm near Stewarttown on the Fifth

Vancouver.

He remembers the advice of "good honest men" like former mayors Joseph Gibbons and Jack Armstrong in helping the French community in its formative

Georgetown is a very friendly town where English and French Canadians can mix freely without having to feel they have to stay with

son and daughter live in their own group, Mr. Migue says.

What does French Week mean to Charles Migue? "It's something in our blood," he replies. The winter activities such as the Quebec City carnival stand out in his mind.

In the mid-70s, Georgetown's French Club organized a winter carnival that lasted for three days, beginning with a 14 float parade,

he said.

The French Club has been especially active in providing community events for French Canadian children such as taking them on trips, building slides or hosting entertainers from Quebec. There are also dances for the adults, sports teams to parti-

'La Semaine Française' is a very special week

By BERNADETTE DUGUAY Presidente du Consell Paroissial

"La Semaine Française" is a special week of thanksgiving to the Lord for what we are-a very privileged people, being able in our family community, to continue our culture and express ourselves in our own language and be accepted by our brothers and sisters in our neighborhood. For this, we thank you Lord, in this week of "La Semaine Française".

The "Comite Paroisslal" of Sacre-Coeur Church is composed of six members elected by the parishioners each November. The priest and the principal of Sacre-Coeur School are always

automatically members of the parish council. The "Comite Paroissial" members are like French Week

'What it means to me.'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Students at Sacre Coeur were approached by The Herald and asked to express their thoughts about French Week and what it means to them.

When someone asks you "how can you speak just like that", I usually say "I don't know" and that's when you realize just how lucky you are. I guess you could say it's an honor to be able to express yourself in French and English which ever I choose.

What French really means to me, well, for instance it is educational.

French is very helpful to those who speak it because they can learn how to speak different. languages easier because in the other languages there are some words similar to French. Well I am very proud of my language and I am going to keep it for as long as I can.

For me having a French Week shows that we are proud and happy to be French Canadians. During this week we have lots of activities and contests. And I'm happy to be writing this letter. I'm glad to be bilingual!

Joanne G.

French to me means to be proud of my language, because when I get older it will be useful for my future. Going to French school is alot of fun and at the same time we can learn how to speak and write English. I help my friends alot in their French and they really like that.

French is hard to learn because of all the verbs but it is worth it. Most of my friends around my neighborhood are English and they always ask me to speak French to them, because they want to learn French also.

parents who take on the responsibility of looking after the well-being of the church family, ensuring sufficient funds are available for the maintenance of the church, hall and rectory as well as being responsible for organizing dances and other special events such as our annual bazaar (which is the big event of the year).

"La Semaine Francaise" gives me the opportunity to thank everyone in Georgetown and surrounding area for the wonderful attendance at our bazaar and the donations we receive from all the merchants.

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School community... of Halton Hills and Milton. We are one of 262 French schools in Ontario who are affiliated to the "Federation des Associations de



WINTERFEST FUN

BMX riders Troy Gardiner (left) and Stephen Lee can't wait for the action to begin. They hope to ride in the 'Winterfest' races, sponsored by North Halton Sports, Chris Milne (back left) will be donating trophles for the top riders in five age groups, plus North Halton Sports gift certificates for all participants. That's Bob Sullivan of the Jaycees standing next to Mr. Milne. fie's organizing the races, which will be held Feb. 18 at the Fairgrounds in front of the armouries, between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Riders can register up to half an hour before the races.



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Since its inception in 1976 when one local "Association" received its charter from the Federation, the group has been very involved in supporting the school in the French Catholic Education of our childr-

With the help of the Secretariat of State and our major annual "Fund Raiser" our Skate-A-Thon we have enriched our children's educational experienc-

The aims of our promote a mutual

ture and our school.-

These aims have been accomplished through such activities as our Open House in September, our regular coffee parties, our monthly meetings, out standing committees, our sponsored trips for the children, our float in the Santa Claus Parade, French Week, Open House again during Education Week, workshoips and during the Science Fair in May which is held in conjunction with the "Asso-

ciation's" annual meet-

This year we have "Association" are to taken on the added challenge of endeavourunderstanding between ing to promote our the home and the school, school and community through co-operation in by publishing a Local our shared task of French Directory which educating our children will reflect our growing and to promote our cul- members and strength.

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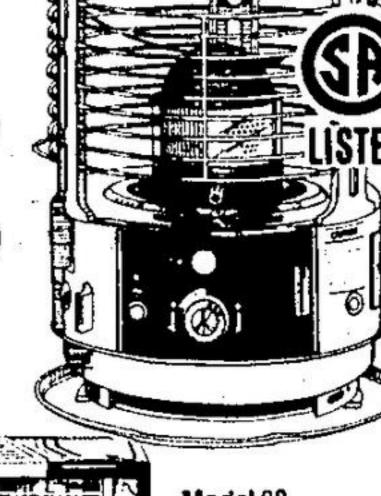
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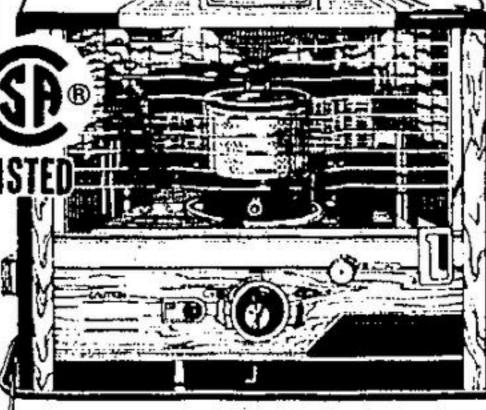
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