

# Holland, England and home

This is the conclusion of an article on Britain and Europe by Andrew Ruhl who spent the last nine months touring the U.K. and the continent:

On returning to Amsterdam we followed the same route we had taken back in September. That is, driving to Hull which is located on the north-east coast of England and taking the night travelling ferry across to Rotterdam, Holland.

Docking in Rotterdam early in the morning, we made our way towards Amsterdam. We arrived after a short drive and made our way directly to the American Express office in the heart of the city. From our experiences with buying the van in Amsterdam earlier in the trip, we knew that the American Express office was where travellers congregated with signs advertising anything from clothing to cars. Parking nearby, we walked to the office immediately and to our disappointment, found that there was a lot of competition. There were seven or eight vans for sale ranging in price from \$150 to nearly \$1,000.

### Lots of bargains

After talking to a few of the sellers we became even more discouraged. It seemed that some of them had been standing around with their signs for as long as 10 days, without any success. It was interesting to look at their placards and see where the price for the vehicle had started out at maybe \$1,000 and had progressively been lowered by maybe \$50 at a time until, in some cases, the revised price was less than half of the original asking price.

Deciding that we could not afford to wait around for any great length of time, I put a notice up in the city's Youth Hostel that evening advertising the van.

The following morning, as we were cleaning the bus for prospective buyers, a man and his two teen-aged sons came up to us and said they were interested in buying the van. They had come over from their home in Toronto a few days previously and wanted to buy a van to travel around Europe, just as we had wanted one five months before.

### Nightmare

They examined it and then asked if I would take them for a test drive. Driving in Amsterdam at the best of times is a nightmare but they wanted to go out for a drive in the morning rush hour.

As it turned out, I think the passengers were far too busy biting their nails and concentrating on the traffic situation to pay much attention to the actual performance of the van.

In the end however, we bargained on a price that was acceptable to both parties. As they drove away I think they were just as happy to get their

packs off their backs and into the van as we were to get our packs on again.

We stayed in Amsterdam for another couple of days and then decided to head back to London. We were fortunate enough to get on a student flight from

Amsterdam to London which was cheaper than the ferry and took about an eighth of the time.

### Await passes

Arriving in London, we decided to get another Brit-Rail pass each as we had found on our previous travel in England that they were excellent bargains. This time however, we wanted to concentrate our travels to the southern parts of England, not only because we thought it to be the most picturesque part of England, but also because it would be the warmest and that time of year.

The Brit-Rails, being delayed in the mail, provided us with two unexpected weeks in London. The weather during this time was generally good. Daffodils and even some tulips were up and on a few days the temperature reached 70 degrees. We spent much of the time just exploring the city, which we hadn't bothered to do on our first trip to it.

Going everywhere on foot, it was not long before we began to know our way around pretty well. One day we went to the 'Old Bailey', London's famous criminal court. Going up into the

visitors' gallery we heard the trial of a fellow on trial for murder. To our surprise we found, during the course of the trial, that the murder had occurred just around the corner from where we were staying at the time, the London Youth Hostel.

### South end

We finally did get the rail passes and set out, our first stop being Canterbury and its famous Cathedral. From here we went south to the south coast and spent the next week or so slowly making our way along it, heading west. Towards the end of the week we reached Cornwall. This is where we spent the last week of our trip, exploring the beautiful countryside and basking in the sun at one of Cornwall's many beaches. One day, at low tide we were able to walk for about four miles along a beautiful beach near Hayle. On one especially warm day we went swimming at St. Ives.

It was with great regret that we finally left the south to head back to London to catch our plane home on the first of April.

## Guides plan magic show

Campbellville Girl Guides are sponsoring a performance by The Great Covell and Company, Canada's foremost magician, on Saturday April 15 at 1.30 p.m. at the Campbellville Masonic Hall.

Proceeds are to assist in Guide work. The Great Covell has toured Canada and United States, the Arctic and the sub-Arctic and was featured at the 1966 Christmas Fairyland at Toronto.

## Humidifiers soon at OSD

Tenders will soon be called for the installation of steam humidification into the air-handling supply units of the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton.

Steam will be injected into the air stream to raise the humidity level in the hospital and junior dormitories, thus rectifying the excessively dry, static-producing air, according to Halton East MPP Jim Snow, Minister of Public Works.

The installation should be completed three weeks following the contract award, he said.

Learning is a treasure which follows its owner everywhere.

## Four alarms

# Barn, car catch fire

One barn fire, one chimney fire, one car fire, and a false alarm made up the work load of the Milton Fire Department during the past week, reports fire chief A. E. Clement.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 4, firefighters were dispatched to a fire in a feeding barn, on Highway 25 in Milton. The barn is owned by Cecil McCann of 1427 Britannia Rd. Oakville. At press time Chief Clement had not determined either the cause of the fire or the estimated damage.

While the fire department was attending the McCann fire, they received a chimney fire alarm at the home of T. C. Kirby on the Ninth Line Esqueusing. There was very little damage caused.

### Car afire

A Volkswagen caught fire on the parking lot of Mac's Milk Store on Bronte St. Milton Sunday afternoon. The car, owned by

George Lueders of 5381 Tremaine Rd., Milton, caught fire when the gas heater became overheated. There was no estimated damage. The false alarm occurred in the senior boys' residence at the Ontario School for the Deaf in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 6. Firefighters do not know the cause of the incident.

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SURROUNDED BY PIGEONS, the friendly-hungry type, this little girl was having fun feeding her feathered friends in Trafalgar Square in London. —(Photo by A. Ruhl)



THESE STATUES fell from the walls at Westminster Abbey in England and were resting rather unglamorously in a rear courtyard, awaiting restoration, when Andrew Ruhl of Milton passed that way during a winter tour of Britain and Europe. —(Photo by A. Ruhl).

## MDHS news

# L'il Abner, Daisy Mae to be chosen at dance

By John F. McIlwraith, Jr.

Friday night is the big night in Milton for the teenage sector of the town. The ever popular band "Major Hoopie's Boarding House" will be featured at M.D.H.S. This long-awaited dance is a joint project of the Record Dance Committee and Student Council.

Also featured at this "Dogpatch Dance" will be Daisy Mae and L'il Abner as elected by 900 students. Nominees to date are Mark Grenke, and Andrew Willoughby as L'il Abner, and Carol Nova and Janice Richardson as Daisy Mae. The final selections will be made at the dance this Friday.

The band starts up at 8:30. However, the doors are open at 8 Friday night. The band will play until midnight.

Admission is \$1.50 in advance (being sold at the school), \$1.75 at the door and a special price of \$3 a couple. "Y'all come now! Hear?"

### Plan formal

Still on the subject of dances, the formal for this year has received its theme of "Moonlight Serenade". How romantic! It's not too soon to start making arrangements for the formal which will be held on May 5 at

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## Scouts, Cubs take part in Tree project

The 600 Boy Scouts and Cubs of the Georgetown district, which includes Georgetown, Acton, Scotch Block, Milton, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Norval, Ballinafad and Ashgrove have undertaken a test project in reforestation that could be nation wide by next year.

"Trees for Canada" is a project in which the Scouts and Cubs will solicit pledges per tree from the public. The boys will plant every tree they sell and collect their pledges after planting. Planting Day is April 22.

The Scouts, in co-operation with the Optimist Club of Georgetown, students and faculty of Sheridan College, Halton County and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities expect to make a huge success of the project.

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