



LOTS OF HAPPY MEMORIES will travel back with a group of British Royal Fusilier members. Several Milton Lorne Scots regimental band members were guests of their British counterparts last summer during the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations. This year, six visiting Fusiliers stayed with Milton and area families. Sitting atop the picnic table in the back row, from left to right are: Charlie Dawson, from

Warwick; Bill Thomas, with wife Nellie, seated below, from Coventry; David Harris with wife, June, seated below. Bruce McKerr, on the picnic bench next to Mrs. Thomas are David Cooks, from Sherbourne. On the far left are hostesses Mrs. Ozzie Ledwith from Milton and Mrs. John Green from Burlington.

## Visiting British bandsmen like friendly, clean town

By Linda Kirby

Friendly people, big cars, beautiful homes and skunks are some of the memories that will travel back to England with six members of the Royal Fusiliers military band, following their two week stay in Milton.

Guests of the Lorne Scots Regiment, the six English visitors stayed with local members of the Regimental band and their families.

It was the first trip to Canada for all six, and a trip that left them with a variety of impressions of Milton and southern Ontario.

For David Cooks, of Sherbourne, Midlands, lasting memories will include the sweet scent of skunks. He has no particular love for skunks, but was rather curious about the animal and its reputed smell. He learned all he needed to know on one visit to Rattlesnake Point Park when, accompanied by his hosts Bruce McKerr and Mrs. McKerr and other members of the group, they passed a skunk which left a distinct trail behind him.

The cleanliness of Milton and other neighboring towns was noted by the the visitors, who pointed out that their own towns were not as clean.

Lots of friendly people and particularly shopkeepers impressed the visitors.

"People are very friendly; it is as though they know you are visiting," said Bill Thomas, a native of Coventry, outside of London. Mr. Thomas and his wife Nellie stayed with the McKerr family in Milton.

They also stayed with Jim and Ivy Crocker in Cambridge for several days.

The trip to Canada was part of an exchange program that began last year, when several Lorne Scots bandsmen were guests of the Royal Fusiliers in England, during the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The British visitors arrived

on Thursday, June 19 and were greeted with a special reception in their honor, given by Lieut. R. Hill, bandmaster of the Lorne Scots.

Throughout their stay, there was a steady schedule of visits and tours, as Canadian hosts attempted to show their visitors the interesting parts of southern Ontario.

The tours were highlighted by visits to a play at Niagara-on-the-Lake, at Niagara Falls, Ontario Place, the CN Tower, Wasaga Beach, a Huron Indian Village and a Blue Jays baseball game.

The game was fantastic, and rated as a number one sport by the British visitors who attended the game.

"It's a nice family sport," commented one Fusilier member, who was impressed with both the game and the audience.

In England, one does not take the family to soccer or rugby matches, owing to the roughness of the grandstand crowds, according to Mr. Thomas.

In addition to the many enjoyable dinner outings, David Cooks said he had never tasted so much and such good "junk food."

Submarine sandwiches were a favorite for him, and a complete novelty, since such sandwiches cannot be found in England.

Comparisons between the two countries showed Canadian homes to be considerably more expensive but much more attractive, according to all of the visitors.

Food prices and restaurant meals were almost on a par or slightly cheaper than in Britain, but gasoline prices turned out to be the biggest difference.

Canadians should bear in mind when they complain of fuel costs, that British petrol now commands the equivalent of \$1.60 per gallon. Not surprisingly, there are few English people who drive anything bigger than an

ovous system. This virus is transmitted to people and pets through the saliva of the infected animals.

In many parts of Ontario, rabies is present in wildlife. Skunks, raccoons and foxes often pass the disease to pets and people through bites or scratches.

Dr. Neely says children should be warned to stay away from all wild animals. Infected animals often assume abnormal behaviour and may venture into inhabited areas.

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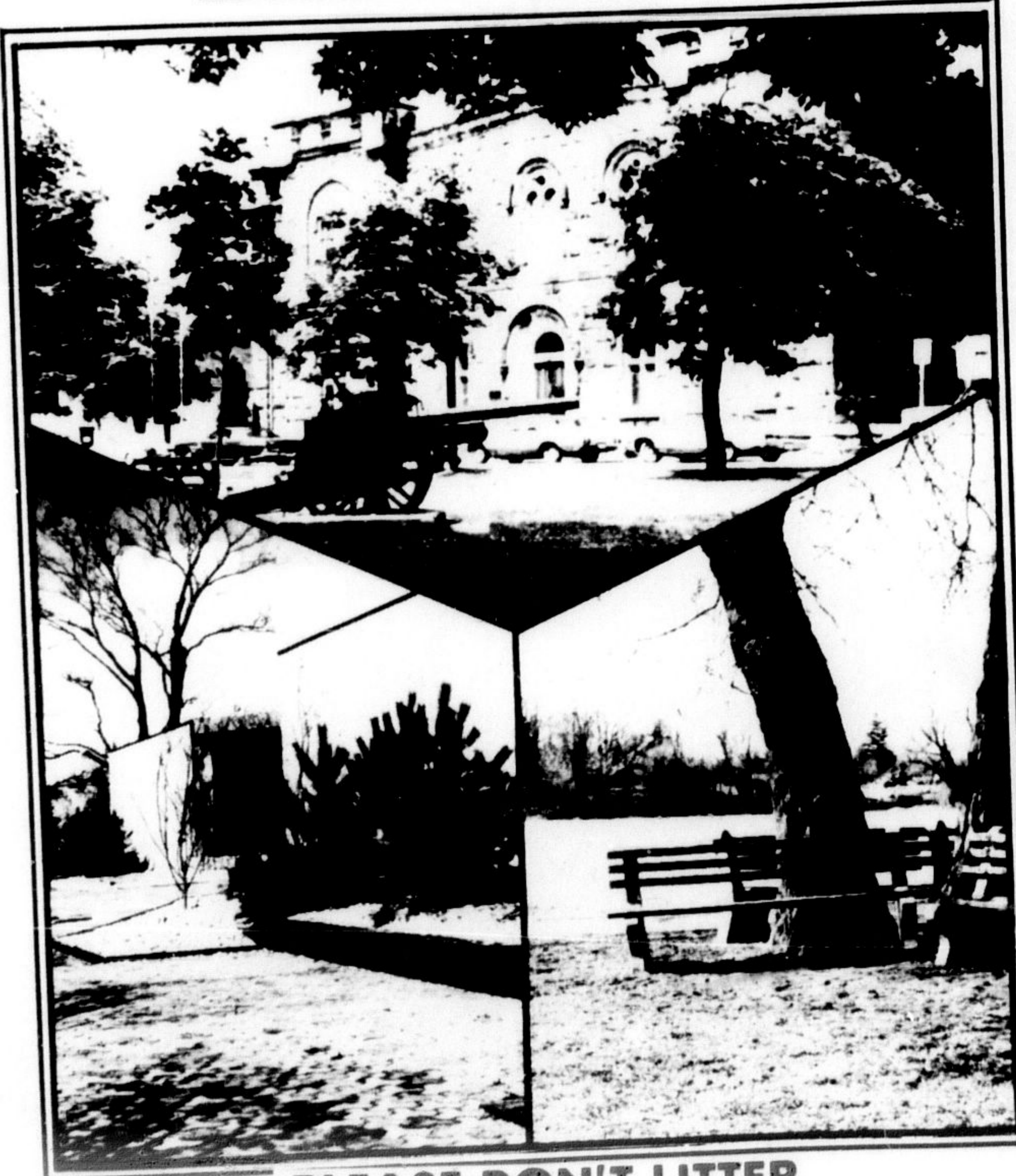
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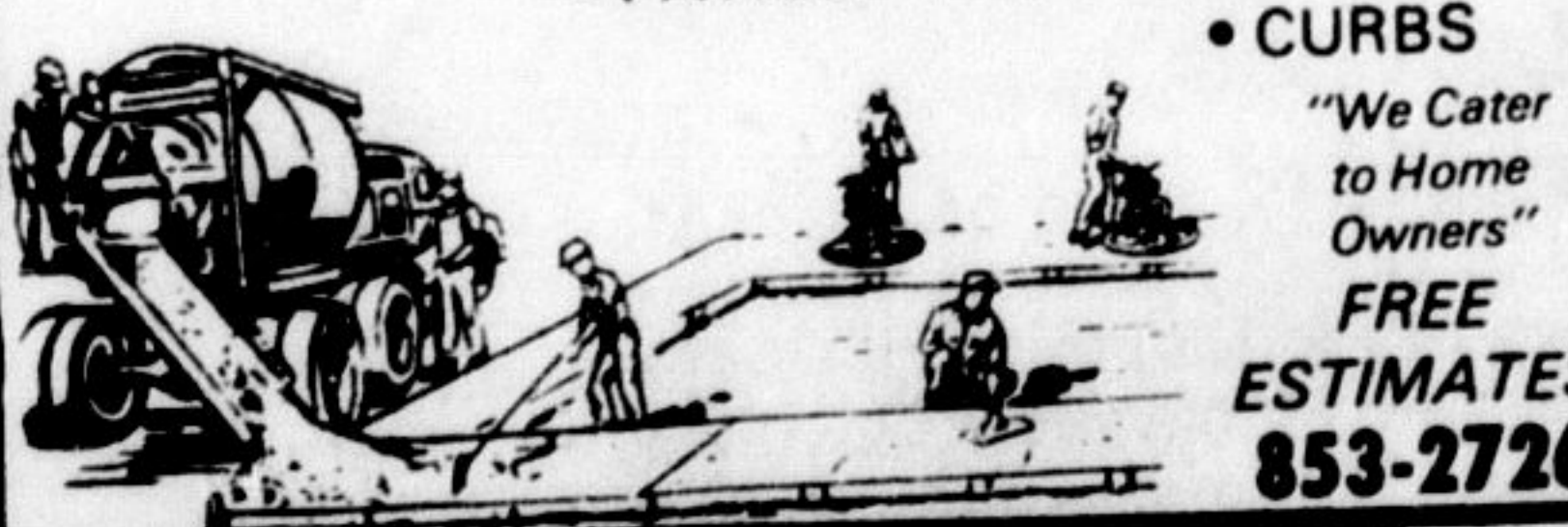
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