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**HAVE YOU HEARD
OF MEXICO'S
"COPPER CANYON?"**

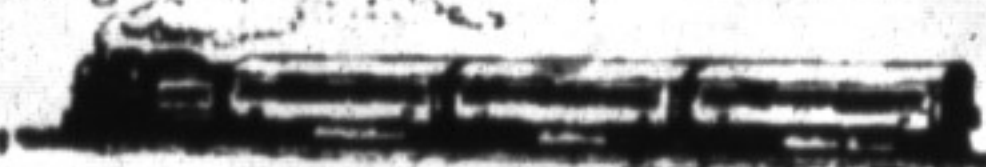
A TRIP BY RAIL out of Los Mochis for a few hours was our first introduction to the beautiful area of MEXICO, in the state of CHIHUAHUA, filled with FIVE CANYONS including the best-known, COPPER CANYON! Deeper and larger than the Grand Canyon (these make that look like a huge gravel pit, only our own opinion, not that of the Mexicans!). They have only really been explored to their depths since 1986!



HOW ABOUT 82 TUNNELS, numerous bridges (we stopped counting!) the travel reaching the areas of the canyons is remarkable — with tunnels, bridges and marvelous sites to see along the way, much like going through our own rockies, but of course with a different texture, due to the trees, vegetations and rock structures. When leaving Los Mochis, the first stop is at EL FUERTE, which was established late in the sixteenth century. Not far along is the first bridge to cross, 1,637 feet long — quite a sight!



POSADA BARRANCAS HOTEL was our destination on the railroad, which is about halfway along the line from Los Mochis to CHIHUAHUA CITY, capital of Chihuahua state, the largest in Mexico. The hotel is situated right at the brink of the canyon, so the view is stunning looking out across the huge valley. The difference between this and the Grand Canyon is that most of these canyons have lots of vegetation and tree growth. Still great for echos!



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE TARAHUMARA INDIANS? They are an amazing people, living on the land, in caves, in lean-to's or what have you, they work at making baskets and carvings — the adults make big ones, the children make small ones to sell to the tourists. They have no electricity and for the most part cook their meals on an open fire, and have plenty of children who toil alongside their parents to earn their way. (It was our thought they should have television and telephones so they will know how things are out in the world, and get stressed like all the rest of us — they seem so relaxed and able to smile a lot!)



A HORSEBACK RIDE OUT ALONG A TRAIL along the rim was a special treat as we got to see the canyon from another angle and were able to look back across to see our hotel perched like a small cabin on the edge. The sunrise was especially spectacular as the morning dew from the valley below slowly burned off with its rising.



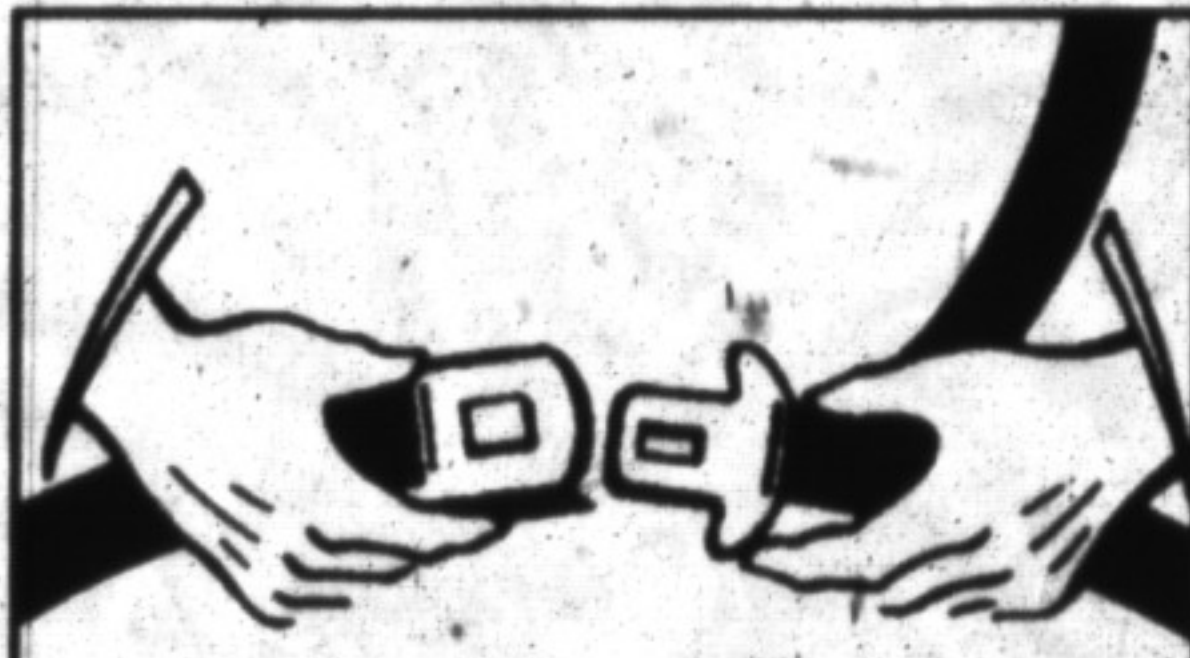
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**Derlan awarded
big money contracts**

Derlan Industries announced recently that its aerospace division in Milton has been awarded three contracts valued at \$17.6 million to manufacture various helicopter transmission components and gear boxes for commercial and military turbofan engines.

The largest of the three contracts calls for Derlan to supply GE Aircraft Engines of Cincinnati, Ohio with inlet gear boxes for the CFM56-5 engine.

The CFM56-5 is used on the Airbus Industries A320 aircraft family and is the sole engine offered on the Airbus A340 aircraft. The estimated value of the contract is \$9.3 million. Delivery will commence in 1997 and continue through 2000.

A second contract with GE Aircraft Engines for Derlan to supply accessory gear boxes for the F110-100 engine. The engine is used on the F-16 Falcon fighter aircraft used by the U.S. military. The estimated value of the contract is \$3.9 million. Delivery will begin before the end of 1997.

A third contract comprises 585 gears to be supplied to the U.S. Army as spares for the UH60 Blackhawk helicopter. The estimated value of this contract is \$4.4 million during its two-year duration.



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Dateline

• from DATELINE on page 17 for landowners and community groups. The Eramosa River and Blue Springs Creek drain a unique area of the Grand River watershed. Known for its many outstanding natural and cultural resources, the area is now being studied. For inquiries, call Barry Lee, chairman, at (519) 824-0679, Lieven Gevaert at (519) 856-4529, Heather Fort-Gentles at (519) 833-9715 or Neil Darby at (519) 856-9003.

The Canadian Federation of University Women - Milton and District - invites all university women graduates to attend an evening with Anne Musgrave for "A Talk About the World Blind Union Forum for Women" at Hugh Foster Hall (beside Town Hall) at 7:30 p.m. Call 319-6680 for more information.

The Living with Cancer Group meets at Knox Presbyterian Church on Main Street East at 7:30 p.m. Led by nurses, group discussions provide emotional support and practical guidance to patients and their family and friends. For more information, call the Canadian Cancer Society's North Halton Unit at 877-1124.

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a foot care clinic at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15. For further information or an appointment, call 875-1681. Foot care clinics are by appointment only.

**Catholic school
holidays set**

The following is the 1996-97 school year calendar of holidays and professional development days for the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, not including the already celebrated Thanksgiving, or a professional development day teachers already used in October.

- Holidays**
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 — Christmas break
 - March 10-14 — Spring break
 - March 28 — Good Friday
 - March 31 — Easter Monday
 - May 19 — Victoria Day

- Elementary Professional Activity Days**
- November 1
 - November 29
 - January 30-31
 - April 25
 - June 6 and 26

- Secondary Professional Activity Days**
- November 29
 - January 29-31
 - June 24-26

- EXAMS**
- January 21-28; June 12-20

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