

Variety Pak hits road to promote New France, Ste. Marie

by Shirley Whittington
 Sainte-Marie's Variety Pak is going on the road. Margaret Tundall, Betty Swales, Bonnie Rothwell, Sharlene Bullock, Flora Hutton, Sharon Armstrong, Jean Cuthbert and Frances Whale are the self-styled Variety Pak. They've been associated with Sainte-Marie for a number of years, have assisted in live-in programs, guided tours in the fall and early spring, and taken part in the many community-oriented projects that have taken place at the reconstructed mission. Since last December, they've become Sainte-Marie's Speakers' Bureau, and they've logged thousands of miles to present materials and

information about New France, the Huron Nation and Sainte-Marie to schools in Ontario.

Simply put, if a school can't come to Sainte-Marie, Sainte-Marie goes to the school.

They travel within a one hundred miles radius of Sainte-Marie. "They've gone as far north as Val Caron and Sudbury and as far east as Belleville and Bancroft. Bruce and Grey Counties have used the program extensively," says tour coordinator Beth DesRochers. Last week, Margaret Tyndall and Flora Hutton set out with their lacrosse stick and beaver hat and other artifacts, for Tweed, Ontario.

The speakers go to schools on an invitation

basis. They don't travel in lavish expense account style. Each of them drives her own car. They take packed lunches with them which they eat with the teachers in school lunch rooms.

They usually return to Midland the same day.

Each of the eight speakers is fully knowledgeable in three main areas - New France, Sainte-Marie and the Huron (Ouendat) nation. They have done their own research, reading and program organization.

Materials home-made. Because concrete materials are sometimes in short supply, the ladies have made many of their own. Margaret Tyndall has made clay pots and pipes in the Huron style, as well as a tobacco

pouch, and a corn husk basket which she has filled with dried foods such as the Ouendat would have done.

When the speakers discovered that most school students thought a beaver hat was what one would find on Davy Crockett's head, they set out to make their own wide brimmed felt hats - replicas of the beaver hats that were so fashionable in France that they formed the basis of a flourishing fur trade.

As well as their knowledge and their artifacts, the speakers take coloured slides with them.

Each presentation takes at least an hour, and the speakers are prepared to talk to classes from Grades 1 through to thirteen. New France is part of the course of study in Grade 7, and this group accounts for a great many requests for the Bureau's services.

The approach differs from grade to grade.

Sharon Armstrong says, "We shift gears according to the age of the child. In younger classes, it's conversational with loads of questions from the kids. In the higher grades, it's more of a lecture approach".

The speakers have been on the road for a couple of days a week ever since December. They've been snowbound more than once, and there was one memorable trip when a patch of ice sent the car into a roll-over. "We all

had our seat belts on, so nobody was hurt, and by some miracle not a single artifact was broken," says Bonnie Rothwell. "Although the handle came off my coffee cup!" In spite of the hair raising winter driving, all the speakers are radiantly enthusiastic about the work they are doing.

"This is a very exciting way of promoting our Canadian heritage," says Sharon Armstrong. "I feel it's really important for us to help the people of

Ontario to realize that they have a French heritage. This after all, was once New France, I love interpreting history for kids."

Schools are provided with evaluation sheets and so far the reactions have been positive and enthusiastic. In fact, although the speaker's bureau was originally set up to include schools that couldn't come to Sainte-Marie, many of those schools have reservations for the season.



Helping hands

Lenny Lefaive and Gordon Burtch, grade eight students at Sacred Heart School had their work cut out for them Saturday morning. The two boys spent the day at the Bill Gibson residence raking leaves in a general community spring clean-up project. The few extra dollars the students earn will finance a field trip to Kingston and Ottawa this June. Staff photo

Sacred Heart students help Midland's annual spring clean-up

Sacred Heart students were out in full force this weekend, raking, moving logs - in fact ready and willing to perform almost any job asked of them.

Grade eight students at the school are trying to raise funds for their May trip to Ottawa by helping out Midlanders with the annual spring spruce-up.

"It's really working out extremely well," Marilyn Lawson, student 'fleet' coordinator said last week. "I think this week's nice weather is getting people moving."

The students are available after school and on weekends throughout April to assist in around the home chores - grass cutting, window cleaning, light painting, moving furniture etc. Marilyn Lawson, 526-5087 will coordinate requests with available workers and collect funds earned.

"I had one senior citizen call me the other day and say what a terrific idea this is," Lawson recalled. She said she's tired of kids coming to the door selling chocolate bars, selling this or that. She also pointed out that it is usually very difficult to get someone to help clean up."

Senior citizens will be charged a nominal rate for the work done by Sacred Heart students. Other 'employers' are asked to pay the students what they feel the chores are worth.

Mrs. Lawson had more than 30 students out cleaning up this past Saturday alone. There are, however, still many willing workers so give her a call and help the Sacred Heart grade eight students do a good turn.

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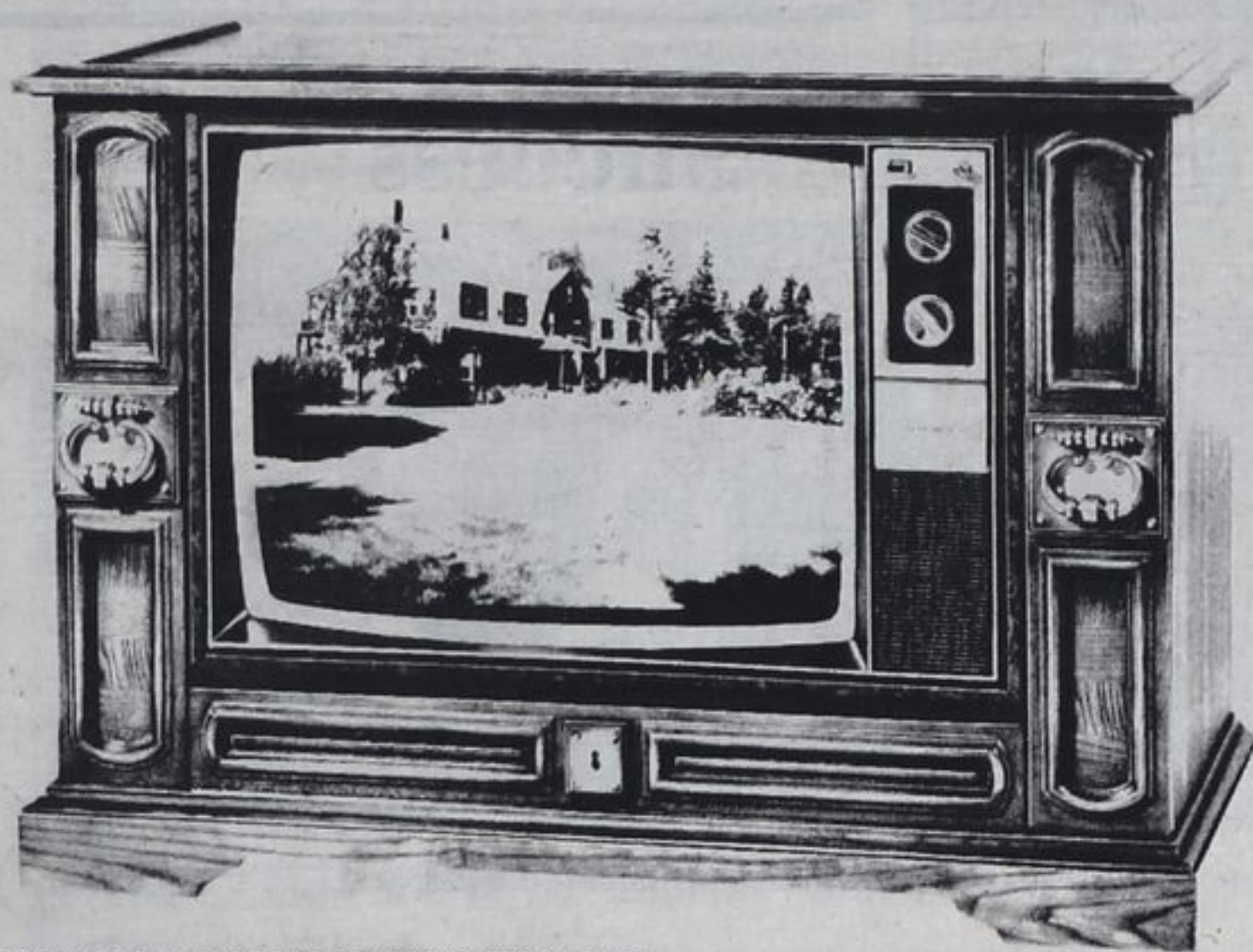


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