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Canadians friendly claims Swiss miss



Nineteen-year-old Yvonne Blauer of Switzerland is spending a portion of the summer with the Poell family on Elm Road, Stouffville. She's looking forward to a trip to Florida with Nancy and David Darling, Loretta Crescent South and later will visit Montreal, Philadelphia and Eldorado, Arkansas before returning home. Since her arrival here, Yvonne has taken up tennis and has become quite proficient at the sport.

—Paula Crowell

By Paula Crowell
STOUFFVILLE — One of the major differences between Canada and Switzerland is that people are more relaxed and friendly here.

That's the opinion of Yvonne Blauer, a Swiss visitor who's staying with the Poell family on Elm Road in Stouffville.

Yvonne, Mr. Poell's cousin, recently graduated from a college in Neuchatel where she studied French and English.

Another aspect of Canada that surprised her was the climate. "I didn't know it would be so hot here. I can't believe you have a cold winter, even colder than in Switzerland, yet you have such a hot summer," she said.

Yvonne, 19, arrived a month ago and will do some travelling in Canada and the United States before returning home. She is spending two weeks in Florida with Nancy and David Darling of Loretta Crescent South.

Following her return from Florida, she'll go on to Philadelphia, Montreal, and then to Eldorado, Arkansas, to visit other relatives.

Yvonne knew no English before starting college three years ago. Now she speaks the language very well, although English was taught only two hours a week. She thinks the school system in Switzerland is better than in Canada.

"I think our system is more difficult, you have so many more chances (to get an education). If we don't study, we can't continue."

Extra study time may be easier to find because of fewer diversions in Switzerland compared with here as Yvonne pointed out. Television in Switzerland is limited. There are fewer channels than in Canada, and programming does not take place all day.

"You can't watch it (television) in the morning."

She added that except in the tourist towns, most communities offer little night life. "After 8 p.m. the streets are dead," she said. "We have night clubs where there are people, but (the people are) not in the streets. The latest our shops stay open is 6:30."

Yvonne hopes to use her native tongue, German, as well as French and English as a flight attendant, or working in a hotel.

"I came here with Air Canada. There were air hostesses from Switzerland (working on the plane). So maybe I'll go with Air Swiss or Air Canada," she said optimistically.

She decided to travel immediately after graduating before she settled down in a job. Yvonne will return home in October.

Choice

YORK CENTRE
— Andrew Grant, president of the York Centre Progressive Conservative Riding Association has announced the executive committee's undivided support of MPP Don Cousens' re-nomination Sept. 11.

The nomination meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., in the Thornhill Community Centre.

Guest speaker will be the Hon. Frank Drea, Minister of Community and Social Services.

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George Ross Studio

Video era has arrived

By Paula Crowell
STOUFFVILLE — Wedding memories used to consist of brown, faded photographs accompanied by the foggy recollections of the bride, her attendants and others in the wedding party, but not any more.

George Ross, local photographer and camera-store owner, has added videotaping to his wedding photography services to keep up with the demand from engaged couples. "You have to go along with the trend," he says.

Many are opting for video coverage of their weddings. They can choose to have the whole wedding day videotaped, or part of it.

The addition was a major investment for George, with \$10,000 worth of equipment involved. Besides cameras, microphones and videotape recorders, costly editing machines were necessary to produce a finished product.

George Ross claims the only similarity between still

photography and video is lighting. "All the rest was new to us," he said. "We did two or three weddings, free of charge," as trial runs. "Unfortunately, there's no course that teaches one how to do video productions for weddings."

He explained how one camera is set up at the front of the church, while the photographer operates another from the back so as not to intrude on the ceremony.

"This way we show an overall rear view of the church, then zoom in on the bride and groom and later switch to the front camera to picture the congregation," something photographers don't normally show.

George says if the couple wish a tape of the ceremony, they can have it edited and returned in time for the reception.

He places the cost of videotaping a wedding at about \$300.



Through the modern-day magic of video, the bride and groom can view their afternoon wedding ceremony while hosting the reception at night. George Ross Photography of Stouffville now offers this service, an investment in cameras and equipment that cost many thousands of dollars. "It's whatever the couples want," George says, "one has to go along with the trend."

—Jim Thomas