



**French/English poses no problem for exchange partners Tasneem and Claire**

During her 10-day stay to Canada, 17-year-old Claire Chedot (right), from Carpentras, France, and her host, Tasneem Doctor, 18, find the only language barrier is in discussing foods. They've had to read package labels in French to help decide what they're eating. —Erkki Pohjolainen

Here until April 5

**French student enjoys Canada**

**By ERKKI POHJOLAINEN**  
STOUFFVILLE — When 17-year-old Claire Chedot, from Carpentras, France, arrived at Markham Dist. High School, her 18-year-old host, Tasneem Doctor, didn't recognize her.

As one of 40 exchange students from France, Claire sent a letter and photo of herself to her host, but even with the picture, Tasneem couldn't pick out her guest.

Claire and the other exchange students will stay in Canada until April 5, taking trips to the Science Centre, CN Tower, Niagara Falls and other interesting sites. As well, they'll attend classes with their hosts.

After a day in Tasneem's Grade 13 course at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, the girls noted several differences between the two educational systems.

During an interview, Tasneem told The Tribune she felt schools in France are "a little more advanced. Claire is a year younger than me and she's studying the same things—at least in Physics. We were reviewing work for a test and she knew everything."

With good command of the English language, Claire said she found Canadian and French schools "quite different. In France we don't get to choose subjects like the students do here."

She also noted, "Canadian teachers are warmer and closer to the students."

**DIFFERENCES**  
Claire said she "wants to discover what Canadian life is like."

What she's seen so far "is quite different."

The most noticeable difference, Claire noted, is in the number of large apartment and office buildings. "Here you see many more large buildings," she said.

Comparing the two cultures, Claire said: "I think Canadian people are more friendly and they ask a lot of questions. In France, they would just say 'Hello, how are you?' and that would be all."

After the first day with her guest, Tasneem noted some of the differences she has discovered between the two cultures—particularly in the "cuisine department."

"They don't have bagels in France," Tasneem said, jokingly adding, "and we're not yet sure if they have sour cream."

The worst problem the two girls have encountered is in "describing foods," Tasneem said. "We had to take things out of the cupboard and read the list of ingredients in French."

Having visited England, Germany and Greece, Claire said she wasn't at all apprehensive about coming to North America.

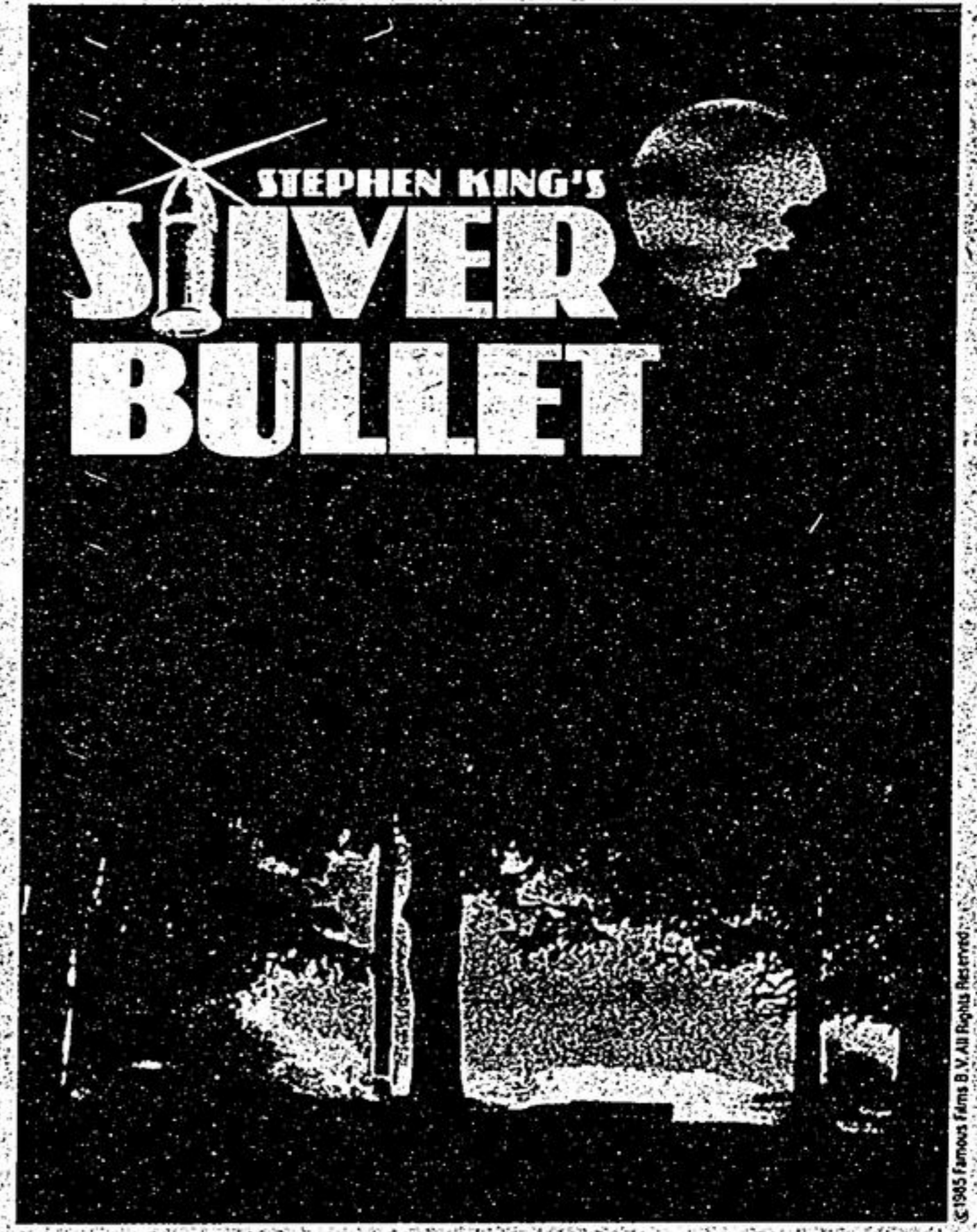
"About two months ago, students were asked if they would like to have a guest from France. From a list of names, we were told to pick someone who we thought we could best get along with," Tasneem explained.

She chose Claire.  
Both girls said their knowledge of each other's customs and language has prospered from the time they've spent together.

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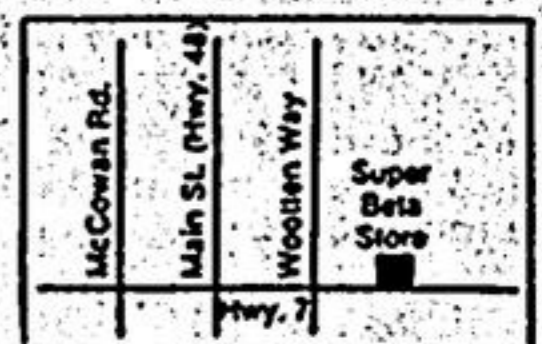
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**Host Maple Syrup Supper**

**By ELSIE BOLAND**  
GOODWOOD — Don't forget to bring your appetite to the Maple Syrup Supper tomorrow (April 3) at Goodwood Community Centre. It begins at 5 p.m. and continues until all are served. Cost of the hot-ham meal is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, and pre-schoolers free. Come on out and have a good feed!

The adult choir at Goodwood United Church performed a lovely cantata on Good Friday. It was a pretty sight to see the members dressed in their red gowns inside a nicely decorated sanctuary. Organist Bob Willoughby played some super-spirited music for us all to devour. After the cantata, everyone went down into the church basement for lunch and refreshments. All agreed the evening was a good way to celebrate Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday, the remainder of the cantata was sung by the congregation during a morning service. Bob Avery performed a reading and Rev. Edith Ann McManiman delivered the message, followed by communion. Attendance was high for both the Friday and Sunday worships.

The choir deserves great credit for the cantata, especially Mr. Willoughby, who arranged and directed the program. The junior choir also performed two selections.

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