



MR. AND MRS. HECTOR SCHEEL of R.R. 2, Arnprior, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 11.

Last Saturday afternoon and evening, they held an "at home" in the basement of the First Baptist Church, the same church in which they were married, at which their many friends and relatives honored them.

Mrs. Scheel is the former Hilda Nieman. The couple have four children, Mrs. Dorothy Russett, Alan, Gerald and John. They also have seven grandchildren.

Princely Ride

Prince Charles rode in a car from Arnprior during his stay in Ottawa.

The car was a 1970 plum-colored Cadillac convertible from Reid Bros. car sales here. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police picked the car up on Thursday and it was used to transport the Prince around on Friday morning. The RCMP returned the "princely" car on Friday at noon.

Scant Rainfall

Rainfall for May and June this year amounted to very little more than that in the drought year of 1965.

May and June rainfall this year amounted to 3.83 inches while the 1965 rainfall for the same months measured 3.59 inches. Last year, rainfall in May and June amounted to 7.77 inches.

Local meteorologist Tom Havey said yesterday that while pastures are dried up this year, the farm crops are generally in good shape. He said that about 48 hours of steady rain would clear up the pasture dryness.

Mr. Havey remarked that the 1965 drought was blamed on the lack of rain but a greater factor in it was that the previous winter had little or no snow and thus winter kill took a great toll that year.

Renfrew South MLA Paul Yakabuski said in a telephone interview yesterday that due to increased crop insurance programs, farmers need no longer fear massive droughts such as the 1965 one.

However, he admitted that the province has no legislation on the books dealing with droughts. "Droughts are natural disasters," Mr. Yakabuski said, adding that drought relief must be assessed on an individual basis depending on the size and magnitude of the problem.