

H. H. S. Jubilant As Team Takes NOSSA Title

On Friday afternoon, the Haileybury High School Maroons won the Central N.O.S.S.A. football championship with a 16-6 trouncing of Cobalt.

In spite of the trouncing, however, the Cobalters made it close for the first half and at one time led the game by a close 6-5 margin. It was the season's fifth win for the locals and a long way from the team that had trouble winning games during the past few years.

It was the first championship in a long while for the High School and it was even more glorified by the entering of two new teams in the local circuit which made the competition much keener.

Touchdowns in the game went to O'Grady, Connelly and Fleming, with Poppleton booting the lone convert for the hometowners.

Haileybury thus ended the football season with a record of five wins, two losses and a tie, one point ahead of Cobalt and are already planning the purchase of championship crests and sweaters. The team: Poppleton Fleming, Bond, O'Grady, Connelly, Parent, Grignon, Tuer, Cam-sell, Doran, Lowell Barstead, Tyson, Walli, Brummell Lyn Barstead, Beasley, Weiss.

UNITY NOT ALWAYS STRENGTH

By The Wayfarer

The main preoccupation of most of our major cities appears to be to become the largest in the county, Province, even Dominion. The word goes round: Increase our population at all costs—our city must be bigger (and presumably by a devious reasoning, greater) than the next city down the line.

It is difficult to see any intrinsic merit in being a city of over a million or, for that matter, over ten million, and there are many factors on the debit side; to name a few, traffic congestion, shortage of housing, and most important, civil defence.

The recent disastrous floods in Western Toronto seem to be a most effective argument against this incessant "centralization"

This "Beehive" principle—the maximum population crammed into the minimum area, is particularly dangerous when viewed from the standpoint of Defence and Unemployment.

In regard to the first, it is a

matter of real concern to most thinking people residing away from the big cities. what would happen in the event of a major war. It would appear that things stand at the moment, three or four well placed atom or hydrogen bombs, on such cities as Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, would bring the rest of the country to a grinding standstill within hours.

Hurricane Hazel's efforts can not be minimized in terms of loss of life, property and general misery, and yet, in comparison with even an "old fashioned" explosive bombing blitz, the actual damage done was relatively small.

As late as the Wednesday following, repercussions of Hazel were still being felt throughout the province, in areas far from the actual scene of the disaster. These repercussions, it is true were of a minor nature, but if one considers that in a real blitz in a real war, that night's devastation would, in all probability, have been followed by a similar attack on Saturday and Sunday, the general chaos that would ensue can only be imagined.

It is a symptom of faulty reasoning to have the greater part of a country relying to any great extent on three or four major centres as we do today. To take one major centre as an example; should the Toronto-Hamilton belt be put out of action—as it could, in a matter of minutes—it appears that immediately the remainder of Canada would be cut off from automobiles and auto equipment, electrical components, heavy steel construction, canned, frozen and packaged foods, to name but a few products of that general area.

If a man has his head cut off, he dies. If a common earthworm has his head cut off, the rest of him scampers off happily—perhaps we should seek to emulate the worm—for safety's sake.

One would hesitate to compare Canada with Japan in any way, but it should be remembered that Japan became—from a backward, primitive country—a great industrial power, by decentralizing. Her industry has spread throughout the land, in little workshops and plants, in backyards and houses. While we need never go as far as that, the idea is sound, for it is a matter of historical fact that, at least until the atom bomb, the ordinary bombing of Japan was not completely successful—was not at least crippling, as it was, for instance, in Germany.

Another great argument in favor of decentralization is un-

employment. The present general exodus from rural to city life, admittedly unhealthy and undesirable, could be halted by the setting up of suitable industries in our small towns. The Government at all levels, Municipal, Provincial and Federal could encourage this by making tax concessions to manufacturers building their plants in rural areas, the labour force would still be available, and the people would be living, and working in congenial healthy surroundings. So many of our small towns at present depend to a great extent on one or two local factories, and when they, for any reason, lay off their help, there are no more jobs available for anyone. The unfortunate consequence of this, of course, is that all the rural "jobless" make for the big city, there to add to existing unemployment and congestion.

In Ontario alone, there are



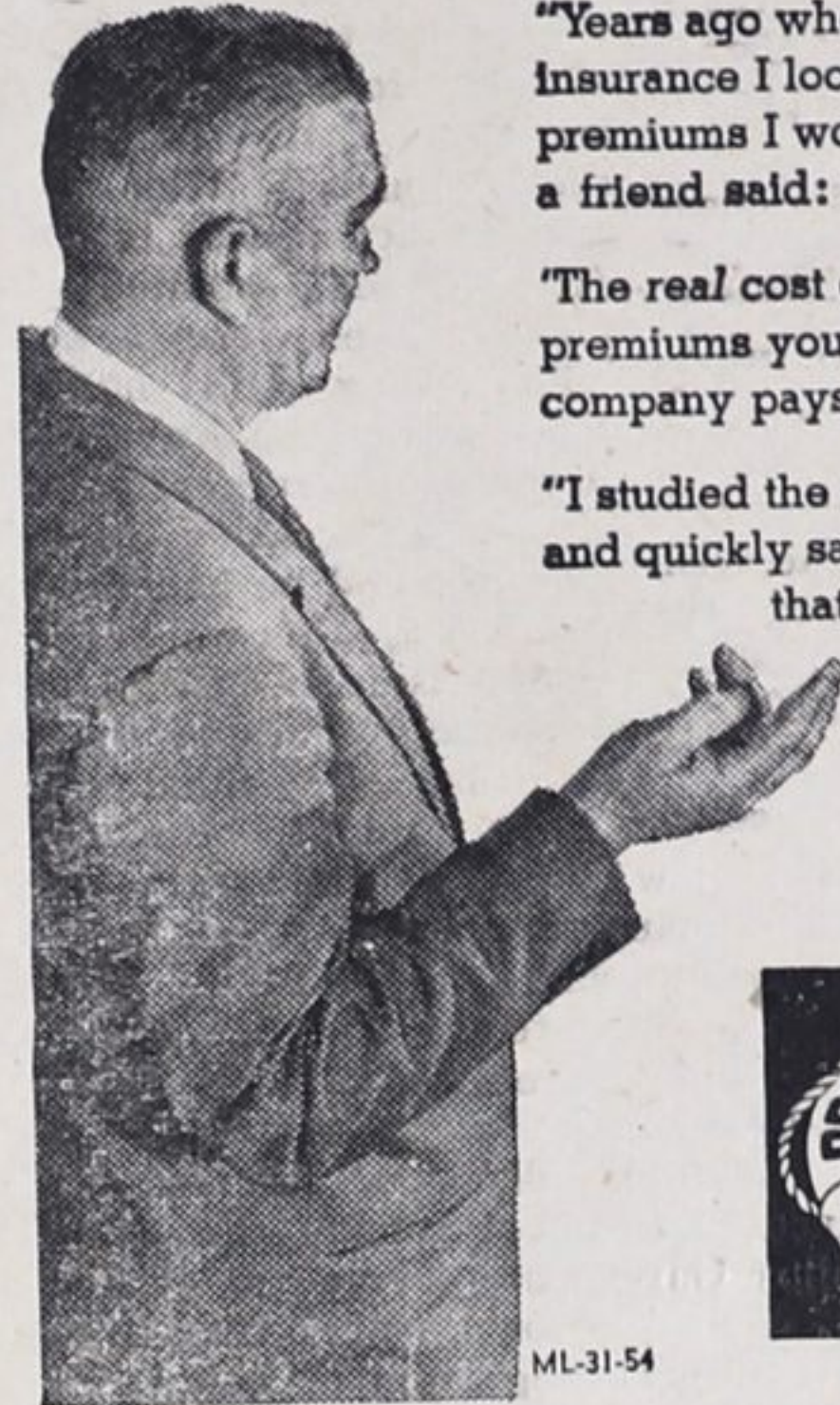
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