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Well, the kids are going back to school, and a jolly good thing, too.

Another month of eating purple popples, green apples, cold pop and cucumber sandwiches and they'd probably never be the same.

It's a wonder their mothers aren't ready for an institution after the kids have been on holidays for a couple of weeks.

There's a real war on, consisting of persistent sniping and skirmishing by the small fry, interspersed by an occasional shriek of rage from mother, as she bats off a steady barrage of demands to go swimming, go to the show, go for an ice cream cone, go in bare feet, and not go to bed.

And they're always dirty. They can be put outside fresh from a bath and with clean clothes on. Twelve seconds later they look like something that just crawled out from under a stone.

You should hear the hearty laugh my wife emits when our daughter walks in with mud all over her third clean dress of the day.

"Oh well, kids will be kids," she mutters through gritted teeth, seizing her fiercely by the pony tail and marching her up to the bathroom.

School re-opening is grand for the teachers, too. They're tired to death of nothing but holidays, holidays. They're lonely for their sweet little charges.

They can't wait to take that first deep breath of schoolroom air, made up of the nostalgic odors of chalk, paint, and running shoes. Besides, they've been taking nerve tonic all summer and are ready to grapple with the little monsters for another ten months.

For Dad, the opening of school is a sad occasion. For one thing all the kids need new shoes. Invariably, the old clothes they wore to school last year are about four sizes too small.

It's not so bad if the kids are all of the same sex (that naughty word again.) You can hand down the jeans and sweaters and shoes. But when you get a boy, then a girl,

then a boy, and so on, you have to start digging.

In the second place, it's the end of father's peaceful breakfast hour. In the summer time he gets up in the cool of morning, enjoys a leisurely breakfast along with a paper or a novel propped against the coffee pot.

During the school term, breakfast time at our place is sheer hell. One kid wandering around in his underwear, looking for the pants and shoes he took off last night. The other is demanding some breakfast.

The mother has the ironing-board up and is ironing another shirt for the boy, because the one he is supposed to wear has two buttons missing and there's no time to sew them on.

The father is slicing oranges, pouring cereal, burning his fingers on the toast and trying to make the coffee perk through sheer will power, since he forgot to turn on the burner. He seldom gets more than a cup of coffee too hot to drink before he has to rush off, smeared with a couple of marmalade kisses.

It's hard to tell what the kids themselves think of going back to school. They profess to be disgusted, but I think most of them are secretly pleased, especially the little girls.

After all, it's pretty hard for them to strike up a romance with a small type male in the summer, when he's usually going somewhere on the dead run, is always doing things girls don't do, and is very often dirty and a bit on the smelly side.

But it's a different story when she gets him sitting behind, be front or across from her in school, and she can smile at him, snub him, make him talk when he shouldn't, tell the teacher when he pinches her, and generally pursue the arts of courtship of a small type female.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO VETERAN BANDSMAN BAND IS ENTERTAINED

The Georgetown Brass and Reed band were entertained at a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott, Maple Avenue West, on Tuesday, September 17. The band members brought their instruments along and entertained their hosts with an hour and a half of marches and light musical selections on the lawn. Later they retired to the recreation room where refreshments were served.

The band combined the evening with a brief band meeting in which Ern Forgrave spoke on behalf of the band to congratulate their senior member Art Herbert, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday. In his reply, Mr. Herbert who has been a musician since his youth said that some of his greatest pleasures had come from playing with the band. On Monday the junior band practice was the scene of a surprise party as the pupils presented Mr. Herbert with a large birthday cake and 70 candles. Mr. Herbert has been one of the most faithful workers with the young organization.

All the members joined in a sing song with the accompaniment provided by Jim Burns at the piano and Roy Cook on accordion. In appreciation of the evening Art Herbert presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Scott on behalf of the band. The next engagement for the band is in Milton on Sunday the 29th when they march in a church parade with the Milton firemen.

CYCLIST SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

A young cyclist proceeding east down the Guelph Street hill was lucky to escape with only a minor injury when his bicycle collided with a car making a left turn on to Water Street Saturday evening.

The boy, a pupil of Wrigglesworth public school, was knocked to the pavement by a car driven by Alan Deneaux, R. R. 3, Georgetown at about 8:20 p.m. He was taken to Dr. Macintosh's office for treatment of an injured right foot. The accident which resulted in \$30 damage to the bike and \$10 to the car.

RETIREES AS PRESIDENT OF TICKET AGENT GROUP

John R. Barber, local travel and insurance agent, retired as president of the Canadian Passenger Agent Association when he attended the annual convention in Buffalo, N.Y., this week. Mr. Barber completed his year's term of office when he officiated at business sessions of the group which convened in a Buffalo hotel.

12-Man Council for Burlington, Town, Nelson are United

The Ontario Municipal Board issued its final order annexing Nelson Township and the southern portion of East Flamboro to the town of Burlington last week.

The 1958 Council will consist of a mayor, reeve and deputy reeve, elected at large, with one councillor elected from each of the nine wards into which the town has been divided.

Nomination day will be Nov. 18th at the Burlington High School from 7 to 8 p.m.

A Board of Education will be established according to the provisions of the secondary school act. Seven members will be elected at large, four for two years and three for one year. The Separate School Board will appoint one member, and other appointments will be made by county council.

The part of the Waterdown high school district within the annexed area will be attached to the Burlington high school district.

Pupils from the annexed area will be required to attend the Waterdown high school until such time as pupils' attendance at Waterdown attains 90 per cent of its rated accommodation.

The Burlington Board of Education will pay the Waterdown board the prescribed fees for such non-resident people, until 90 per cent is reached, after which it will also pay for all available and unused pupil accommodation at Waterdown up to 90 per cent.

A Public Utilities Commission has been established to control the waterworks and hydro system. It will be made up of five elected members.

The Burlington Suburban Planning Board will continue in full force while the Nelson Planning Board will be dissolved.

All sewer and water areas in the new municipality will be dissolved and a single new area in the southern half of the municipality will be set up.

This area will include the lands south of the Upper Middle Road, from the Trafalgar to the Guelph Lines; then on a projection of the Upper Middle Road to the Nelson township limits; then southerly to the new controlled access highway and south of that road in that portion of East Flamboro annexed to Burlington.

Nova Scotia Publisher Heads Weekly Newsmen

G. Cecil Day, publisher of the Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Advance, was elected president of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association at the association convention in Banff last week.

Mr. Day, who has built his paper from a struggling weekly with circulation of less than 500 into a publication of over 5,000, is an example of the success which is possible despite physical handicap.

Crippled since youth by polio, Mr. Day has transacted business and edited a newspaper while constantly using crutches or a wheelchair.

H. E. McCormick of the Montreal Monitor was elected first vice president of the association and L. E. Barber of the Chilliwack, B.C., Progress, will serve as second vice president.

Directors elected, by province, include: British Columbia: G. C. Hacker, Abbotsford News; A. H. Aisgard, Powell River News.

Alberta: Ken Patrige, Camrose, Canadian; B. P. Knowles, Fort Saskatchewan Fort Record.

Saskatchewan: Walter Telfer, Humboldt Journal; John Pinckney, Rosetown Eagle; C. A. Ashfield, Grenfell Sun.

Manitoba: Mel MacDonald, Pilot Mount Sentinel - Courier; G. C. Kroft, Selkirk Enterprise.

Ontario: W. Leavens, Bolton Enterprise; E. A. Spence, Strathroy, Age-Dispatch; C. H. Nolan, Stouffville Tribune; Bert Smith, Port Credit Weekly.

Quebec: Lucien Guertin, Shawinigan Falls L'Echo du St. Maurice; K. D. Campbell, Rosemere Northern Beacon.

New Brunswick: J. L. McKenna, Sussex, Kings County Record.

Nova Scotia: G. C. Murray, Pictou Advocate; Fred Beattie, Annapolis Royal Spectator.

Committee Chairmen elected were:

Executive: G. A. Mills, Acton, Ontario, Free Press.

Editorial: Irwin Macintosh, North Battleford, Sask., News.

Membership: J. A. Vopni, Davidson, Sask., Leader.

Circulation: Fred Johns, Leduc, Alberta, Representative.

Printing: Syd Stevens, Shaunavon, Sask., Standard.

Paper: A. W. Hanks, St. James, Manitoba, Leader.

Better Newspapers Competition, Helen Marsh, Dauphin, Man., Herald.

Advertising: W. James, Bowmanville, Ont., Canadian Statesman.

Postal and Parliamentary: E. G. Gage, St. John's, Que., News.

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