



SCOUTS GATHER their belongings for an early trip home after Thursday's severe storm upset tents and scattered equipment of the Ontario Jamboree at Kelso.

SURVEYING THE DEBRIS these disappointed Scouts can only shake their heads in disbelief. The campsite resembled the aftermath of a tornado. (See story below.)

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Violent Storm Curtails Jamboree Activities

The violent thunder and lightning storm that pounded this area Thursday had a bonus for the 3,000 Scouts camped at the Ontario Jamboree at Kelso — gale force winds which dealt the assembly a knockout blow. The storm blew down 300 of the 800 tents pitched in the north Halton conservation area, cancelling the remaining part of the week long program. This touched off a mass exodus from the campsite.

Overseas Vet. Ed Hill Dies After Heart Attack

A veteran of overseas service in World War II, Edward Albert Hill, 54, died in North-western General Hospital, Toronto, following a heart attack, August 18. Born in Glen Williams, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill and attended Glen Williams public school and Georgetown high school. He was employed with Smith & Stone, Ltd., until 1950 when he moved to Toronto and since then had worked at Sisco's Espresso Garage. He was a member of Branch 120, Canadian Legion, the Toronto St. George's Society and St. Clair United Church. He leaves his wife, Nora Stamp, whom he married in 1950, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Barbara Cooper of Toronto, and a sister Una (Mrs. Curly Wheeler) of Glen Williams. Funeral service on August 19 at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Kelvin Johnston and interment was in Glen Williams Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bruce Harley, Walter Brandford, Bud Hill, Roy Smith, Gib Telford and Jim Dobbie. Flower bearers were Jim Dickenson, Bob Martin, Art Hills, and Joe Donnelly, Toronto.

Population Boom Hits Schools Tues.

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Want Pupils Sent to City For Education in French

A bid by parents of 14 French speaking high school pupils to have their children attend a French language school in Metro at the Georgetown District High School Board's expense lit a stony Monday night. At the high school board meeting in a staff room Mr. Andre Lecuyer, representing the parents, was read a letter from the Department of Education by board secretary Ernie Forgrave stating the school they had selected, De Charbonnel in North York, is a registered private school not eligible for consideration as a publicly supported French language Secondary School. Bill 111 which received final reading July 3 established the right of the French-speaking population of Ontario to receive a free secondary school education in French language Secondary Schools where they are available. De Charbonnel's upper grades are classified as a "separate school" and lower grades, 9 and 10, as a "private school."

Plans Afoot for Future Widening Guelph St.

Another large project, the reconstruction of Guelph St. from the post office (Maple Avenue) to the Main Street bridge, was vaguely discussed at council Monday night. By then the new bridge would be completed. Cr. W. Smith proposed that Damas and Smith prepare a functional planning report of the area. He deemed it a five year job, with many properties affected. "It could be called phase 4 of the highway reconstruction," said the road chairman. "This report would give us some idea of the costs facing us over the next five years." He cited the land and the creek by Dodge Brothers as a big problem. Deputy Reeve Speight termed it good long range planning, but Cr. Smith withdrew the motion to investigate the cost of the study.

Cider Makers For Three Generations, Now at Norval

After three generations of cider making in Islington urban sprawl brought Hugh Webb and his cider to Norval. The former Webb family farm where rows of apple trees stood for years is now houses and concrete superhighways on Dundas Street West, Islington. "After looking over hundreds of miles of lands I ended my search at the top of Norval hill" said Mr. Webb. Here business has been so successful that he has to erect sold out signs shortly after each cider season starts. This year the beer strike gave him a boost since he also handles supplies for home made beer and wine. "A hobby that is really booming," says the cider maker. "In the past the Webb family used only apples from their own orchards. Now, however, he buys from other farmers to produce his famous cider which he sells in bottles, barrels and by the glass. The road side stand attracts many a thirsty traveller who is served from a wooden keg with a spigot on it. While out of cider for the present, the Webb stand will be restocked and selling again in mid-September.

Boards Await Wave of New Pupils With Crossed Fingers

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A Look At The Weather Thursday's Cloudburst Heaviest in Four Years

With several days left in the month, August 1968 is already the third wettest since 1885 (84th year). So far, 6.75 inches of rain has fallen, over two-thirds of it in 2 heavy storms. Shortly after midnight on August 6, 1.93" was recorded, and last Thursday evening (Aug. 22) 2.54" fell. As most of this rainfall has fallen in thunderstorms it is surprising to note how even the total has been across the region. On Thursday, Milton received 2.66", and Toronto City 2.80". However, 4.37" was reported from Kelso, near Milton, the site of the Scouts' Disaster Area. If no more rain falls before 2.00 a.m., Sept. 1, then the August 1968 will follow 1915 (7.32") and 1955 (7.24"). Only two others recorded over 8 inches: 1923 (6.53") and 1937 (6.12"). Thursday's inundation was the heaviest since July 12-23, 1954, when 2.73" fell overnight, but is the heaviest August amount since August 13, 1955, when the remains of Hurricane "Connie" dropped 3.02". There was an even heavier fall in a thunderstorm on August 10, 1937, when 3.76" fell. The heat of last week produced a record-tying 91 degrees on August 24, equalling the 1927 temperature on that date. The all-time high for the month is 96, set on August 1st, 1955. Despite the heavy rains, temperatures are running slightly above normal for August, and sunshine hours may reach 300 by the 31st. — Roger Smith

RATEPAYERS HEAR PRINCIPAL

Fewer Exams, More Pupil Responsibility: Furlong

In an informal address to the Halton Hills Ratepayers, last Wednesday night, Michael J. Furlong, principal of Georgetown District high school, came out on the side of fewer examinations, no corporal punishment, a gradual increasing of responsibility for students, and the ignoring of personal matters of dress and hairdo. He admitted educators are in a ticklish situation, with no one knowing exactly where they are going, except toward more and more change. He stated he aimed for a happy balance between strict rules and regulations and extreme permissiveness. Knowledge Doubled "I'm not sure what we're preparing students for," he commented as he outlined the great mass of knowledge necessary in today's world. He claimed all accumulated knowledge had doubled between 1700 and 1900, then redoubled between 1900 and 1950, and then redoubled again between 1950 and 1980. "Should we go on teaching Latin, Home Economics? Is there a place for them?" he asked. He remarked the Hall report suggests the teachers not teach content, but rather the ability to think, but he added "you have to give them something to think about." County Boards Turning to the County Boards of Education, to be in operation by January, he contended the theory of equal opportunity for all sexes was right, but reminded the ratepayers they would not have the Board directly under their control. "It is your responsibility to elect a responsible type." "We need some proper program psychiatric programs with both psychiatrists and psychologists available to students on a routine basis, this may be possible on a county wide basis," he added. His next statement had a familiar ring to many parents. "When I was younger I thought I knew everything about bringing up children." He then listed some of the things he now considers the best for both parent and child. He suggested not trying to keep them under the thumb too long, but rather to give more and more responsibility. "Disregard things that don't matter, like long hair or too much make up," he suggested. Can't Ignore Some He stressed however that certain items cannot be ignored. He cited the whereabouts of the students, and his companions. In explaining his stand on responsibility he suggested Grade 9's need a lot of Guidance, but the Grade 12's and 13's should be made responsible for themselves. In matters of homework, for instance, he said he feels only necessary homework for drill purposes should be given as the student gets older, with no checking to see if it has been done. "They must take the responsibility themselves." As a small innovation he suggested the elimination of bells to detect periods, saying it had worked in America his previous school. Tests For Exams In a free-wheeling question and answer period, he advocated fewer examinations. "The Department says we have been teaching for examinations rather than for knowledge and understanding. We will probably have more casual testing, on a more frequent basis," he opined. In reply to a question on the year round use of schools, the principal replied, "As a teacher..." (Continued on Page 3)



HUGH WEBB draws a cool one from his cider barrel

Skating Club Hires Two Czech Pros

Georgetown Figure Skating Club pupils will be taught by two Czechoslovakian professionals and another as yet unnamed this season. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rychlorsky, who have performed in International competition in Europe and have been connected with Holiday on Ice Show for some time. Relative newcomers to Canada, they are currently living in Toronto. Three weeks ago the Georgetown club finalized an agreement with the Milton Figure Skating Club to hire the Czechs. The two clubs have a working arrangement whereby pupils from one club will be able to travel to the other if they want more ice time. A Georgetown club official told The Herald this week a third pro will be hired because of the larger enrolment anticipated for the upcoming season. LIFT RESTRICTION ALL'S WELL WITH WATER All restrictions on the use of water were lifted Monday night when council rescinded the water use by-law. "All restrictions are now off" said water chairman Speight. "We wanted to give No. 4 well a good shake down first and we did. The well is producing at rated capacity." He reported the switch on the well was struck by lightning Thursday night, but was replaced. "My house was struck by lightning too," interjected Cr. John Hole. He then asked the capacity of the well. "We are getting over a million gallons a day," replied Deputy Reeve Speight.

GREASE BLAZE

A fire late Wednesday afternoon did only minor damage to a house at 83 Baylaw Crescent where grease on the kitchen range caught fire. The firemen had flames out minutes the 5.10 alarm was given.