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DEVELOPERS AID IN RAINSTORM

Developers accustomed to words of condemnation in council chambers, would have been heartened to hear Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson's warm words of praise for their help in combating the flooding after Monday's heavy rainstorm.

R. H. Winters and Associates, Alcan, and Pelli Construction, offered their men and equipment to the town, and put them at the disposal of town superintendent Frank Morette.

Words of praise for the town superintendent and his men, who worked throughout the day and night, were also spoken by the mayor.

Mountainview To Get Lights

Many a weary motorist will be relieved to learn there will be traffic lights installed at the corner of Guelph St. and Mountainview Road.

Monday night council was informed that the Dept. of Transport had approved the lights and would pay the normal subsidy on their installation.

The actual time of installation is not yet known.

First Place Winners At Music Festival

Russ Hunter, R. R. 2, Georgetown, was an outstanding winner at the Canadian Music League festival at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, last week.

He won first place for solo and second for duet in the intermediate plectrum guitar class, scoring 91 points for his first place win.

Street Dance for Sidewalk Sale

Council okayed the holding of a street dance Friday night, August 15, in conjunction with the downtown merchants' three-day sidewalk sale.

The street dance will be held on Main Street between Church and Mill streets from 8 in the evening till one o'clock, while the sidewalk sale will run from Thursday, August 14 till Saturday, August 16.

Sewage in Basement, Irate Ratepayers Want Damages

Council waived the procedure by-law to hear Ted Lawrence, 4 Shelley Street, tell of his basement flooded with water and sewage, as the result of Monday's severe rainstorm.

He apologized to council if there was a bad odour hanging around him, "I've been cleaning my basement of sewage until now," he explained.

Beaver Lumber Gets Highway Site Okay

Council approved the rezoning of a portion of No. 7 Highway, Monday night, which will enable Beaver Lumber company to move to their new site, next to the Sunoco station, near Sinclair Avenue.

The amended zoning by-law had the area along the highway designated high density apartments, but with the building of Sunoco and A. & P. before the high density zoning was official, the Planning Board decided it should be C2, (commercial).

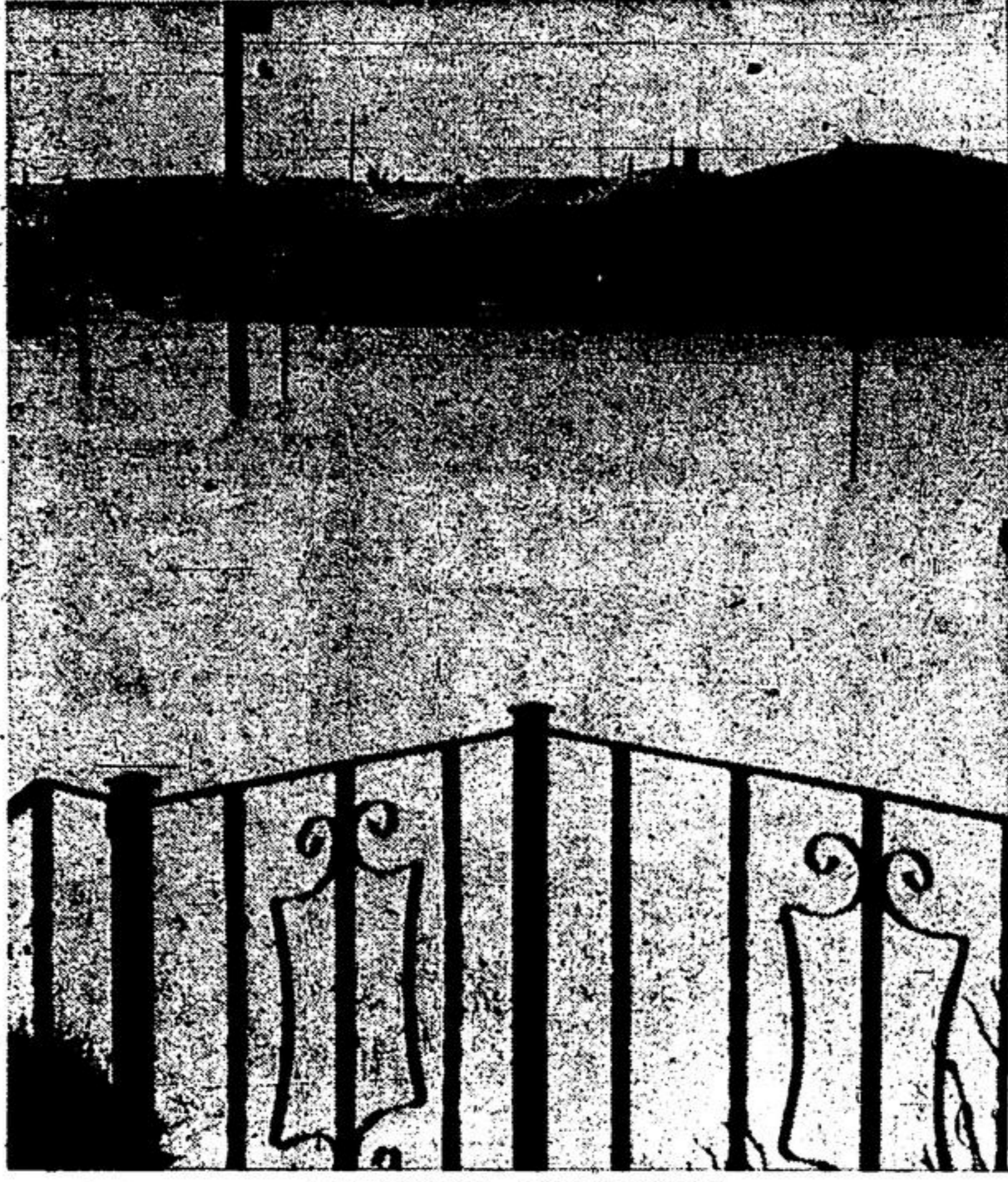
The high density designation was wiped out from the north east corner of lot 78 along to Masson Motors.

"I am very pleased with this action by the Planning Board," said the mayor, "since we are short of vacant commercial land."

Consider Improving Dangerous Intersection

The engineer will be asked to prepare a plan to improve the intersection of River Drive and Mountainview Road, council decided Monday night.

Road chairman W. Smith stated "This was simply a suggestion for widening the section just north of the intersection." In reply to a question from Reeve Hunter about lowering the road just below the intersection, the road chairman said it was a major job, and would cost too much to do this year.



LAKESIDE COTTAGES?

That's what these Delrex Boulevard homes were for a couple of hours Monday when the flood reached its peak.

Committed for Trial Non-Capital Murder

Eighteen year old Phillip White of Georgetown was sent to trial for the non-capital murder of his father Robert White.

After hearing testimony in a preliminary hearing in Halton County Court, Judge James R. Black ruled there is sufficient evidence for the youth to go on to trial in the Ontario Supreme Court at the fall as sizes. Trial date has not been set.

Phillip White is accused of shooting his father, May 4 with a .22 rifle following an argument at their Georgetown home.

White senior, an employee of the Ford plant in Bramalea,

died in Toronto General Hospital, May 23, the result of a bullet wound in the stomach.

The youth is being defended by well known lawyer Arthur Maloney of Toronto.

Prosecuting is Halton Crown Attorney Douglas Latimer.

Giving testimony were Eric Balkind, a neighbour, who said he heard an argument in the White backyard just before the shooting. He and William McDonald, another neighbour, took the wounded man to Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital.

Georgetown surgeon Dr. Bruce Duff told the hearing the

hospital had difficulty in matching the required blood type and when only eight pints were left decided it was too risky and transferred the patient to Toronto General Hospital.

Little Bethany Hill Now Healthy, 3 Mos

When little Bethany Margaret Hill was born in Georgetown Hospital on April 16, she weighed only one pound, twelve ounces. And a few days later she had lost four and a half of those precious ounces.

On July 16th Bethany arrived home at Limehouse with her parents, Carl and Gwen, a healthy three-month-old who now weighs almost 6 1/2 lbs.

And her parents credit the good care she received in hospital for her almost miraculous survival.

Until she reached 3 1/2 pounds, gavage feeding was used, by means of a tube through her nose and it was also an every two hours job in the nursery. Then the switch was made to a bottle.

Bethany has a sister Miriam, 6 and brother Graham, 3.

Injures Hand in Industrial Accident

An industrial accident at Goldup Plastics Ltd., 86 Todd Road, last week, sent 23 year old Jim Campbell, 27 Victoria Street to Toronto General Hospital, with injuries to his right hand.

His grandmother Mrs. Alex Brown, with whom he lives, but expects to be in hospital for another three or four weeks.

ROADS, CELLARS FLOODED IN DAMAGING CLOUDBURST

\$200 Damage to Car In Hit, Run Accident

An accident on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown's Industrial Park did \$400 to the cars involved.

Constable Charlie Harrison investigated the accident and placed damage at \$250 to a car being driven northbound by Jackson Wyman of Brampton, and \$150 to one being backed out of a driveway by Alan Lutgendorff of 130 Main Street S.

The collision happened at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday.

A hit and run accident reported Saturday to police did \$200 damage to a car owned by Anthony Francis Hurley of 33 Ewing Street. It was parked on the south side of Ewing Street facing east when struck in the rear. The driver of the second car didn't stick around to inspect the results.

Constable Henry Adema's report said the Hurley car was

pushed forward mounting a curb before coming to rest.

A rear end collision last Wednesday night at the corner of Guelph and Water Streets did \$100 damage to a car operated by Allan Lawrence of Acton. The other car, operated by Ted Dubblestein of Port Credit was not damaged. Constable Arnold Vanclief investigated.

\$32 Million Paid by Halton in Income Tax

Total income tax paid by Halton residents has soared by \$5,877,000 in one year.

The federal tax department's annual 'Green Book' shows Halton residents paid \$32,255,000 in 1967 - latest year for which figures are available.

According to the 1966 Green Book, Halton County people paid \$26,378,000 into federal and provincial coffers.

The number of residents in Halton earning over \$20,000 a year has also increased - 659 in 1967 compared with 495 the previous year.

The number earning between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually remained fairly stable, moving from 3,161 to 3,199.

In 1967, there were 4,577 persons in Halton who reported incomes under \$1,000.

The tax department says 35,610 taxable returns were filed in Halton for 1967 and total income reported was \$224,839,000.

Of this, \$194,789,000 was derived from wages and salaries. When all returns, including taxable and non-taxable, are included there were 42,277 from Halton and total income was \$230,345,000.

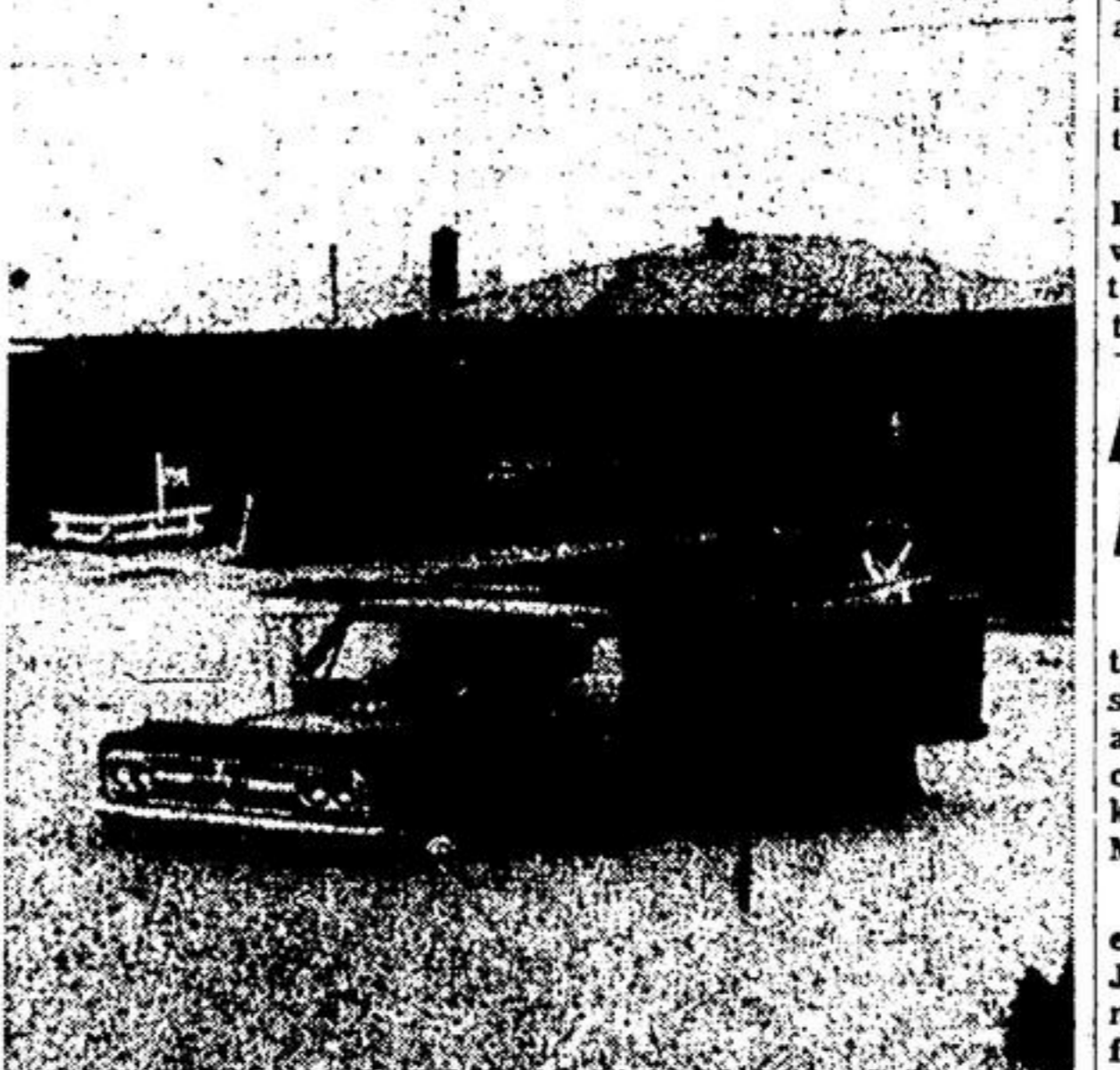
Georgetown Will Hire Plumbing Inspector

After much debate about municipalities sharing the cost of a plumbing inspector Georgetown has decided to go it alone.

Halton County announced it would no longer carry out plumbing inspections after September.

Council on Monday decided to advertise for an inspector, offering a salary of between six and seven thousand dollars and a car allowance of \$500.

Describing the situation, Reeve W. Hunter stated, "Nasagaweya and Esquising said no, they wouldn't share the cost of a joint plumbing inspector. Acton intimated they would hop on the train if they like the look. If not they'll stay out."



TRAFFIC ON DELREX SEAWAY

This was the scene at several local intersections where cars and trucks were stalled in high water. This one spluttered to a halt at the corner of Chelvin Drive and Delrex Blvd.



KIDS LOVED IT An east end swimming pool - the hard way.

Two Hour Downpour Too Much For Town's Ditches and Sewers

It wasn't forty days and forty nights - but the torrent which dropped something like three inches of water on Georgetown and district Monday afternoon put residents in the mood for ark building.

The unusually heavy downpour resulted in flash flooding in some areas of town where storm sewers and natural ground absorption couldn't handle it.

Town works superintendent Frank Morette told The Herald his department had over two hundred calls from people asking for aid in pumping water from basements and mopping up.

He said his entire staff was on the job moments after the downpour started and at one point had 12 pumps operating - some of them rented and others contributed by construction companies.

Flooding was most obvious at the intersections of Weber and Delrex, Chelvin and Delrex, Rexway and Delrex, on Mountainview North, Maple Avenue at Guelph, and on Fagan Drive, where muddy lakes up to five feet deep caused traffic tie-ups.

Some cars and trucks were trapped by the fast rising water and abandoned, and one foreign car drifted away from its parking spot on Delrex and had to be floated to dry land.

Serious flooding occurred in an estimated 20 homes in the east end of town. Worse off when it was all over the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McLaughlin of 19 Fagan Drive where the force of the water pushed in a window and filled the basement to first floor level, cracking the cellar floor and walls.

Mrs. McLaughlin, who was in the basement when the window broke, told The Herald the water rose so fast she barely made it upstairs.

A chesterfield suite which was among the items suffering water damage, was so heavy after submerging it had to be chopped up into pieces with an axe to be removed.

Cupboards and winter clothes in storage were also ruined by the water and mud.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scarborough, 4 Weber Dr., where water poured through the basement walls, a bed chesterfield and three other beds, a

dresser, and a freezer were among the long list of water damaged items.

The water reached a depth of three feet in the basement bedrooms of 2 daughters and Mrs. Scarborough's father, John Hicks, before subsiding. Their furnace, hot water heater, washing machine and dryer were all left inoperative.

The Georgetown Branch of the Red Cross supplied clothing for the girls whose bedrooms were in the downstairs dresser. They spent Monday night at friends' homes.

The flood water was six feet deep in a low lying property on Maple Avenue near Guelph Street where the tops of willow trees were all that was visible when the clouds finally ran dry.

At the eastern edge of the property, Maple Avenue Baptist church's downstairs floor was under three inches of water but damage was minor according to Rev. R. C. Lohnes. Some 20 church members in a bucket brigade baled out the premises that night.

Mud and gravel washed into the Georgetown Community Swimming Pool caused a two day shutdown, the bowling green at the corner of William and Edith Streets became the grassy bottom of a small lake and a few basements in the older section of town suffered minor flooding. But generally, the storm was hardest felt in the east end.

Ditches became turbulent rivers causing a number of driveways to wash out. Some rats and mice were found dead afterwards, washed out of sewers.

Some small bridges on the outskirts of town were awash momentarily as the district creeks and rivers swelled quickly. The Credit rose 5 feet at about 3 p.m. and swept away some lawn furniture from residences along its banks. Trailers in Willow Park became islands in the muddy river which expanded its boundaries over a wide part of the valley for a couple of hours.

Since the waters have gone down, flood victims have been totalling their repair bills and keeping one eye on the sky. With the ground saturated it would take a much less severe storm to create the same flood conditions.

M.A. Nursing Degree For Doris Armstrong

Miss Doris Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, McNabb Street, was awarded her M.A. in Nursing Education this spring at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Armstrong, who is Director of Intensive Care at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, received her R.N. degree from Brantford General Hospital, and has studied extra-murally for her B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Asked about how she managed to achieve such an advanced educational status while working full time, Miss Armstrong, who

was born in Georgetown, explained, "I received an excellent basic education in Georgetown High School. The fifth form of High School counts in the U.S. as a year of university. I took 59 many credits for the year I spent at the University of Toronto so when I came to Hopkins I was already on the way. Along with these credits, I was granted 45 credits for my nursing training in Brantford. In 1957 I finished my B. Sc. degree at Johns Hopkins University. You need a total of 120 credits for a Bachelor degree."

"Then I started three years ago to work on a Master's in Education and that takes 30 credits beyond the Bachelor's degree. Each course you pass you earn so many credits. For a Master's level you have to get at least a B grade of the credit doesn't count."

Incidentally, adding to the distinction of her degree is the fact that Miss Armstrong achieved all A's.

Plan Underground Hydro Lines, New Subdivision

Overhead hydro lines will no longer be part of the scenery in new subdivisions, if a Hydro Commission suggestion is adopted by council.

The Commission suggests that all wiring be laid underground in new areas, and a cost of \$150 per lot for the service be written into any new subdivision agreements with developers.

"This has already been done in many areas" commented Mayor Wheelton-Emmerson at Monday's council meeting.

The matter will be discussed in committee.