The Outers aren't afraid of the Great Outdoors

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reverything in groups and -always stick together," Doug continued. "The faster ones should slow down when they're canoeing so everybody doesn't get loo spread out. Plus which, the people who haven't as much experience can watch how the more experienced people do things."

Before each trip, a list is drawn up for club members. detailing the equipment that will be needed for that particular trip. A list from the winter hike and camp out which Doug had listed, in addition to warm elothing, a toque to be worn night and day to prevent heat loss, two summer sleeping hags wrapped in plastic or a winter sleeping bag rated for at least zero degrees Farenheit, long underwear, waterproof matches or lighter and a thermos with hot liquid.

AXES FORBIDDEN Forbidden on all trips are axes, hatchets, machetes and transistor radios. Any transistor radios smuggled along are confiscated as soon as their presence is known.

"Before each trip, every-· body brings in their equipment to be checked over." Doug

The club has purchased several canoes and rents additional ones where necessary nnce they get where they're going. The Outers are hoping to add to their equipment this year with the assistance of the students' council, which supplies them with funds. Doug said the club hopes to buy a canoe trailer and also a quality tent for use particularly in emergencies in the cold

The students supply much of the rest of the equipment themselves, and bring along their own food for the trip, Doug said.

Mr Bertelsen emphasizes food that is light to carry but nutritious as well, Doug said. "I've tried pizza, but it didn't work so well, because I

couldn't get it close enough to the fire to warm it," he said. "As a rule we go for nutritious things, not like pop and stuff like that. We bring things like hash browns and Polish sausages. Mr Bertelsen is trying to encourage us to eat natural foods like we find in the woods."

"I guess the best food we had was steaks," Doug said. "I snuck them out of the freezer

Should report business trips

. To the editor of The Herald: The Toronto Star of Jan. 17 - and 18 provided some interestling reports on the change of mind several Toronto Board of

regarding an upcoming con--vention (all expenses paid) in England.

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A four-bed snowmobile trailer was stolen from the Silver to report on similar activities of the Halton trustees, councillors, and administrators. I am

public officials are not paid a great deal and that little money is involved in relation to the total budget, but this tends to reinforce the belief that the individuals attending these conventions are enjoying a free ride at the taxpayer's expense.

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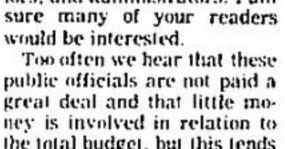
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before I left, and they were great when we got them cook-

ed over the fire." The club has six girls among ils members, but the girls aren't relegated to doing the cooking while the boys canoe and set up camp, Doug said. CLEANSITE

Doug emphasized that the Outers are very careful about leaving their camp sites clean "and better than we found it." He said the club always leaves some wood all ready for the next campers, because they remember how it felt after one long trip, to come into the camp site and find the wood already cut and wasting for

The trips don't always go smoothly, and that's where. Mr. Bertelsen's philosophy of improvising probably comes in

handiest. "Mr. Bertelsen goes on the philosophy that you can do it for nothing, or next to nothing, and that you can improvise on almost any piece of equipment," Doug said, "Mr. Bertelsen is very good with making do with what he has. One fall trip, we had a lot of rain, and he rigged himself up a shelter in a gully and stayed

warm and dry." Teachers and students don't always stay warm and dry when they're camping, though. On the overnight trip to Collingwood last year, the club got caught in a severe winter snow storm. There would have been no problem. Doug said, except for the fact that some dogs walked over the top of some of the girls' snow caves great." where they were sleeping, and crushed them, leaving the girls with no place to sleep. Other

for the duration. "The weather works against us sometimes," Doug said. "When we went to Dorset, there was freezing rain, rain and snow. I've never seen such a cold trip in a long time. But some trips we've been on, like the trip to Killarney in the fall, have been just beautiful."

arrangements had to be made

"I particularly like the winter trips," Doug said. "It

everything set up, but once you've done what you have to do and you're warm, you feel

"We all like a challenge," he continued. "Everybody in the clublikes it when we hit rapids because it makes it more of a challenge."

ONE TRIP

Doug described one trip down the Credit River in the spring when some of the Outers went white-water canoeing downstream from Georgetown One of the teachers, Mr. Wright, supplied a two-person kayak which made it through some tall

rapids without trouble. But when the canoes went through, it was a different story.

"One of the canoes went through, where the rapids were about two or two and a half feet high, and the water just swept in," Doug said. "The cance dropped down and bounced along the bottom. It was one of our canoes and that trip put about 12 holes in the boltom of the canoe."

Doug said the club is running out of wilderness areas close at hand to go to.

"On our trip to Dorset, we saw a lot of cottages along the shore, and I think it would be nicer without that kind of

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Doug said he would like to

see a credit course along the lines of Outward Bound at the high school. The Outers Club has a pretty good safety record, Doug said, with the most serious injury, being a case of near

hypothermia during the trip to

Collingwood last year. As with

all mistakes, the club

from that, and from their other experiences, Doug said. "For me, I learn something for the next trip on almost every trip," he said.

members learned something

"Whenever I complete a trip, I feel proud," Doug said. "We always try to set goals for ourselves on these trips and we always try to finish what we start out to do."

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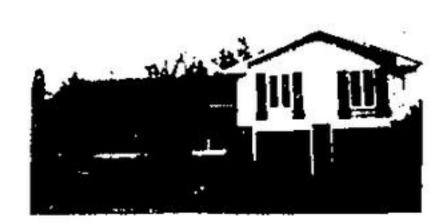
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