

Rover Ramblings

By Jim Kaufman and Paul Hutchison

The 24th of May weekend is a big event for the hometown Milton Rover crew every year; its coming heralds a three-day period which promises to be a fun-filled time for all the boys.

With canoes tied securely on the cars, we left Milton for the Muskoka River about 8 Friday night. Along the way, we stopped at a restaurant dressed in our camping clothes and proceeded to cause many curious glances. Jerry Devlin and Bob Heatherington helped the waiters considerably by going from table to table with the catsup bottles.

We arrived at our night camp at 1 a.m. and spent a restless night in cars and tents. About 5 in the morning, Skippers Ed Gooze and John Goulding, Neil Martin, Garry Corp and Dave Kaufman arrived, in time to wake us for early breakfast. In traditional Rover style, we proceeded to the nearest restaurant.

After breakfast, we started downstream and fought two sets of rapids successfully before finally having a casualty. The canoe steered by Skipper John and paddled by Neil Martin and Paul Keilty filled with water, necessitating a hasty detour to shore. All equipment and even the canoeists were saved from the 38 degree water.

By the time we set up camp, it was already 2 p.m. and dinner was hastily thrown together by the crew members. This was a first in outdoor living for some of the new squires, but everyone survived the ordeal in fine shape. We lounged around resting for the remainder of the day while roving reporters Jim Kaufman and Paul Hutchison



ROVER CUT-UPS: Rover Skipper John Goulding, former Skipper Ed Gooze and former assistant leader Albert Penrose clown about during the May 24 weekend canoe excursion enjoyed by local Rovers.

took action shots of the squires being thrown into the river. As evening came, we amused ourselves by fighting black flies as our social committee members planned our evening's campfire activities. (This was in preparation for our projected 1967 Regional Meet.) Some of the highlights of the program were a comedy team of David Hunter and Garry Corp, and our guitar players Paul Martin and Brian Brush, who led the sing-song of good wholesome songs around the campfire.

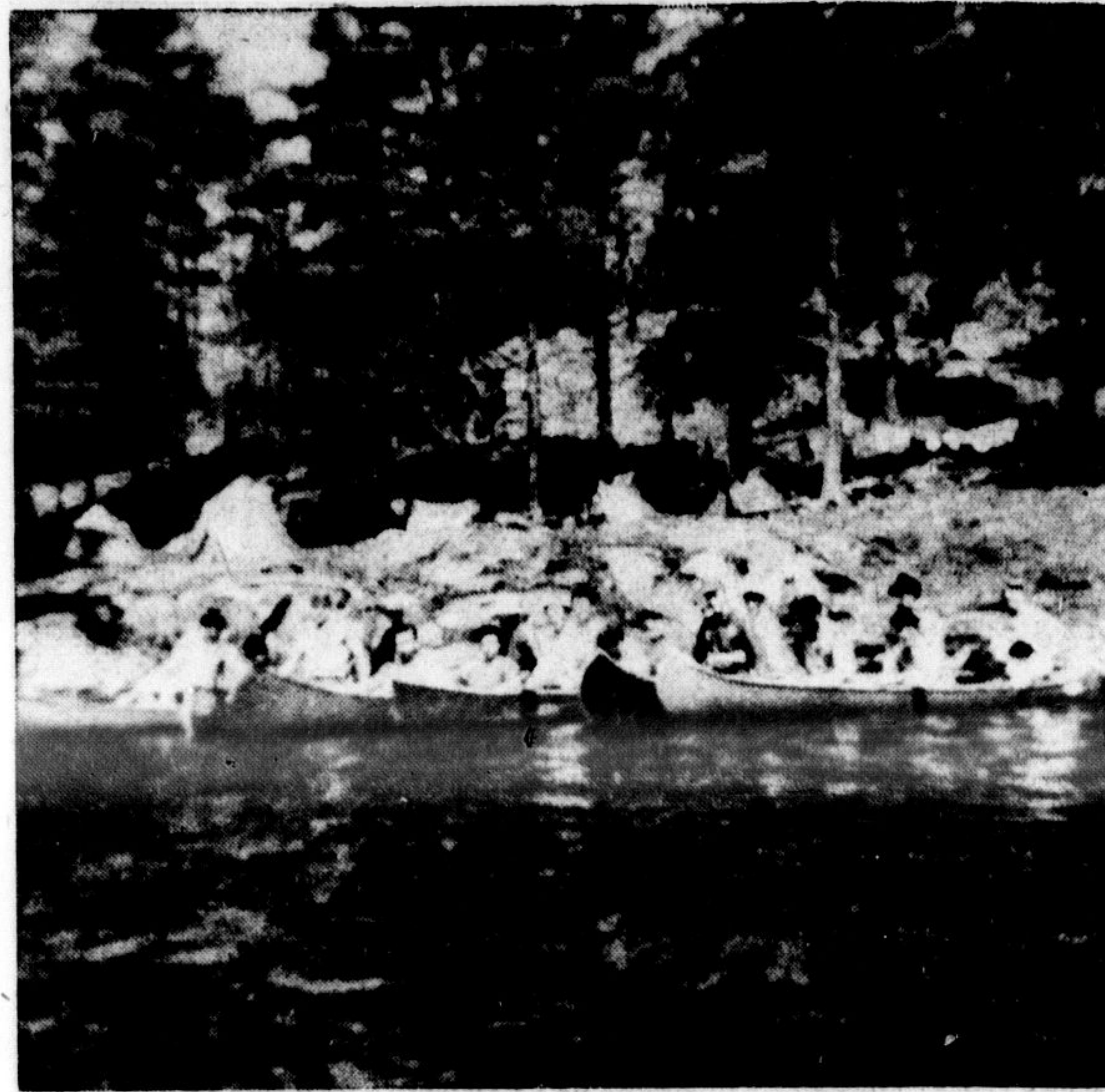
On the second morning, we got up around 9.30 a.m. to the grumbings of our youngest assistant leader, Mike Devlin, who had had a bad night. He seemed to feel that he had been robbed of an air mattress.

After breakfast, we headed for Go Home Lake and paddled quickly until we reached the general store, where we stocked up on cold pop. After this stop, our pace slowed considerably to a point where three canoes decided to go back to the store for more pop. Upon returning to camp, Neil Devlin and David French spotted College students going over a 30 foot falls in a rubber raft. We stayed our distance and yelled encouragement and luckily, they made it.

Once back in camp, Eric Phillips decided there was not enough frivolity and with the help of another Rover, had a canoe turned over on him. Agreeing with Eric that there was not enough frivolity, we again threw some of the squires into the river; our ulterior motive was to cool their sunburn gained in the day's canoeing.

While this was going on, our noted bushman, Albert Penrose was building smudge pots to ward off black flies for the evening's activities (didn't do much to the black flies, but it sure made it hard to breathe). The night concluded with another sing-song.

Our last morning brought early breakfast at 10 a.m. and late



Milton Rovers on weekend canoe trip

sleepers had difficulty crawling out of their lowered tents. Our return downstream was uneventful until the canoe team of David Kaufman, Cam Mitchell and Gary Thomas went up the rapids in a canoe and came down the rapids hanging onto the outside of the canoe.

On reaching the cars, everyone felt they had had a good time and are now looking forward to our Thanksgiving trip to Port Elgin.

Host firefighter convention here

Milton Firefighters are making extensive plans to host the annual all-day convention of the Ontario Fire Fighters' Association in Milton August 13.

The group decided two months ago to hold its next convention here. Besides the Association's business sessions, there will be competitions and events for the public to see. More details will be released later.

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Water safety poster contest entries closing on June 24

Local elementary school students are reminded to "get working" on their posters for the Water Safety Week poster contest sponsored by the Milton Branch of the Canadian Red Cross.

June is Water Safety Month, and while the special week was celebrated earlier this month in many towns and cities, the local group has postponed the celebration until June 19 to 25. The poster contest is open to Grades 1 to 8 in local schools and the

Mrs. M. Gillmour heads CAS Burlington branch

A former employee of the Milton branch of the Children's Aid Society, Mrs. M. Gillmour will be the head of a staff of three in the recently-dedicated Burlington branch of the Society.

Even before the doors were officially opened, the branch had successfully dealt with its first case; that of a 15-year-old girl with no home. The girl was placed in a foster home, according to Canon C. M. Mitchell, president of the Halton CAS board of directors.

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Burlington's Mayor Lloyd Berryman opened the branch. In his speech, Mayor Berryman stated that he felt some regret that Burlington should require such an office, but expressed his assurance that

the opening would improve the CAS service as far as the town's young people were concerned.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were George Kerr, MPP for Halton, and Herbert Hinton, Warden of Halton County.

The branch is staffed by three people from the CAS protective department and include, besides Mrs. Gillmour, Mrs. Dorothy Green and Peter Dodd.

The protective department is in charge of counselling, adoptions, unwed mothers and foster children.

In addition to these services, the Burlington branch will attend to all CAS matters for the Oakville and Burlington area.

The new office is the first sub-branch of the Milton headquarters. Following the opening, Mrs. Berryman poured tea, and refreshments were served.

E. Litt gains M. Ed. degree

E. Litt, a teacher at Milton District High School, received his Master of Education degree in the Convocation June 7 at University of Toronto. The degree was conferred by Chancellor Dr. O. M. Solandt.

Mr. Litt leaves the staff at Milton this year to join the Burlington Board of Education in the Aldershot school.

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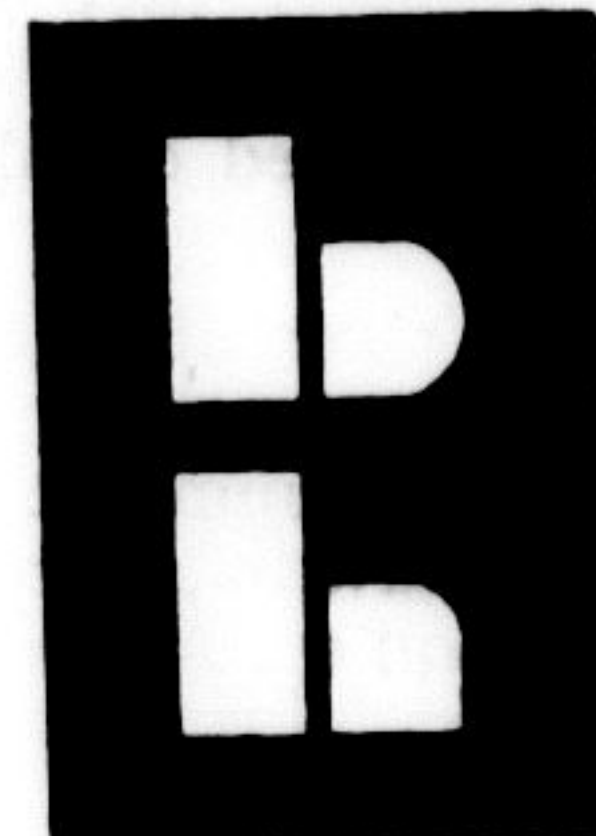
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