

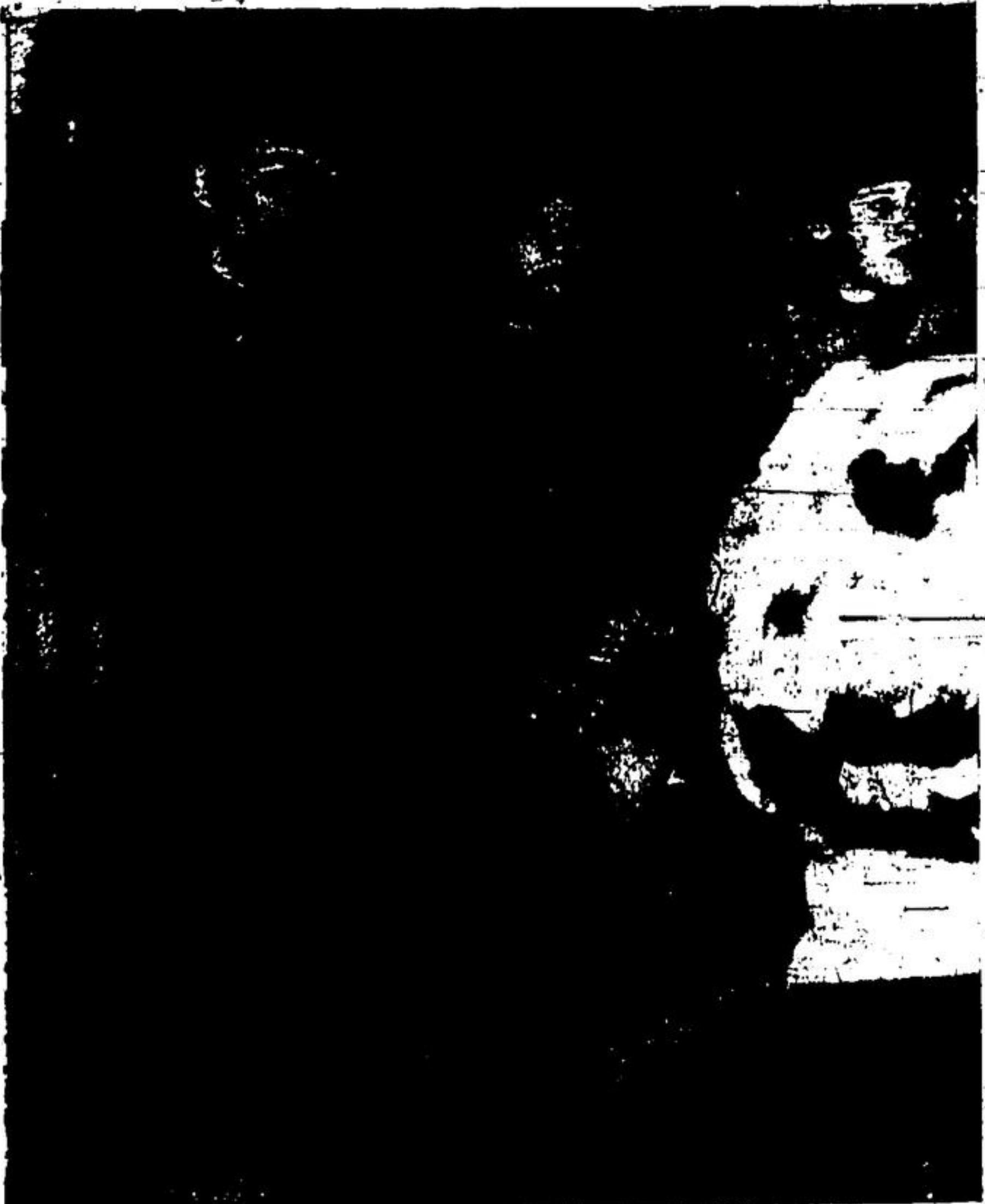
Columinist Boosts Age 16 As Time for Responsibility



LISTENING INTENTLY is high school board trustee Donald Lawson (background).



GARTH TOOMBS of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Foundation.



DAVID DEPEO discusses problems facing youth.

"Youth in Revolt" the theme of the Jaycees — Youth-In sponsored forum, Thursday in the high school, proved that youth may not be in revolt, but the hundred-in attendance are certainly dissatisfied with their life in high-school.

"There is evidence of a lot of dissatisfaction here," stated David Depeo, one of the speakers of the day, "and some of it must be valid."

Richard Needham, well known Globe & Mail columnist who also took part in the forum, said to The Herald reporter, "If I listed the 'place as much as some of these kids I wouldn't be here."

DISSATISFACTION

The very obvious dissatisfaction was almost accidentally ignited, as the topic was not on the agenda, but was sparked by an open discussion which started with David Depeo, of the Company of Young Canadians saying simply, "Let's just sit around and talk."

A surprise twist showed when one student attacked the Grade 13's for not including the lower grades in their attempts to secure some "freedoms" as he called it. "We're involved too, we've got rights," he stated.

A member of the High School Board Donald Lawson who was sitting at the back, largely unrecognized, asked, "What exactly do you senior students want to achieve?"

"We would like to be given some responsibility and not be treated like kindergarten children," replied another. As examples he claimed that now before a bus trip, the students are called down into the lobby lined up, and briefed about the trip, and what is to be done. "Before the teacher simply told the bus number and we got on like adults."

REGIMENTATION

A Youth-In spokesman joined in. "It's the regimentation, we don't like, we have to walk on the right hand side of the halls or get a detention, we'd like to be treated like adults, just with a little respect."

One boy claimed the students hadn't tried to go to the school board, so how did they know they wouldn't get anywhere. "We got a study room, after one of the kids asked the principal why we couldn't have one," he maintained.

Another claimed the student council had no power at all. "Other schools took trips everywhere this year, particularly to Expo, we didn't go anywhere."

PEOPLE-IN BOXES

David Depeo suggested the students themselves have to go after "participating democracy" in their education. "It's your education, after all." He explained participating democracy as a combination of responsibility, participation and power.

Just prior to this discussion, Richard Needham advocated, "Getting People out of Boxes". He claimed we are in boxes all our life, "from the box of the crib to the box of the playpen, to the box of the school to the box of the bungalow and the box of the coffin."

He claimed older people who won't accept old age are angry at young people, and want to repress them. "Most older people feel their life is a failure," he went on, "and this makes them resentful of the young who have their life before them."

Joseph Scaglione, district supervisor of the Watchtower-Bible and Tract Society, emphatically stated: "No matter where we are or where we may live on this earth each of us is under divine observation. The world situation today requires Jehovah's intervention to bring to end the God dishonouring practices that are carried on throughout the world today. The happy outcome of God's intervention will mean blessings for mankind. So that we can gain these blessings from Jehovah God, we need to make a careful study of the Bible."

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Witnesses Hear Discourses At Burlington Assembly

1,224 attended the Sunday afternoon public address "Will God Intervene in Men's Affairs?" delivered by Mr. J. Scaglione as the climax of the three day semi-annual assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses held at the M. Robinson High School, Burlington.

The theme of his discourse was: "Let Us All Praise Jehovah."

Eighty-five members and interested persons from Georgetown and area attended.

Two Defence Contracts Awarded To Varian Firm

Varian Associates of Canada Ltd., Georgetown, has been awarded two contracts by the Department of Defence Production.

The contracts are among 100 unclassified defence contracts totalling almost \$5 million awarded recently by the department.

IN THE MAIL BAG

See Here, Mr. Forgrave Remember This is 1968

77 Maple Ave. W. Georgetown, Ont. December 29, 1967.

Dear Sir:

Having read the letter of Mr. Tom Forgrave on December 28th, I feel compelled to make a few recommendations.

I must begin by saying that the pathos evoked by the wretched plight of the Grade 13 students of his day had great literary value. However, one does not normally utilize a sympathy campaign to win support for one's views.

Mr. Forgrave also demonstrated that he is also somewhat of a sage through his use of the old adage (implied though it may have been) "If it's good enough for me, it will be good enough for you."

Yes, Mr. Forgrave has the makings of a great writer but of a logician, no. Oh, by the way, Mr. Forgrave, this is 1968, not 1952.

Yours sincerely,
-Tony McAuley.

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