BILL TOM, newly-elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Halton Youth Services Network, chats with Deb Wellwood and Sue Mellor, two young people from Acton who attended the YSN annual meeting.

Listen to youth— YSN speaker advises

doesn't exactly reach out and psychiatry consultant Tony McLean in challenging YSN members to find ways of

reaching uninvolved youth. Good marketing technique is to look at the most resistant population, Mr. McLean said. "What will turn those kids on will turn on the kids in the

the faculty of psychiatry at McMaster University and consultant at Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital, acted as facilitator for the planning portion of the YSN annual meeting.

Mr. McLean advised YSN to listen to the ideas youth have for solving youth problems: "Get the experience and wisdom of adults pushed to the side for awhile and let baskets.

Given this kind of op- non-flammable posters. portunity, youth in the east tion, putting out a newspaper, finding work for young people

group home of which Mr. grab you like a Yamaha or a McLean was once director. Kawasaki," said community run the home. Two hapassumed to be impossible, he

Rising to the challenge, adult members of YSN listened while young people in the audience brought out their ideas for reaching uninvolved youth "stoners" (kids on drugs). nothing to do and those who lie around and watch TV after school to the late show.

up posters in the school, it's almost like a challenge to rip them down," a student commented, adding posters were sometimes used to set fires in the waste

pie duly noted the need for citing

end of Hamilton ended up relax and have a good time, forming their own associa- so maybe they'd look at posters if they were put up in the malls," another comand setting up training mented while a third advised programs. Residents of Mr. Gillesple to mix with Mr. Gillesple said.

"Youth Services Network Wesley House, a Hamilton youth at local football games. Organized activities are available for those who want them. What is needed is an penings that theoretically are unstructured place to socialize, was yet another com-

Rather than arrange things for people, YSN should make it known it was available to help people who had ideas of their own, members were told. "If it's pushed down their throats, they don't want Mr. McLean, a member of those who complain there's it," a young girl said while another added: "If you see everybody else having fun, you join in."

was a recommendation for personal contact. "If you put up posters in the make the personal contact in the make the personal contact in the make the personal contact." "I was a stoner," he said. "Not once did a teacher come up to me to say my ideas were valuable to the community." Young people in the

audience wanted activities, such as the conference on the enthusiasm, energy and Tongue-in-cheek, YSN exe- youth and the law, to be miracle-working of kids take cutive director Peter Gilles- spread around the region transportation problems. They do not want "Kids go to the malls to to be bused to activities in

> Ideas gathered at the meeting will be worked on at YSN planning committees and local sub-committees,

Planners told

Halton plan too restrictive

Halton's proposed official plan is too rigid and exercises too much control over land in Nassagaweya. regional planners were told during a Brookville meeting Wednesday night.

Many of the approximately 125 people complained that the plan was far too restrictive for the rural resident and yet provided a large degree of protection for the aggregate industry.

Maurice Newton wondered how there could every be any local autonomy. He noted the area councils have the responsibility for zoning, but the zoning restrictions must comply with the local official plan and the local official plan must comply with the regional official plan.

Planning Director Ed Cumming noted the local planners and regional representatives had input into the regional plan. The thrust of the plan is to keep the rural areas rural and to indenify urban areas.

One man received cheers from the crowd when he said the province is on the verge of an employment crisis and to combat that, people in Nass-agaweya would like the opportunity for some develop-

"If you were to put overlays on a map showing the restrictions of various government bodies you wouldn't have one square foot of land that isn't under controls. What we have here is uncontrolled restrictions," he said.

Former Ontario Cabinet Minister John Yaremko sald the Niagara Escarpment Commission master plan would bring controls over land to a higher degree than any plan ever before. He said next to it, the region's plan

stringent control over private property.

He criticized the plan for saying what can't be done but not what can be done. He said residential development hidden among the trees hurts no one and is a benefit to the township. He objected the restrictions on development in the rural area of the region that limit building to 100 lots per year. Yaremko owns large tracts of land in Nass-

Milton Councillor Brian Penman said the frustration expressed by others was because of the restrictions implied in the plan.

"It controls our lives, our livelihoods and our property. There is too much government around us each and every day and this plan doesn't do anything to alleviate it," Penman said.

Planning Committee Chairman Pat McLaughlin agreed with Penman, but suggested it was a fact of life and wasn't ment."

Mrs. White of North Burlington said people were frustrated because there had been so many years spent in the preparation of so many plans that people didn't know what they could and couldn't

Brian Donat told the planners they'd have to forgive residents for seeming sceptical. After four years, regional government is hitting us where it hurts - in the pocketbooks. Four years ago my taxes were \$400 and now they are \$1,200, he said.

. Gordon Sims drew laughter from the crowd when he said he had 50 acres of land that under the plan would be frozen as farmland.

"I've broken plow shares and mowers trying to farm it. Milton Equipment won't even rent me a post hole digger because they are afraid I'll break it. You'd do me a favor if you allowed some develop-

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Youth Services names board of directors

ren's services steering com-

Milton resident Bill Tom has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors for Youth Services Network, Halton Region (YSN), Mr. Tom is a vice-principal at Georgetown High School. He was vice-principal at Milton School for several High

years. is a region-wide organization whose primary purposes are to provide a vehicle of communication for and among youth, youthserving agencies and the public, and to take part in determining the needs of youth. The YSN annual meeting last week marked its entry into its second year of operations. Other residents of the

northern part of the region serving on the 28-member board are Irene Harrison of Milton and Ann Pickering, Marilya Searjeanston and Pat Mason of Halton Hills. Roberts, viceprrncipal of Robert Baldwin member of the board was report did not tell them very well. The constitution calls much. Morris said he was

for one-quarter of the board services, and was instrumembers to be youth under 25 mental in setting up a childbut of voting age.

The YSN annual report mittee for the region, held a notes the network completed conference on youth and the its objectives for 1977. It is law, and established llaison publishing a monthly newsletter, has compiled a youth directory for the region, sponsored a community forum regarding the reorganization of children's

with many community A full-time co-ordinator, Peter Gillespie, was appointed last June.

Closer look for Arts Council

postponed detailed discussion of the needs of Halton Hills Arts Council until after the committee gets a full report. Town recreation director

Glen Gray wrote a one page

report about what municipal

resources are available. Councillors Russ Miller and School in Milton, is a new Peter Morris agreed the

Hills Finance looking for what services are Administration Committee available and how much they would cost.

> Town treasurer Ray King estimated the liability insurance would be \$500. However, King said he felt strongly the town should not include any outside groups under its liability insurance.

The cost to Halton Hills Arts Council would be between \$50 and \$100, King said.

Current activities include planning for a spring confer- regional community and ence related to youth and employment, working with student leaders in Burlington to the region for grants in the and assisting in the development of a handbook for student governments Halton secondary schools.

The development of area sub-committees continues. Milton and Halton Hills lag behind Burlington and Oakville in this respect but the network hopes the more equitable regional representation on the new board will strengthen the local groups.

The new chairman, Mr. Tom, said priorities for 1978 include expanding the membership of YSN, expanding sub-committees in the north and developing a means of communication to bring an exchange of ideas between the adult and youth worlds.

YSN receives one-third of its budget up to \$10,000 from the province, provided the amount is matched locally by eash or in-kind services.

social services committee last week they will be looking

Burlington Regional Councillor Don Carter told the

membership he would support YSN's requests for financial assistance

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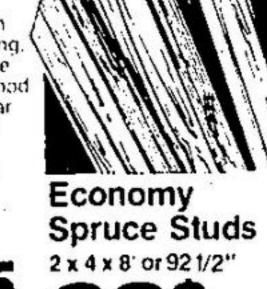


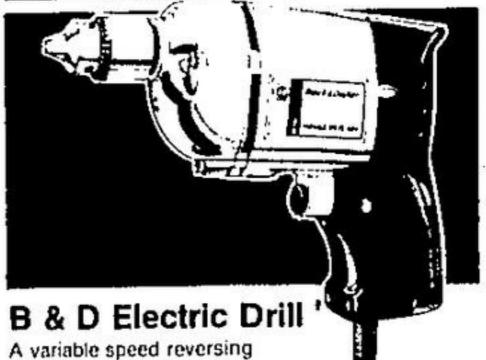
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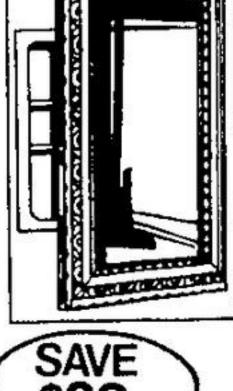
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