# Fluoride Pros . Cons Debated

Only 30 people turned up at fluoride in the water for two the high school last Thursday years, sent letters to parents Burton, president of the Citizens Rights Association and Dr. Ralph Burgess, faculty of dentistry, University of Toronto.

to express their views, then a rebuttal time, and finally a question and answer period. The meeting was organized by she added "I in 5 children were the Rotary Club in an effort to put the facts before the voters, ing."

#### MORE MONEY SPENT

eardio-vascular diseases," he seldom accurate. maintained, "last year \$240,000,-000 was spent on dental care, or \$10 for every man woman a better diet and less pop as a and child in Canada."

He claimed fluoride would cut both the cost and the caries. He cited instances of places where the fluoride was in the ted out that people who make water paturally, and had been public health their life's work for generations, as the spark are all for fluoride. He challenthat prompted investigation into ged the statements about causthe effect, when it was shown ing illness, asking "Where are these areas had a much lower all those illnesses?" He emincidence of tooth deay.

#### THROUGH LIFETIME

Dr. Burgess explained that I through the lifetime.

He listed the cost of fluoride gued. os 15c per person per year, and said it was completely safe, "Ev.! She foresaw the addition of en where the fluoride content fluoride to water as the openwas as high as 8%, no harm was ing wedge for o her mass meddone to bones, kidneys or diab lication, and cited a speech of a etics," he concluded.

#### N SCIENTISTS OPPOSED

Mrs. Burton stated fluoride was a toxic cumulative drug. Why should all the water be. During the question period freated to prevent a disease which followed Mrs. Burton which is not contagious. Why stated she was not opposed to should it be taken the res. of chlorine in the water since it our lives, when we know noth-treats the bac,erla in the water. ng about allergies to this and does not treat the body. To irug," she began. She claimed a question about jodine in salt Dr. A. Reuben, an allergist, had she stated she had a choice she found a percentage of all peo-idid no; have to take indized salt. ple were allergie to the drug. To another question she replied She listed many scientists op hat 25 years of experiment were posed to the addition of fluoride not long enough to show if there ich Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel are effects on future general-Peace Prize winner, topping the ions. She claimed further that

the body," she charged.

She questioned the effective- one's right to individual choice. ness of fluoride, since Etobicoke

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night to hear the question of jurging them to take their childfluoridation of the water supply ren to the free fluoride applicdebated by lecturer Mrs. J. T. ation clinic. POISONING

She suggested the fluoride would pollute the lakes, and Moderator John T. Armstrong produce modeled teeth: "In a gave each speaker ten minutes, study in 1961, of an area of fluoride in the water 20% of the children were found to have mottled teeth, in other words, suffering from fluoride poison-

She criticized the claim that 1.5 parts per million was a safe Dr. Burgess stressed the pre- amount, and wondered if the mavalence of tooth decay, the re-chinery adding the substance to sulting pain and the economic the water ever went wrong. She burden. "More money is spen, said she has the water tested on decayed teeth than on all regularly and discovred it was

> She concluded by advocating safer way to prevent tooth dec-

#### ALL FOR IT

In rebut.al, Dr. Burgess poinphasized that public health authorities are not going to prejudice one part of the body for

part per million formula had; Mrs. Burton claimed the third been arrived at by testing the generation of animals given water in these areas, and dead. fluoride in water were crippled. ing that more than I part per and 300 parts of fluorice were million showed no greater de-found in the soft tissues. "Nocrease in tooth decay. He de-body has the right to force evnied it benefitted only children eryone to drink fluorida.ed watsaying the benefit is carried all er, we should have a choice, we can have the teeth coated externally with fluoride," she ar-

> Toronto pyschiatrist who advocated adding hirth control pills to water every other year.

#### BANNED IN PREGNANCY

the Food and Drug administrain Washington had banned "If a drug can make cellular fluoride to all pregnant women. changes in tooth enamel, it in reply to another question on must be very smart not to make the fairness of giving fluoride cellular changes in the organs to the whole population. Mrs. Burton said it violates every-

## NO SUCH THING

Dr. Burgess in answer to a question stated there was no such thing as artificial fluoride since it all comes from the same source, "Elements, cannot be created," he added. To another question he answered, "with all this research no one has been able to nail down any harmful effects." In reply to another question Dr. Burgess said the people did not consistently take tablets when they distributed

Bob McDonald, president of the Georgetown Rotary Club thanked the panellists for attending, and hoped the audience was better equipped to vote on the issue as a result of the meet

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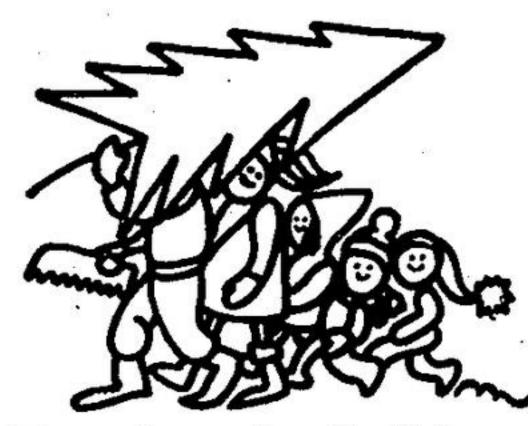
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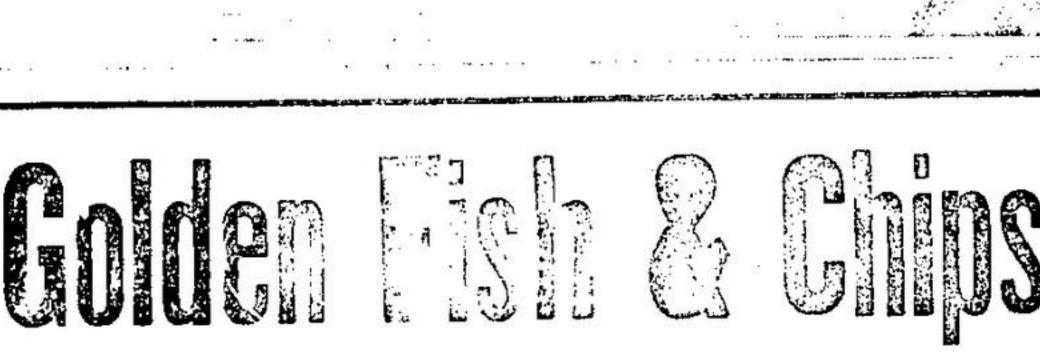
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