



LOWVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION sponsored an interesting panel discussion on the topic, "Youth in Revolt" on Sunday evening at Fairview School. Panelists and officials are shown here. From left they are Kenneth Skerratt, Burlington Police Chief; Eric Gudgeon, panel moderator; Bill Gudgeon, Y.P.U. president; Rev. K. Griffiths, minister of Lowville United Church; Stan Simington, head of boys' work in the Y.M.C.A., Canada; and Roy Coulter, former school board trustee.

Youth Revolt

Panel Discusses Youth

Is "Youth in Revolt?" Are young people revolting against society, parents, conformity or what? And if so, why?

Are youths adequately prepared to become adults and confront the problem of drinking? Should there be a lower legal age for cars? Do teenagers take religion seriously? Why are so many young Canadians heading for the United States to make a living? Does youth need a break from boredom and homework? Do teachers teach because they are dedicated, or because of the money? Does a youth need education for his own well-being or just because it will bring a higher wage rate?

Panel of Four

These, and other questions, occupied a panel of four community leaders Sunday evening when they were brought together by Lowville United Church Young Peoples' Association. A crowd of 200 sat in on the discussion, held in Fairview School auditorium. Bill Gudgeon, president of the Y.P.U., introduced his father Eric, who was moderator. Panelists were Stan Simington, national boys' work chairman of the Y.M.C.A.; Kenneth Skerratt, Burlington's chief constable; Rev. K. Griffiths, minister of Lowville United Church; and Roy Coulter, district farmer and former chairman of the Burlington Board of Education.

There were several differences of opinion among the panelists, and some lively loaded questions thrown forth by the audience, to make it a thoroughly interesting evening.

On the subject of teenagers being prepared to make a decision on drinking when they reached adulthood, Mr. Simington suggested adults today are not prepared for it, and youth is probably less prepared. "Young people in Canada today do have a tremendous task in educating themselves to handle this problem," he added. Mr. Griffiths felt adults were setting a bad example, but felt any teenagers closely connected with the church would have a good moral standard by which they would live in adulthood.

Lower Limit

Asked if the legal age for drinking should be lowered, Chief Skerratt said he was opposed because of youth's widespread use of the motor vehicle, and the possibility of more motor vehicle accidents if more youths drank. Mr. Coulter added that adults cannot handle the problem, so he could not see why younger people could handle it any better. Mr. Simington asked the audience how many young people get education about alcohol in the north Burlington area, and about 20 hands shot up. Then he asked "is it meaningful, is it useful to you?" and one lone hand rose above the crowd.

The moderator summed up the whole alcohol problem with "I wouldn't go out and play with a stick of dynamite for all the money in the world. Anybody approaching drinking today has to realize they're handling a stick of dynamite."

Majority Good

Turning to driving, Mr. Griffiths felt the majority of teens are good drivers, but the bad ones get all the publicity. He scored the youths, however, who feel compelled to have a pretty girl cuddling them when they drive a car. "She is just as bad as he is," he added.

Chief Skerratt provided some figures. In Ontario there are two and a half million licenced drivers, and seven per cent are aged 16-19 years. There were 1,200 accidents in Burlington last year, and 12 percent of the drivers were 16-19. He added he admired teenage drivers for their perfect reflexes, but warned that each

one felt he couldn't get hurt until the first accident.

Lack of Interest

The lack of youth interest in religion was scored by Mr. Coulter, who recalled former days when teenagers and young adults were the most active groups in the local church. Mr. Griffiths felt there was a reason for this, and this was a reason for their revolt. He suggested the older generation was satisfied to accept what they were told to accept... while young people are not satisfied, they want to learn by example. "We need more angry young men and women, who will not be satisfied with what they are given, who want to take it and test it and see it work," he said. "Youth has the shadow of the bomb hanging over them. Our society today does not give them the answer."

Brain Normal

When the "brain drain" to United States came up in the conversation, Mr. Simington said the drain had always existed, and was a "normal condition of economic climate". Youth is seeking less hours, less work and more money, and they can get it in the States, Mr. Coulter suggested. Youth, he added, "will go where they can satisfy themselves and make a lot of money."

Discussions got around to home work and boredom and freedom of youth. Mr. Coulter felt youth

today has too much time on its hands. He can recall the youth of the era that milked the cows before they went to school in the morning. Today you had to twist their arm to get them to cut the lawn or wash the dishes, he explained.

Mr. Simington said there was too much homework in some grades, and the students are so busy with homework and assignments they don't have time to think about what they have learned. The courses are crammed, he said, and teachers should tell the students to learn more about their work rather than spend time on home assignments.

Homework

Homework is fine during the term, but should be abolished during mid-term breaks like Christmas and Easter, Mr. Griffiths felt.

A question from the floor about teachers' dedication to their work, brought mixed answers from the panelists. While Mr. Coulter felt most teachers sought a good wage, Mr. Skerratt blamed parents for taking away the feeling of wanting dedicated teachers.

A lengthy discussion on guidance teachers and the problem of finding experienced teachers for the subject, and more discussion on alcoholism education and teenage drinking ended the evening.

Home, School Group Plans Bolton Choir Program

The April meeting of the J. M. Denyes Home and School Association was held Monday at the school.

In connection with the coming visit of the Bolton Community Choir to Milton on May 9, it was suggested that members sell refreshments during the intermission of their performance, but this proposal was rejected.

Groups of pupils from the school, who recently competed in the North Halton Music Festival, sang for the parents. The children were taught and directed by Mrs. A. Ledwith and all were congratulated for their fine performance.

Librarian Speaks

The speaker for the evening was Miss Braun, librarian for the Milton Public Library.

Miss Braun urged all the parents to encourage their children to visit and enjoy their library and pointed out that pleasure and instruction may be afforded even the younger children by the wide variety of books available.

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Ladies Attend Annual Meet

By Mrs. George Pelletterio
Mrs. A. Tyrell, Mrs. F. Rogers, Mrs. A. Cutts, Mrs. C. Patterson, Mrs. Wm. Van Mol and Mrs. G. Pelletterio, attended the 78th annual meeting of the Niagara Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada. The morning service was held at Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton on April 15. The afternoon session was held at the Alexandra Auditorium, followed by a dinner in the evening, with the Right. Rev. William Crittenden of the Diocese of Erie, Erie, Pennsylvania, as guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jack left by plane on Thursday for Vancouver, where they started on the Shell 4,000 Trans Canada Sports Car Rally. They plan to drive from Vancouver to Montreal. They are sponsored by Sports Cars Unlimited Clarkson and the Shell Oil Co. Mrs. Jack is a teacher at West Brook School, Bronte, and has been given time off to participate in the Rally.

Several from this district attended the talent night program sponsored by the Boyne Community Centre directors, held at Percy W. Merry School last Friday night.

Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. B. Oates celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vlahos and Mrs. V. Heikkila of Guelph were dinner guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Barnes and Bruce were dinner guests on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowden and family.

Albert Stephenson of Peru, visited last Wednesday with the Merediths.

Reva Vansickle was a dinner guest on Sunday with the Merediths. Patty Meredith was celebrating her 14th birthday.

Dave Pelletterio, Michael and Richard of Applewood Heights, spent Saturday with the Pelletterios.

Visitors on the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patterson were Jeff Agnew of Oakville and Heather Clark of Georgetown on Friday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hunt of Burlington on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Souter and sons of Oakville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall.

Mixed-Up Robin

A crazy mixed-up robin attempted to invade a Heslop Rd. home this week and was thwarted in his efforts by the living room window through which he was attempting to fly.

Mrs. H. W. Becker, 220 Heslop Rd. said he was sitting on the carpet Monday morning and a little while later she heard him thumping against the front window. Several times throughout the day the little bird tried flying through the glass. She put some food outside for him, in case he was hungry but he ignored the food and kept crashing into the window—feet first, yet!

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REGULAR DAMON RUNYON "MUGS" will be featured next Thursday and Friday evenings, when the Milton High School Drama Club presents Agatha Christie's famous play, "The Mousetrap" at the Williams Avenue high school. Murder and spine-twitching suspense will highlight the production, directed Mrs. A. MacArthur. The "hoods" with topcoats and hats are Ron Berube, Grant Schuyler, John Switzer, John MacArthur and Tony Weykamp.

HALTON MANOR

St. Paul's Couples Club Entertain Hold Regular Meeting at Manor

Rev. J. K. L. McGown was the Minister and Mrs. S. Lockie the organist at the church service on Sunday afternoon, April 12th. Mr. McGown's Scripture reading was verses 17-46 of Chapter 11 of St. John's Gospel and he chose verse 25, and in particular the words I am the resurrection and the life as the text for his sermon.

Beginning his sermon with the statement that no one can completely and permanently free his mind from thoughts of death, Mr. McGown described the events that occurred at Bethany when Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. By raising Lazarus, Christ showed Himself to be the embodiment of the resurrection and life and thus proved His power over death. This is wonderful comfort to those who have lost loved ones and indeed to everyone personally.

Devotional in Chapel

A very dignified and reverent devotional period in the chapel, followed by fun-packed entertainment in the auditorium, was provided for the residents by a large group of members of the Married Couples Club of St. Paul's United Church in Milton on Thursday night, April 16th. Rev. J. L. Graham and Mrs. Graham were present and Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler headed the committee that made the arrangements.

At eight o'clock the residents assembled in the chapel for the devotional period. Mr. and Mrs. D. Lawrence were the leaders and they read passages of Scripture and appropriate-poems and prose selections on the subject of Prayer. Mrs. H. Magee was the organist and she played the accompaniments for the hymns and for a very fine solo, Jesus, Lover of My Soul sung by Mrs. D. Ervin. From the Chapel the residents

—With daylight saving time coming this weekend, early baseball interests should reach a peak next week, with district teams starting workouts.

went to the auditorium to play bingo. Buck Galloway was the very competent caller of the bingo numbers. In the six bingo games played, there were nine winners of one prize each. All the prizes were donated by the visitors. The prize-winners were: Mrs. A. Cumming, Mrs. G. Burnell, Mrs. W. McMillan, Mrs. M. Shaw, Miss H. Marcy and Messrs. E. King, N. McCann, F. Vasak and J. Marsh.

A number of amusing contests were conducted. Winners of prizes for chairs with lucky numbers attached were Mrs. T. Wright and J. M. Froster. Mrs. M. McCullough was the winner of the bean-guessing contest. In the game of scrambled words which were the names of animals and objects connected with farm life, there were the following winners, W. Barrett, Mrs. B. Lantz, Mrs. A. Cumming, Mrs. T. Wright, Mrs. A. Finch and Mrs. A. Collier. In an amusing elimination contest the winners were Mrs. B. Lantz, Miss A. Reid, H. Getty and J. Begley.

Serve Lunch

After this lively program, the audience relaxed by joining in a sing-song led by M. Ledwith and then enjoyed a delicious lunch of sandwiches and tarts, provided by the visitors, and tea and coffee.

The residents left the auditorium feeling that they had had a very pleasant and rewarding evening with these very friendly visitors from St. Paul's Church in Milton.

County Gets Award On Fire Prevention

An award, won for the seventh time by Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, was presented Tuesday to Warden G. Gallagher during the monthly meeting of the county council.

Presenting the award, Co-ordinator Chief J. D. Wilson and Chief A. E. Clement noted there were only three other counties in Canada operating their fire prevention program as Halton was.

Doubtful about where to hang the framed certificate, Warden Gallagher and members agreed it should be prominently placed in the hall of the county administration building.

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