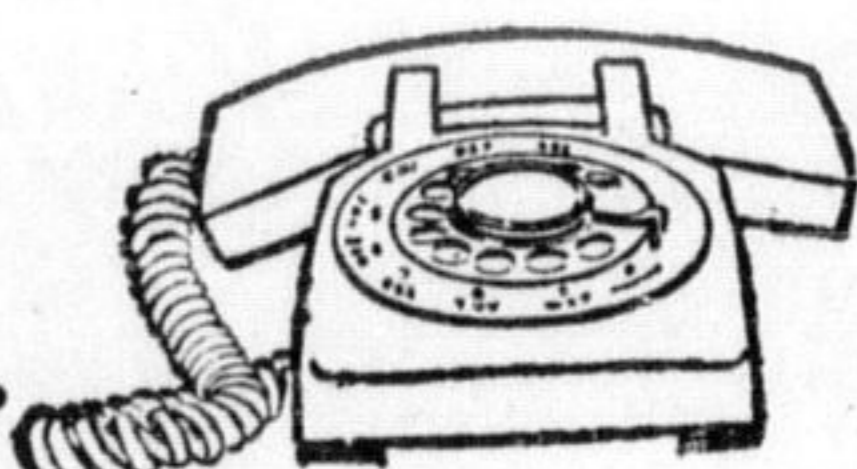


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## MAYBE You Heard...



by Larry Martin - Youth Front Co-ordinator

\* Whatever becomes of these establishments the ambitious youth of Milton start? In the past little while I've heard of at least two, including the North Milton Youth Group and a dance hall called 'The Purple Candle' which seems to have just died of starvation. Herman's still packing 'em in over at Malibu. The Roxy keeps projectors rolling at a phenomenal seven-nights-a-week pace. And now the chances look pretty good for a youth centre. If ANY of these entertainments fizzle out because young people make a mass exodus to other scenes; the squawks of our 'Nothing-to-do-in-Milton' set are going to bring few tears. From municipal officials. From businessmen. Or from the exasperated few who've been working like Canadian beavers to breathe some social life into the town, but can't even count on attendance once the job's done.

\* Sounds like one of my fellow Youth Fronters is getting a large charge out of the snowmobile. For a vehicle that was practically unheard of commercially three or four years ago, they've grown like Henry Ford's old Model 'T'. And if you can appreciate such things, they must be largely a part of the Canadian youth scene. Picture a snowmobile nipping along a sidewalk in San Francisco's hip district, or dodging Rolls-Royces in London, and you'll find they HAVE to be basically Canuck. New York, maybe, and the whole northern row there, but they probably spend most of their time wishing they were further north, anyway.

\* Terry DesLaurier dropped in the other day to give the Front some info on the recent Toc Alpha conference in Niagara Falls. (There'll be a report shortly). You probably didn't realize, as I know I didn't, Toc Alpha is NOT merely a society dedicated to stamping out booze and drugs. They do have members who have pledged themselves to abstinence, but it's main concept is to get youth in the know about stimulants and depressants, and then, when you've weighed the pros and cons, you make your decision. I'm told there were guest speakers at the conference who were openly FOR alcohol, just to keep the sides even.

\* I'd like to publicly re-assure some Optimists, and make clear to anyone else who mis-interpreted a piece in last week's column, the meaning of the third item. It was intended to acknowledge the proposed centre's use by youth, rather than older people. In no ways was I suggesting the absence of Optimist-sponsored youth projects within the building.

## Optimists sponsor speaking contest

Boys who hadn't reached their sixteenth birthday by December 31, 1967, will have a chance to display their speaking talents at the Optimist Club of Milton's participation in the Optimist International oratorical contest.

Youth Committee chairman Jim Elge has requested any boy interested in competing to contact him, or any other club member. Entrants will speak on 'The Golden Opportunities of Youth' for from four to five minutes.

Successful speakers at the club level will move on to compete in the District contest, and winners from there will go to the Optimist International grand finals in Louisville, Kentucky, June 16-20, at the International Boys' Work Committee's annual convention.

A similar contest was held by local Optimists last year.

First Politician: What about the powerful interest that controls you?

Second Politician: You leave my wife out of this.

## Whее . . . away we go!

# Janet finds snowmobiling is great fun

by Janet Ferrier

Away we go!!! . . . thru the bush and over the snow, with the roar of the wind in your ears . . . well maybe not a roar . . . a whisper. Anyhow, this is the time for riding a snowmobile.

A snowmobile, now what is THAT? It's a cross between many things; it's got the putt-putt of a motor boat, but runs on snow instead of water (it's all precipitation . . . isn't it?) It's color is variable, as is its size and power. It has its ups and downs (hills and valleys, naturally) and like many of our modern toys it is easily handled by all ages once you get the hang of it.

On the bottom, there are two good sized runners, similar to water and snow skis, which are guided by a steering apparatus. On one handle of this apparatus is gas for the get up and go, and on the other, brakes for the slow

up and stop. Most of the time, however, the get up and go handle gets more use. As I was saying, away we go!!!

You never really feel the thrill of riding one of these things until you have one yourself, they are expensive toys.

They are, I've found out, a lot of fun. Of the many times I have been on it, I have encountered a few spills and plops, but it's all part of the fun of riding it. It sure adds spice anyway.

I have found, through experience, you shouldn't take the corners too SHARPLY, or the bumps too QUICKLY, or you are apt to land yourself head first in a snowbank . . . thud. Landing in such a position is not too serious, but that certain snowbank might not always be handy to land in.

Like any toy such as this, there should be precautions. Maybe a warning is not necessary, but nevertheless, it won't do any harm to give one anyway. It is already known accidents have occurred with the use of this playing and the reasons vary. These vehicles are a ball, and throughout the coming winter months, I hope to enjoy myself immensely.



LOTS OF GO IN THE SNOW, SAYS JANET.

## Committee meets to discuss centre, Optimists also busy

The locomotive hasn't got up steam yet, but there's nobody who'll say the tracks haven't been laid on the way to Milton's youth centre.

A committee formed under the leadership of Jane DenBoer and Marsha Zuest met at Miss DenBoer's home Thursday evening to form a plan in answer to Milton Optimist Club Youth Committee's appeal on The Front last week for information.

Since the majority of Milton youth seem to envision the same type of establishment (small 'e'), the committee felt a considerable amount of the Optimist's time would be saved if a master reply to the questionnaire was formed, signed and addressed by all who agree with it.

Discussion at the five-hour meeting centred around the type of centre needed; its value to the complete age-range of youth,

from teeny-boppers up, suitable locations, probable willingness of several organizations to cooperate; availability of accommodation; possible fund-raising methods; and the type of program which would best serve the majority of young people in town. Delegations were appointed to contact the executive members of neighboring youth centres for organizational assistance.

Included in the committee is Paul Foster, former recreational director for Milton, who will be instrumental in planning the program.

The same evening, Milton Optimist Club met and learned Youth Committee chairman Jim Elge has written to the Optimist International library for information on other youth centres started throughout Canada and the U.S. by the Club.

A building, the exact location of which was undisclosed, has been designated by the club as suitable, providing it is available.

The Rotary Club of Milton has expressed interest in the Optimist proposal to have an inter-service club meeting before the end of March, 1968.

In today's recreational world skiing, tobogganing, skating, snow-mobiling and other sports are common among all generations. Not only Santa Claus makes use of the snow, as we all know.

To enjoy the cold, white, brisk months of the year, we should try to avoid foolish dares and attempts, watch out for the inconsiderate smart-alecks (it's plain to see they are blind), and in general, have fun but be careful. Don't let your recreational hours be ruined by a few reckless moments, for that's all it takes . . . a few moments. So much for the sermon.

In the last little while, there has been a loss of many young lives, which leaves me in a state of wonder . . .

So in conclusion to the report on this new toy, be careful, enjoy the winter, the snow, the sports, but don't add to the toll of tragedies.

## Remember Chris Thomas?

# Former M.D.H.S.'er in group making "Flower Generation"

by Shirly Parsons

In the ever-expanding world of rock music a Milton youth is breaking into the spotlight. As a member of "The Fringe," a new folk-rock group, Chris Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of John Street, Milton, is making his debut on the professional music scene.

For Chris, this is not a new experience as he had formerly played for several area groups. He has been playing the drums since he first started high school. Chris was a student at Milton High last year.

Having been approached by a couple of other youths concerning a union to form a new band, Chris gladly accepted. The two young men who approached Chris are known as John Murkin of Streetsville and Chuck Cadmar of Brampton. John plays rhythm and is also the group's singer, and Chuck plays the lead guitar. Another member signed on, Doug Daniel from Toronto and the band was complete. Doug is the bass player.

The boys have been together for about a year and have gradually picked up experience and formed their own style. The band puts in appearances at dances throughout the spring and summer and late in August began their life in the recording business. Quality label, one of the better recording companies, picked up their contract and the group cut their first disc in Toronto.

The record has yet to catch on in this area but is apparently doing well in the west. The "A" side of the record, written by the boys' producer, is entitled "Flower



Generation" and is on the folk-rock theme. The flip side entitled "Token For My Mind" was written by the boys themselves.

Quality feels the record has promise and will sell well.

The group's home base is in Toronto where they work in a type of collective agreement with no particular leader.

Their time is consumed to a great extent by performing at High Schools and clubs. The group's time is also devoted to composing and recording.

In the immediate future they will be working on a special recording containing ideas brought straight from England by their producer. This record, however, will only be released in England.

The group hopes their record will increase their popularity, resulting in a demand for more personal appearances and chances for extensive travel.

I am sure all Milton music fans wish Chris and his group continued success in their endeavour.

## New audio-visual aids welcomed by students

Students of Holy Rosary Separate School began the new year with an appreciable supply of audio-visual aids, Sister M. Alexander reports.

Equipment within the school now includes four televisions, four stereo record players, two tape recorders and two radios.

Several pieces were allotted to the school by the board recently.

A chicken pox epidemic hit

the student body before Christmas, with the absentee rate as high as 15 per cent on some days.

The principal praised school nurse Mrs. Tuck and Milton doctors for their handling of the problem.

"The town can truly be proud of our doctors," the Sister stated. "They were very helpful."

Basketball is still going strong at the school, with 14 teams playing two games a week.

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MILTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS were among the 289 donors at the Red Cross blood clinic Thursday. About 30 students, most of them Grade 13'ers, attended the clinic and

Nancy Robertson, Joe Murphy and Beth Wardle, all of 13A, are shown as they sign the registration cards.

(Staff Photo)

## Hi School happenings . . .

### Back to the job Wednesday

by Shirly Parsons

Wednesday's bell tolled to recall Milton High's populace after 11 days of freedom. It was back to teachers, blackboards, books and of course, extra curricular activities.

The first thing to be shared with the students was on a note of sadness. Mr. Hunter expressed his sympathy to the friends and families of Brenda Phelps and Mike Wood, two fine students of Milton High, who were killed on Christmas Eve in a tragic car-train accident. Brenda and Mike will be sadly missed by all.

Flowers were sent on behalf of the student body to the bereaved families.

Thursday, January 4 was the date set for the Red Cross Blood Donations at the Legion and I am proud to say quite a few High School students, especially grade 13's, took the time and effort to donate to this worthy cause.

The Record-Dance Committee announced Friday that suggestions would be accepted to make

the dances bigger and better for the second term. Anyone with original or helpful ideas is urged to answer the S.O.S. We must support our school in every aspect if we are to maintain our school spirit.

The boys' basketball teams were on the floor twice in the short three-day week. The seniors, juniors and midjets travelled to Guelph to play John F. Ross on Wednesday and were host to Bishop MacDonald also of Guelph, Friday evening.

Earlier in the day the girls' senior and junior teams played Bishop MacDonald at Guelph. Both teams were unsuccessful due to the speed of the opposition but plan to put more fire and steam into the next game. Incidentally the next game is planned for Wednesday, January 10 (today) against Georgetown. A home game vs. Centennial High of Guelph is scheduled for Friday (January 12).

It wouldn't hurt any of our teams to have some support from the student body, at least at the home games. How about it?

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