



## For bad trip to "Cancer Country" keep smoking those lovely weeds

By Janet Ferrier

What brand do you smoke? Filter or plain? Large or small packages? Ten or 15 per day? Every noon hour? Every other class? In the washrooms? Do you say, "Oh I've just gotta have a cigarette?"

When did you start... when you were 12, 13, 14, or before that? Could you stop any time you feel like it, or are you a bosom buddy of nicotine? Ah, but you say, what's the harm? It's only smoke going in one second and blowing out the next. INHALE and EXHALE!!

In the January issue of Reader's Digest magazine, I read an article concerning the effects of smoking. I never really thought much about cigarettes and such, until I did read this article. I figured if people wanted to smoke it was their affair. From reading the article, I see things that went unnoticed before. On T.V.

commercial concerning smoking, they show you the picture of health, handsome, tall, rugged men; beautiful, smiling girls; and the cool, clean country of Marlboro. Never do you see the other grim side, the cancer country. Wouldn't this view reduce sales? Since I don't smoke, I don't side with either point of view, I do, however, realize the risks of smoking, and the need smokers seem to have.

Just because cigarettes are sold, you are not forced to buy them. You are a free individual. Free to put your coins into the cigarette machine, free to remove them from it, and free to light a match to smoke it. On the other hand, you are also free to say NO.

I don't feel any prejudice against anybody who smokes, but I do wonder. Many kids start at an early age, not because they really want to, but because their friends are doing it, it gives

them a feeling of being big, and it's one over on their parents. You hand out the 50 cents for cigarettes so you are darn well going to smoke them. You complain of the rising costs, but do you realize that for every 50 cents you dig out of your pocket, you are devaluing your life, not just your pocket-book?

Referring back to the article in the Reader's Digest, the author developed cancer of the throat, and had to undergo an operation which removed his tongue, his pharynx, jaw, throat, chin and nose. He then underwent plastic surgery, where the doctors hoped to reconstruct his neck and face so that he would look like a human being again. The horror of such an operation made me feel sick, and yet one can't escape reality. This sort of thing happens every day.

I'm not saying that just because you smoke you are sure to get

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## P.Y.P.S. council here this weekend

The Presbyterian Young People's Society branch of Knox Church, Milton, will be the location for a three-day New Year's Council of Toronto-Kingston Synod P.Y.P.S. executives, hosted by Brampton Presbytery.

Billets for approximately 35 delegates from Peterborough to North Bay have been found in Milton homes.

The council will begin Friday evening with registration, socialising and informal discussions.

Reports will be made on the Society's financing, and planning of the coming year's program will be done, with appropriate budgeting.

Among the events to be planned are the Spring fellowship track-and-field meet (at which Brampton won the trophy last year), a

weekend at Glen Mohr Camp, Beaverton, July 1, a week of camping in the north at the end of August, and a convention.

The defining of age limits for membership in the group will also be reviewed. At present, no specific barriers are in force, but the program is aimed at youths 17 years of age and up.

A banquet and skating party will wrap up the business part of the weekend Saturday evening. Sunday, congregation P.Y.P.S. president Marg Ball, presbytery president Shirley Ella of Campbellville, and president at the synod level, Doug Stevens of Toronto will conduct the morning church service at Knox.

Henry Dueck of the Ontario Farm for the Deaf will be guest speaker at the service Sunday.



THE YOUTH REPS, Milton's committee of young people drumming up interest and action in a youth centre, elected their executive Thursday evening. They include president Paul Foster (top), vice-president Jane DenBoer, secretary Shirl Parsons, director Nick Digralamo, treasurer Ken Brown and director Al Restivo. (Staff Photo)

## The British are coming

### Mod Beats play next dance M.M. taught by television

By Marsha Zuest

The British Mod Beats will be the group for our next dance on January 19. Tickets sold during the first week of sales were \$1.00 with a student card but in the week of the dance they will be \$1.50. The Boy's Athletic Association, who are sponsoring this dance, expect a good turnout because each project they have attempted this year has been a success.

Thursday a meeting of the Student Council was held. During this meeting, the school constitution was discussed.

Rehearsals for our musical, "Swinging High" have progressed to the point where our cast is practising almost every night

after school. Everyone expects it to be really great when the time comes for the actual performance, February 21, 22 and 23 are the nights for the big event.

These congratulations may be rather late but I would like to give a cheer to our basketball team for winning the Steel Ball tournament during the Christmas holidays.

Is educational television going to take over M. M. Robinson? This is the big question. Since the beginning of the school year many classes have viewed programs on T.V. which were related to subjects taken in school. Maybe the day of the teacher will come to an end in another 100 years. Who knows?

In boys' sports, murder ball, hockey and wrestling have been in the spotlight. Murder ball playoffs have taken place in the last week. Our hockey team, in their first year of play, have been doing fairly well and up until lately have been among the top teams.

## Youth centre moves ahead

Among those attending the second meeting of Milton's Youth Reps, the committee of young people working towards a youth centre for Milton, was a delegation from a similar organization in Georgetown, the Youth-In.

Ten of Youth-In's membership of approximately 150 were invited to Milton to assist the Youth Reps through their organizational stage, and to explain how they brought the Georgetown youth centre from open-air discussions in a community park to a well-run unit capable of staging projects and entertainment the whole area youth population can enjoy.

Youth-In president Jim Egerton also chaired the Milton group's election of executive.

The recorded private balloting resulted in election of president Paul Foster, vice-president Jane DenBoer, secretary Shirl Parsons, treasurer Ken Brown, and directors Al Restivo and Nick Digralamo.

The Georgetownians invited Youth Reps to visit Youth-In last Saturday evening.

## Instant customized music for Century 21 listeners

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This week we bring you Part Two, concerning music, by Youth Front staffer Janet Ferrier.

It is time for our regular program on M.U.S.I.C. (Meaningful Usage Shall Inspire Cultures).

Our announcer is um... umm... Oh yeah, Mr. Hushup. On the agenda for today's program are some of our old favorites . . . Sal Skirt, Atlas Bea, Gloomy and Sure, and a number of other well-known groups. I'm positive this will be one of our best shows.

To start off, we have Electro and His Atoms, with the No. 1 hit "It's a Bomb". . . . . PAUSE FOR STATION IDENTIFICATION.

Hi, we're back, and with us now is Sid Drimo and "Bongo Bam". . . . . (Continued on Page B8)

## Hi School happenings . . .

### I-D cards' value reviewed busy dramatic year coming

by Shirl Parsons

Thursday found the Student Council of M.D.H.S. in session discussing various items of importance. It was decided to re-open the chocolate bar sales to sell the remainder of the bars.

As you recall, profits acquired from the sale were to go towards new bleachers. In order to encourage enthusiasm among the students, four prizes will be awarded to the four best salesmen. Prizes include either a school sweater or sweatshirt.

Once again the refreshment committee will be on hand to discourage undernourishment in Milton High students. The committee is to serve hot dogs and coke at the season basketball games.

Student council felt the basketball games should have more advertisement, perhaps in the form of posters so that everyone, not just a few, realizes there are games going on.

The old problem of student identity (activity) cards was brought up. Council is going to try to arrange for discounts at school dances for holders of the cards. This should boost card sales because of the increased value on them.

Duk Ri, M.D.H.S.'s foster child will soon be receiving many gifts from her Milton supporters. Glennith Ford, the high school correspondent to Duk Ri, announced boxes will be placed in each room by the council reps. Students are to collect any items which may be of use to Duk Ri. Anything from blankets to clothes, canned food to pencils or money is being accepted.

The basketball games scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10 between Milton and Georgetown turned out favorably for Milton. The girls who played in Georgetown, played co-operatively and with plenty of spirit. The junior score was a decisive 28-2 for Milton High while the Seniors lost by the slim margin of one point in a 30-29 victory for Georgetown. The seniors, although disappointed, were pleased to have played so well against the Georgetown team.

The boys, however, were not so successful and Georgetown took the lead.

Another effort was put forward on Friday by the teams as they matched their skill with Centennial High of Guelph.

The senior girls showed their true colors by defeating Centennial in a 27-17 victory. Top scorers in the game were Nora Hearn and Maryanne Hutchinson.

The juniors, unfortunately, were not so successful and the Guelph team took the lead with a final score of 27-19.

Well, January will be over sooner than we expect and with the loss of one month comes another. The first and second of February are the dates set for the annual drama night at M.D.H.S. This year there will be two one-act plays presented on the same night by the drama club.

"Still Stands The House," one of the one act plays to be presented, is a Canadian play written by Gwen Ringwood. It was awarded first prize for native Canadian plays in the Dominion Drama Festival. The play, which has a western setting, is a pure drama and will require top performance to present it effectively. The drama club has looked forward to presenting a play such as this and is sincere in its efforts to present it properly.

The members of the cast, Marg MacRay, who plays Ruth Warren, Dave Regis, who plays Arthur Manning, Beth Wardle as Hester Warren and Gordon Timbers who takes the part of Bruce Warren, are working hard on the play but have even more hard work ahead of them. The club deserves a lot of praise in their efforts to present such a play.

A three-act play will be presented later in the spring, and a grade 12 play will be presented at the Winter Carnival. If the 12 play is successful it will be put on for the entire school.

Let's keep our eye on this club -- it's going places!

## Sunshine students enjoy O.S.D. pool

By George Adams

The pupils of Sunshine School have started skating again at Milton Arena every Friday.

Remember that very cold Monday last week? We could pretend we were down south while we were swimming at the Ontario School for the Deaf pool.

Our parents and friends were at the annual meeting of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Wednesday evening (Jan. 10).



MILTON AREA DELEGATES who attended Vision '67, the Toc Alpha youth conference on alcohol, drugs and other problems held at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, included in the front, Gwen Peer, Christel Weber and Darline Wood (Hornby); and in the rear, Barry Laing, Jim Dance, Linda Ledwith, Terry DesLaurier and Wayne Ricketts. (Photo by Boschler Studios Ltd.)

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Surely, with the youth centre practically spring-

ing up under your feet, the lousy winter weather we've been having, the 101 issues that come up in high school, world happenings ----- there's something YOU'VE got to say.

Remember, too, you don't have a vote in municipal or national government, but your opinions are valuable, and you can tell the world. On Youth Front.

Quit slacking. We know you're out there, so pick up your quill and communicate.

The Front will feed the masses ANYTHING you send in, providing it's signed (you can use a pen-name for publication), sensible, and non-libelous.

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