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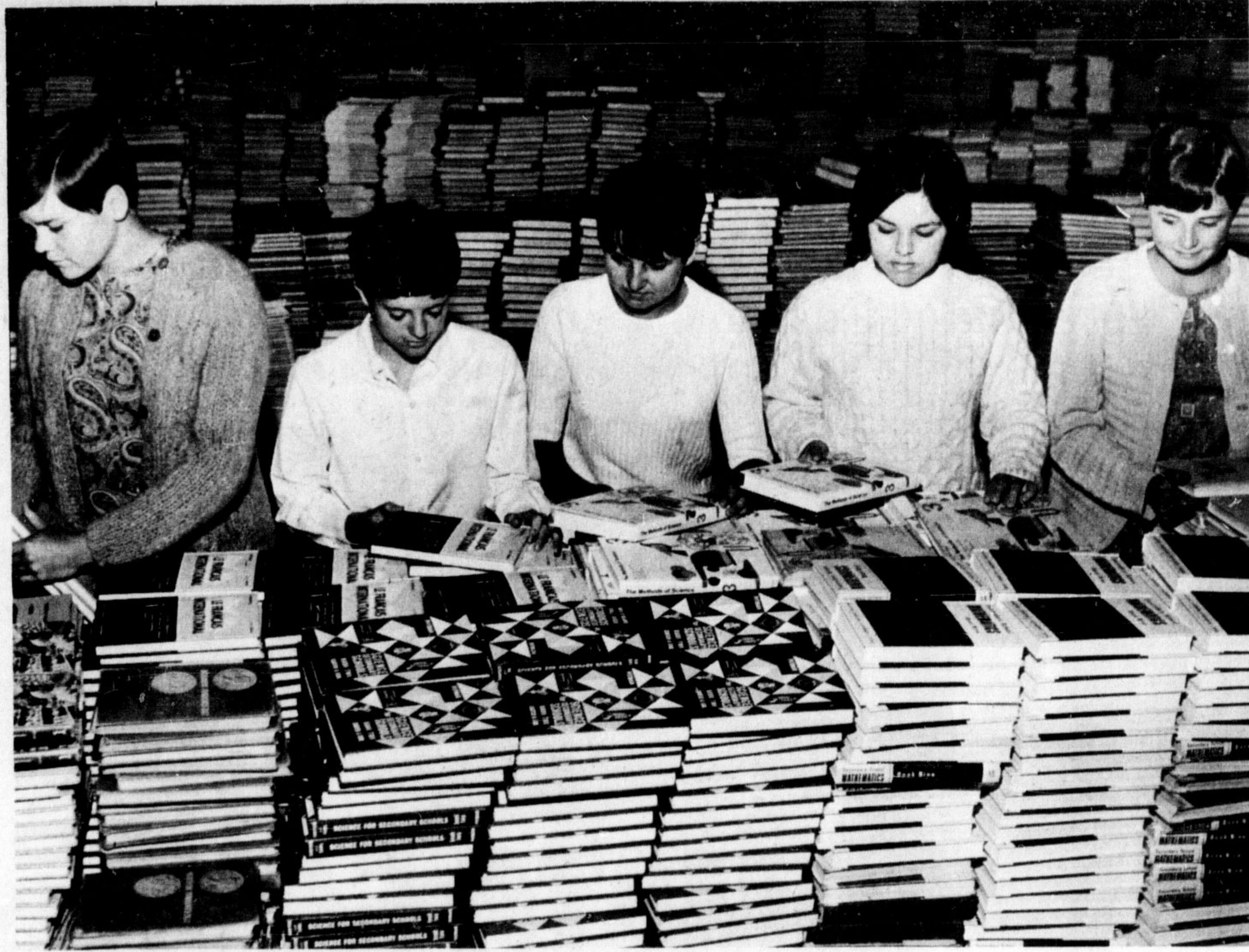
The 1968 Soapbox

By Larry Martin — Youth Front Co-Ordinator

* The wild sound of fainting parents crashing to the floor is a part of Milton family life these days as students entering college or university for the first time next year announce their list of expenses. The majority of students in this age range were able to find employment through the summer, but often there's a financial slack to be taken up out of the family coffers. Good investment, though.

* What's with the County's North these days? Understand blood's been flowing like the 12 Mile Creek and Acton and Georgetown are staging some sort of Battle Royal on weekends, or whenever a group of guys has a few minutes to take off and go over and beat up the other town. There has always been what Discretion calls "rivalry" between the rural municipalities... usually it's taken care of annually through some head-bashing on the hockey rink and the occasional private rumble between two people. But tire-irons? Baseball bats? Cops? There goes your Americanization procedure again. May the better town win.

* The months of freedom are over. The return to the drudgery of homework and schedules is heralded this week by the moaning of those who wonder where the summer went, and why they didn't do more while it lasted. The long lazy afternoons driving around or at poolside are finally gone forever. It's a depressing time of year. And it's even starting to get cold out.



TUESDAY WAS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DAY in Milton and district, as thousands of students wound up their summer holidays and flocked back to classrooms for another 10 months. At Milton District High School, students had new books to greet them, as well as a host of new classrooms and shops to work in. Above, Wanda Guay, Joanne Cannon, Donna Hetherington, Alma Buckley and Karen McEachern check out new texts for the returning scholars, surrounded by mountains of knowledge. Below, looking like eager young students lined up to enter school for the first time, these objects are really pails of tar awaiting application on the roof, during the new construction. (Staff Photos)

Generation '68

Introducing

A sad crew

Happiness is not the keynote in Milton this week.

As our hundreds of students... ranging from first-time-in-schoolers to battle-hardened mid-high-schoolers make the annual post-Labor Day pilgrimage back to institutionalization, we find only the occasional student experiencing any joy.

Two girls entering Grade 10 lamented the individual timetable system introduced this year, which will make each day of the week similar, and consequently less interesting. They stated they had had a good summer.

A girl who will be one of the first wave of students to enter the new General Brock High School in Burlington looked forward to breaking it in.

A Grade three boy also anticipated the return to education with joy, since he was getting bored with the unorganized life of summer.

Two older public school students, Grade 7 entrants, didn't share his viewpoint.

They were both enjoying the summer.

One stated he wished the summer would just keep going,

while the other didn't mind the return since his teacher would be pleasant.

A Grade 9 girl was a bit apprehensive about the switch from public school to high school routine, and didn't feel quite recharged enough to take on the challenge.

A second Grade 9 girl was looking forward to high school for the same reason her contemporary counted negative... the change from public school education.

Most university freshmen The Front has talked with are worried more about financial matters than curriculum.

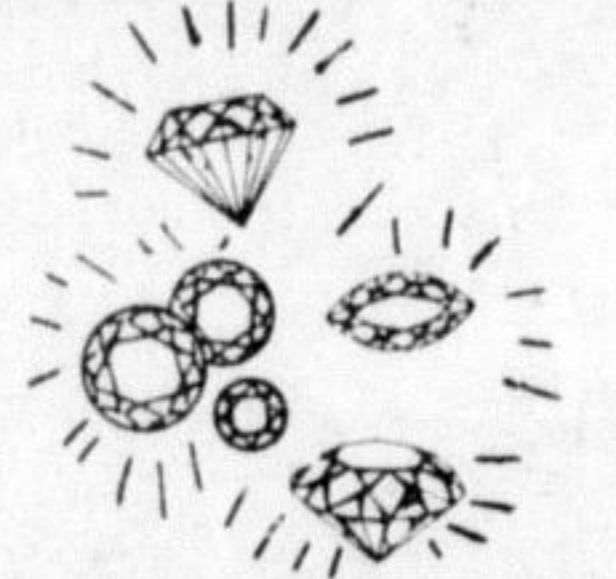
Orientation tortures leave some apprehensive while others look forward to the ordeal as a test of strength.

Whatever you're entering, it probably WON'T be as much fun as summer has been.

Everyone feels some depression at the thought of crawling back to an orderly, regulated way of life.

But take heart. There's only 210 days left before you'll have another two or three months vacation... and a year's more experience behind you to learn how to appreciate it.

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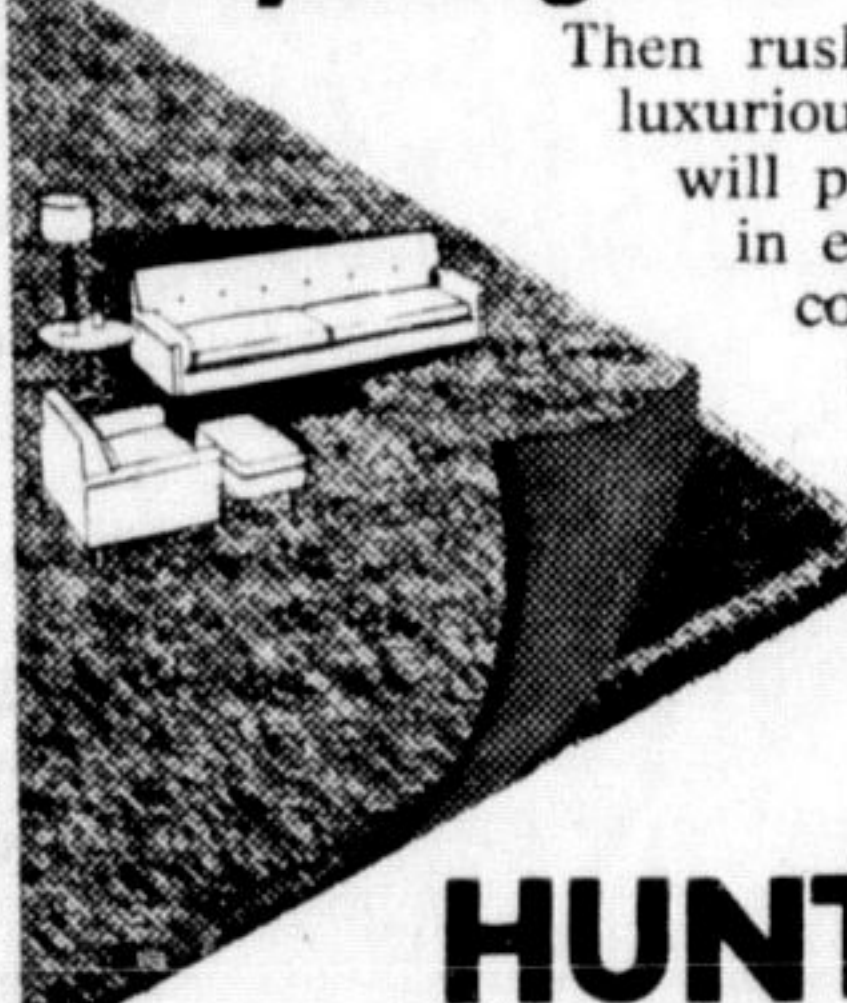
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Champion YOUTH FRONT Poetry Forum

REQUIEM
By Ken Brown

The frothing waters close silently
Over the wretched form, and in
Closing, flow on their polluted path
Gathering, on their way
E'en more streams of man's putrescence.

No one saw. No one looked. No one
Cared enough to shatter his
Indifferent shell of imperturbability
For a minute's anxiety
Toward a fellow man.

Outcast, rebel, failure, such was the
Nomenclature tagged to this
Being. Of low class, he had
No money, no material wealth
Naught but a mind of sensitivity.
Trapped—in a world he did not create;
Helpless—against the forces that held him.
Perched—there—upon the lofty summit of the
Towering bridge, a symbol of
Man's cold-hearted inflexibility—

He cradled his life in both hands,
And sighing, dropped it.

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