

Youth bowlers developing great love for five-pin game

Developing a love for bowling, "not only as a sport but also as a form of social recreation," is the main aim of Canada's Youth Bowling Council and its motto is being exemplified in a big way every Saturday at Milton Bowlway.

Over 50 local children have signed up for Youth Bowling sessions this winter, and they're

having a grand time with the sport. Mrs. June Gould who supervises Milton's Youth Bowling Council reports some of the children are back for their fourth year at the weekly fun sessions, and many of the seniors are turning into expert bowlers with consistently high averages.

Backed by the national organization and bowling alley

proprietors from coast to coast, Y.B.C. offers fun and education to children aged from about seven years to 21. Learning about sportsmanship and fair play are emphasized, as well as physical co-ordination and the good fellowship that comes naturally in any bowling circle.

Registration costs \$1.50, of which Milton Bowlway proprietor Stan Chisholm puts in 50 cents. The children pay a reduced price per game played, and put in 15 cents a week toward a year-end bunfeed when the prizes for the top bowlers will be distributed. They also obtain free use of bowling shoes from the alley.

Mrs. Gould reports there are still openings for more young bowlers. Bantams are those up to 12 years, juniors up to 15, and seniors up to 21. The Milton group will take a child as young as seven years, even if they have to use two hands to pick up the ball. "Start 'em young" is the motto.

Several special events are lined up for participants this year. A doubles tournament was held, and at the end of November there's a beat-your-average contest in which crests will be awarded. A family twosome is staged at Christmas, when moms and dads come out for a day of fun. In February there's a Valentine's Day tournament, and a high school tournament will be held later this year.

Youth bowlers receive crests for high games and Dan and Bert Malyk have donated a trophy for the championship team at the end of the season.

Mrs. Gould has three regular helpers, Mrs. Joan Smith, Mrs. Joyce Chultz and Reg Gray, who come out each week to help teach and supervise the children. Several parents are quite interested too, and they turn up frequently to lend a hand.

"There is no problem with keeping score," reports Mrs. Gould. "We teach them the fundamentals and the children do the scoring."



A WIDE RANGE of interests is enjoyed by our Generation '68 representative of this week, Fay Mathies, shown here at work in a local bank. (Staff Photo)

Generation '68

Faye Mathies

Introducing

Depositors, withdrawers and any would-be robbers of the Bank of Nova Scotia's Milton branch have probably met our Generation '68 representative for this week.

Born in Nassagaweya Township, Faye Mathies started employment at the bank in June following completion of a four-year business and commerce course at Milton District High School.

Through high school, Faye maintained an interest in a variety of sports and sewing.

She still produces a large number of clothes herself. Other interests include copying of the lyrics to songs, maintenance of scrapbooks, reading, spectating auto races, bowling, swimming, water-skiing and badminton.

One of the more memorable moments of her life so far has been a short chat she and another girl had with Prime Minister P. E. Trudeau and Mitchell Sharpe during the Grade 12 trip to Ottawa and Montreal last year.

She feels Trudeau, if given a chance to act, has the qualifications to improve the general situation of Canadian government.

One change that will have to come about to improve Canada's welfare, though, is a lessening of dependence upon the U.S.A. ... although she is in favor of Canadian assistance (not necessarily military) to the U.S. to help end the war in southeast Asia.

President Johnson is definitely not on her list of good American politicians while Robert F. Kennedy would have been.

Elsewhere in the world political scene, Faye suggested the Russian and American governments will stay at power heads while Canada concentrates on inward development.

Co-operation between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. would be beneficial in space projects, she feels.

Canadian discrimination tendencies are not only racial, where reservation-bound Indians are deprived of job opportunities and lack healthy morals; but also to the sex of the job applicant.

Religion, she finds, has changed even in the past few years ... with the churches devoting more of their time to reaching young people on their

own terms and being less concerned with an ultra-dignified and stodgy front.

However, it still depends on each individual minister and his congregation just how appealing and/or effective a church can be.

Most teenagers don't give much thought to what their feelings on religion are.

Religion doesn't have to be organized and under a steeped building to be effective, either ... the early pioneers, who adhered closely to the principles often met in the open-air or in crude buildings.

Commenting on the drug situation, she noted she wouldn't become involved with them herself due to some unpleasant experiences with medically-administered doses; but the taking of drugs was entirely up to the individual himself.

Sale should be legalized to those who are unable to withdraw from the habit ... and through a medical prescription.

Faye would like to see the legal drinking age lowered to 18 years since many people are married and holding down jobs at that age ... and if young persons are allowed consumption of alcohol in the home they have less interest in over-using it on the roads.

In North Halton politics, she noted Reeve William Coulter of Nassagaweya has done much for the township, although she would like to see some improvements in the situation requiring prospective home-builders to buy 10 acres of land before they can build.

One suggested improvement was the issuance of trailer licenses to persons to live in while their new houses are under construction. Then the trailer could be resold and the money applied to housing and land costs.

In summary, her wishes for all of North Halton were that it will be built up with careful planning.

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