

# Class on creekbanks is new way to study

By Bob Burt

If on your way to the town's sanitary disposal site behind Milton District High School you saw your daughter or son strolling along 16 Mile Creek or puddling through it, don't be concerned. They are there on legitimate school business.

It's a new approach to education. Rather than a class of students sitting and listening to a teacher at the front of the room they have taken their studies to the bank of the stream.

The purpose of the project is to study the physical properties of a river. Grade 11 geography students, in groups of four, sat out this week with compasses, thermometers, measuring tapes and hundreds of feet of string.

Some members of the group concerned themselves with charting the course of the river on paper, showing the meanders. Others worked to develop a cross profile of the river revealing depth at various points and the slope of the river.

Water temperatures were taken at slow and fast moving points and in shade or sun. All this plays a role in their study of the natural properties. Part of the project is also devoted to contrasting man's effect on the stream as compared to nature's. Broken boxes and tin cans cluttering the stream showed man had indeed been there.

Bob Collins summed up what seemed to be the general opinion of the group, saying "This is better than being cooped up in a classroom. There are maps that we could study but here we are making our own maps. It's really interesting."

Asked what she thought of the change in procedure, Lydia Dudnik described it as "kind of weird for a girl." She added it was probably more enjoyable for a boy as they are more mechanically inclined and the work did get a little technical.

"It should be neat tomorrow when we try to measure the depth," Lydia said. Returning to the creek the following day for more information, this reporter saw what Lydia had described as "neat" when she waded across the stream in high rubber boots taking measurements.

Teacher, John Black noted it was the first time the idea had been tried in the Milton school. He felt the new way of study

made for a more realistic conception of the subject matter. Later he hopes to have more field trips and studies along the same line, perhaps using more sophisticated equipment once students mastered the basics.

A study of an urban hamlet looms in the future for Milton District High School students. Both Milton and Metropolitan Toronto are areas that might be studied.

The first of the five periods

spent on the present project were accepted as a lark by students but by the second period they settled down and got down to the business at hand. They will be marked on progress made on the project and the mark will make up part of their report card mark. Some time after school will be devoted and information collected on the scene will be incorporated in maps, graphs and reports compiled in the classroom.



SETTING UP SHOP, three students set up posts and prepare to chart the course of the 16 Mile Creek flowing behind Milton District High School. The entire class took part in the study of the physical properties of the creek. The outdoor, do-it-yourself type of lesson is a first for the Milton school and is described as a break in tradition by geography teacher John Black. Pictured in the photo are students Ken Mercer, John McIlwraith and Lydia Dudnik. —(Staff Photo)



TEMPERATURE READINGS under various conditions are fundamental in determining some of the physical aspects affecting the creek. Bob Collins takes the reading and Pat Devlin carefully records the measurement. —(Staff Photo)



GETTING INTO THE THICK of things, Mats Falk measures the depth of the creek bed at various points. The measurements are fundamental in determining the slope of the river bed and the resulting current. These and similar tests were taken by grade 11 students as part of a study. —(Staff Photo)

# Champion YOUTH

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## Milton District High School

### They're gonna play ball in the snowdrifts

By Richard Figg

With temperatures in the 40's and people beginning their Christmas shopping, it is only traditional that football in Milton should be over, but not so in 1969. The Mustangs of Senior age finally convinced the staff and optimistic fans that there is enough football talent in M.D.H.S. and it should be allowed to play. Oct. 30 is late to start a football season but this seems to be disregarded as the Seniors hope to play six games.

Under coaching of Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Pollen and with a crew of Juniors in the lineup, the Mustangs travelled to Oakville to take on the division champs, O.T.H.S. who are waiting to play in the finals. The offence clicking

as we hoped it would, manoeuvred into position for two touchdowns in the first half by Pau Paul Perrott, which were converted by Q.B. Ray "Ange" Tonelli. A late touchdown by the Red Devils left the count 14-6 at the half. As the speed in the backfield dwindled as most players went both ways after only one week of practising, the Red Devils certainly showed their stuff as they rolled up their count to 45 while Perrott and the boys could only find themselves in the O.T. end zone once in the second half causing the score to read 45-20 at the game's end.

The 10 fans who attended the contest seemed satisfied with the count but when Mr. Wilmot announced in an attempt at

comedy that the club had lost, it seemed normal for a Milton High team. However, the games against O.S.D. and Blakelock will soon (I hope) prove this club to be successful representatives of M.D.H.S.

While the boys still play football, the girls keep on at their basketball, as a trip to Perdue proved fatal as an injury-prone club was downed 61-15 and a perpetually weak Senior club were dropped 44-21. Later in the week, White Oaks hosted the Milton girls and defeated them in both games of the doubleheader. Scores were close and typical of the play, but Milton Juniors lost 31-25 and the Seniors blew it 33-25.

Speaking of school spirit, Students Council reports a lack of it as only 200 of 900 students showed up for the penny drive last weekend to collect \$350 for UNICEF. Meetings seem to be unorganized despite the fact that they are not well attended. I feel that this is the fault of the farce that the electing of class representatives proves to be if only these could be at least half as serious as the electing of the executive. Everyone complains at M.D.H.S. but they never go to the meetings. If all the complainers ever showed up and voiced their opinions, it would be the greatest thing in high school history, so complainers—get in there and make history.

### Okay \$552,632 school contract for Georgetown

The tender of A. Petersons Limited for \$552,632 was accepted by the Halton County Board of Education for construction of the Joseph Gibbons Public School in Georgetown.

The firm's bid was the lowest of 12 received ranging to a high of \$708,000.

The school will have 12 classrooms, a music room, two kindergartens, general purpose room with change rooms, library resource centre, health unit, guidance area, administrative area and auxiliary areas that will provide for later addition of 10 classrooms.

It was reported the \$21 square foot cost was high but it would be in relation when the school was built to its maximum size. Inclusion of future services affected the current cost.

Total cost of the project including architect's fees, equipment and site development is estimated at \$640,000 indicating \$1,422 per pupil place.

—The long-awaited Steele Commission report which will determine whether Burlington remains with Halton or joins Hamilton and Wentworth in a regional government area, is expected to be released shortly.

## White Oaks Secondary School

### Slacks could replace those miniskirts

By Pat Ford

This week at W.O.S.S. the name of the game was football; the Wildcats won a place in the finals and the girls' powder puff team made their debut.

The boys played Blakelock twice this week, once in the final game of the schedule. Assured of a second place finish to Perdue, the team played its second and third string line-ups for most of the game and lost 27-18. Peter Rowbottom, Ron Barker and Bob Bottoni scored the W.O.S.S. touchdowns.

School was dismissed early on Friday for our second meeting with Blakelock, this time on home field, in the semi-final

playoffs. The first stringers were all out this time to take the game 15-1. Ron Barker ran the first T.D. and quarterback Bob Bottoni converted it. Shortly after, one of the Tabbies was tackled in his own end zone for a safety. The highlight of the game was the interception of a Blakelock pass by end Rick Borowski for a T.D. run. Once again, Bob Bottoni kicked the ball between the uprights.

Blakelock were held scoreless until the third quarter when Peter Brown recovered a third down kick by T.A.B. into our end zone—one of the Tabbies tackled him before he could run it out. Next we meet the undefeated

Perdue team for the town championship.

Perdue's boys may not lose, but W.O.S.S. proved the same can't be said for the girls' football team when our powder puff squad ran over them 30-0. Dorothy Tuckett and Roselyn Merry each scored two touchdowns, and Diane Gibson added the fifth.

The girls' basketball teams played Milton for the second time, and still came out on top, as we did before. The seniors were led by Colleen McLaughlin and Sue Duffy to a 33-55 victory, and the juniors won 31-22.

There has been some controversy and a petition among some of the girls at White Oaks in

regard to wearing slacks to school. Certain members of the House of Assembly at the last meeting moved that dress regulations should be amended to this effect, and the motion was passed. But there is some opposition to the ruling, and since it did not begin as an official bill to be read in the house, it has not been signed by the government and is not yet effective. However, this does not seem to worry those girls who wished to wear slacks; they started last Thursday, after the motion was passed Wednesday night, and they show all intentions of continuing until the technicalities have been cleared up.

## M.M. Robinson

### School magazine is lively, sellout too

By Donna-Jane Byers

The Robinson Scene magazine went on sale again Thursday and it happened again. Scheduled to be sold at the three lunch periods, by the end of the second it was sold out. Paul McCartney "Wanted Dead or Alive", an editorial, a band interview with Danny Squire and the Brethren and the Teen Scene were just a few of the articles included. Perhaps one of the most popular features is "The Daily Blurp". Here the students are able to enter any comment or suggestion—and they do. Coming Next Issue! "Attack our Resource Centre!", presenting a two-sided look at our resource centre.

With a recent Nelson victory still fresh on their breath, our boys senior volleyball team competed in the SOSSA Zone 1 tournament held Wednesday at Robinson. The 12 member squad, coached by J. Westhead, met four other high schools including Ancaster, Dundas, Waterdown and Nelson.

Each team played two games and a point was awarded for each game won. By the end of the round robin play, M.M. was in first place with seven points, Nelson in second with six and Ancaster in third place with four. Nelson and Ancaster were the two teams entered in the semi-finals with the victor to play M.M. in the finals. Nelson defeated M.M. in the finals by the scores of 15-7 and 15-10.

With the victory at Aldershot Wednesday Oct. 29, our junior girls' basketball team is now in first place. Sparked by captain Janice Kay's 12 point effort, the junior team trounced the opposing team 35-7. Other scorers of the game included Georgina Richmond and Josie Drake who each sank two baskets. Karen Langshaw and Ellen Head netted a field goal each and D. J. dropped in three field and four foul shots.

Recalling last week's 60-20 victory over Nelson, and this week's 57-9 defeat at Aldershot, you've got to admit one thing, when our senior team defeats an opposing team, they really whomp them.

Lynne Young in her final year of playing for the senior team, led again in the scoring race netting nine field goals and three foul shots for a total of 21 points. Carol Morgan netting five field goals and a foul shot was next in the scoring line.

There has been talk of the final

game being played on the Aldershot floor, I personally hope that this does not come about as the playing surface is very slippery and players unable to hold their footing are called for travelling.

Dum, de dum da! It's that time again! Report papers were issued Friday. Because Robinson is run on a new computer system, report cards had to be adjusted accordingly. Five sheets of paper,

each with carbon paper between them, were handed to the students, who then carted them from class to class where the teacher entered a mark or comment in the space provided. At the conclusion of the day, the first sheet was removed and the students were allowed to take this copy home. It would be interesting to hear the teachers' and students' opinion of this new "computer paper".

### For "the decent majority"

## Youth Appreciation Week Nov. 10-16

President Jim Eige of the Optimist Club of Milton has appointed William McGinnis this year's chairman of Youth Appreciation Week.

The program, to be held during the week of Nov. 10-16, is an annual observance.

co-sponsored by Optimist International and its 2,700 clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Its primary purpose is to recognize the accomplishments of youth in the home, school, church and community—the decent majority.

### LAST WORDS

1. Attention Juniors. A recent student opinion poll indicated that the seniors feel that school spirit has declined because of un-school-spirited "gummers". PROVE THEM WRONG!

2. Do you have your eye on someone, the quarterback of the football team, captain of the volleyball team? Well, now's your chance. Go get him! Tickets on sale for the Sadie, at noon hours.

### Milton youth escapes injury

A Milton youth escaped injury in a single-car accident on the Base Line Rd., east of Esquesing's Fourth Line Friday evening. Charles Wilson, 16, of 92 John St., lost control of the car he was driving and it went off the road doing \$300 damage to the car.

guideposts. His car was almost totally wrecked with \$2,000 damage being done.

Saturday afternoon, another driver escaped serious injury in a single-car mishap on Highway 401, east of Highway 25. According to the Milton detachment of the OPP, Alvin Miller, 46, of Weston, lost control of his car, running off the road and hitting several

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## O.S.D. News

### HAND CARVING IN WOOD

Sculpture and carving are almost as old as man himself. Earliest recorded history shows that man has always been interested in shaping and fashioning first the tools and weapons to assist his survival and later to creating ornaments and other early works of art.

There is much satisfaction and pleasure in creating and shaping wood, stone, metal etc. The tools for each of these mediums are basically similar.

In the Cabinet Making Shop at O.S.D. we have a wide range of wood carving chisels and many of our deaf students possess a natural ability for this form of creative work. The younger students being exposed to it for the first time are initially imitative, but with several hours of shop practice, it is possible to see some faint sparks of originality emerging in many cases. The old adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" is true of people with good hearing; in the case of the deaf person, the value of the pictorial representation or demonstration type lesson is impossible to assess.

Since the introduction of Wood Carving to the school three years ago, many worth-while objects have been produced ranging from carved signs in Old English or Church Text lettering to wall plaques and antique reproduction projects. Some of these have been exhibited at the local Milton Fair.

By trial and error, the younger students acquire a working knowledge of the variation in the grain, texture, color and beauty of the different types of hardwood and softwood and the limitations of each.

It has been reassuring to find that several of our prize-winning graduates have elected to have their prize in the form of the basic wood carving chisels. Some students even buy their own carving sets.

Regardless of their eventual vocation in life, I am sure when they leave O.S.D. they will derive much pleasure from the knowledge and practice of this ancient art.