

THE PLAYROOM will be a grand attraction for the children attending Milton's new Day Care Centre. The Centre will be staffed by three able ladies, Mrs. Sonne, Mrs. Norma Lepa and Mrs. A. Vandenberg. Here youngsters enjoy the race track on the large table in the room.—(Staff Photo)

For children two to five

Day care centre opening

Soon Milton's working mothers will have access to what must measure up as one of the province's finest and best equipped day care centres. The centre, to be operated by three enthusiastic women, will cater to children between the ages of two and five.

Mrs. A. Sonne will operate the school from a modern rented home at 143 Bronte St. Since she began to organize the centre she has engaged two staff members. Mrs. Norma Lepa, a well trained and very able lady, will be in charge of the pre-school training program and Mrs. Anne Vandenberg will serve as an assistant. Mrs. Lepa was trained as a pre-school teacher at McMaster and has worked at nurseries for 10 years.

The eight room centre features a dining room, several multi-purpose rooms that may be used as a music room or play room, a bedroom where children can have a nap and a quiet room where they pull up a chair and watch T.V. or read a book.

Both Mrs. Sonne and Mrs. Lepa are very enthusiastic about the project. They feel they can contribute to the child's learning development in a home setting. They stress their centre is neither a baby sitting agency nor an institution.

"We devote ourselves to the whole child," Mrs. Lepa explained, not just the physical needs. They feel the setting is good because it adds to the social development of the child and helps him or her learn fair play with other children.

"The big thing is that there is lots for them to do and plenty of facilities and other children to play with." The daily routine for the child begins when he arrived at the centre. Prior to 9 a.m. if the child arrives he will watch T.V. or read until 9 a.m. when refreshment are served. Until 10.15 the children do as they please, whether it be painting, playing with toys for the boys or dolls for the girls.

To work up an opportunity for a good lunch (served hot at the centre's dining room in the basement) staffers take the children outside to play in good weather or inside if the weather is inclement. A temporary fence has been posted for the child's safety outside and later a permanent fence will be erected

when frost is out of the ground. The afternoon is taken up with a two hour nap, outdoor play and story time. The program is arranged so the most activity is in the morning and the child is calm and rested when mother arrives to pick him up after her day on the job.

The centre is approved by the Department of Health and Welfare and subsidized in cases of welfare people. For a woman whose family is on welfare and she wishes to work the Department will pay 80 per cent of the fee. The subsidy is considered an investment with the hope that the extra income will take the family off welfare and have them stand alone eventually.

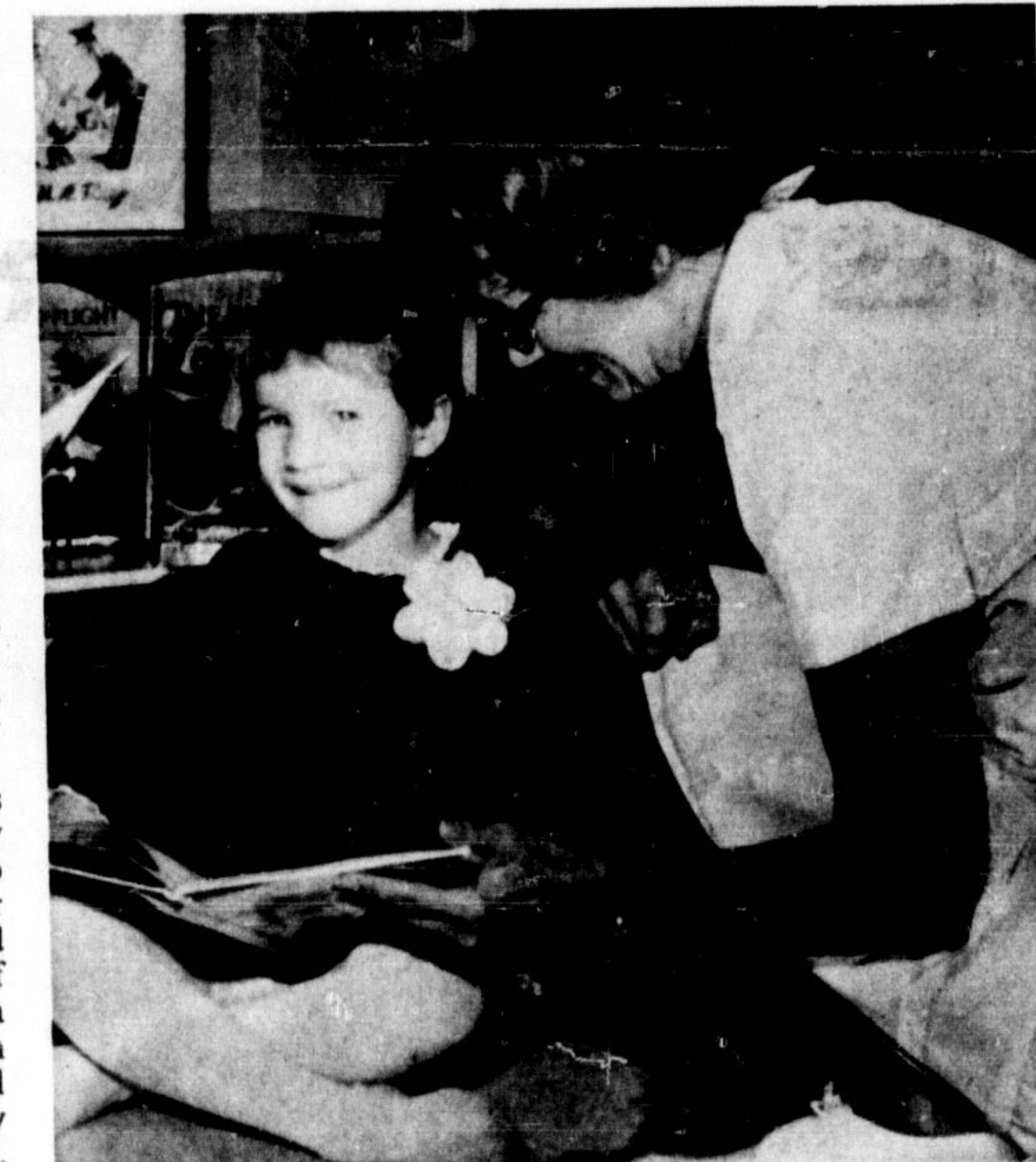
Sing songs, painting and crafts of many variations are available

as well as special days where they will turn the centre into an Indian village or Eskimo settlement.

"We feel we can provide care for the children and have the parents assured their children are in good hands and happy. If the child smiles and waves when the mother drops him or her off, the parents will feel a lot better about leaving them during the day," agreed Mrs. Sonne and Mrs. Lepa.

The ladies will continue to visit nurseries in surrounding towns and cities and government agencies in Toronto to seek ways to improve their program before the Jan. 19 opening. An open house was held this weekend.

The centre has a capacity of 40 children with a rate of \$20 per week or \$4 daily.



SOMETHING TO READ young lady? Milton Day Care Centre is complete with something to do for everyone who wants to do it. Barbara Ayres selects a book with the help of manageress Mrs. A. Sonne. The Centre is due to open Jan. 19.—(Staff Photo)

Indy-type speedway construction will hinge on registered plan

The future of the proposed \$2 million Indianapolis-type speedway between the Third and Fourth Lines of Esquesing, just north of Highway 401 hinges on the registered plan, brought in by the township planning board, Esquesing Council told a three man deputation from the area, at their final meeting of the year, Monday December 15.

T. W. Oliver a resident of the Fourth Line was spokesman for the deputation, which also included Leonard Zions and Eric De Vogel. The three had previously indicated by letter their intention to appear before council.

Although he admitted many fine people attend raceways, Mr. Oliver complained the track would likely attract undesirable types. Warm-up for big races, he thought, would draw campers, who would set up tents.

Mr. Oliver was also concerned about the excess traffic that would be created in the area and the problem of sanitation.

Reeve George Currie assured Mr. Oliver the Department of Health would have to approve the project.

When Mr. Oliver asked about

the revenue the track would bring the township, Reeve Currie pointed out that in Nassagaweya, Mohawk Raceway has more assessment than the whole township put together. Deputy-reeve Tom Hill

answered Mr. Oliver's comments about the type of people attending the track. He felt that if somebody was putting up \$2½ million they wouldn't allow any foolishness. Traffic at Mohawk and Woodbine raceways, he claimed, dispersed quickly.

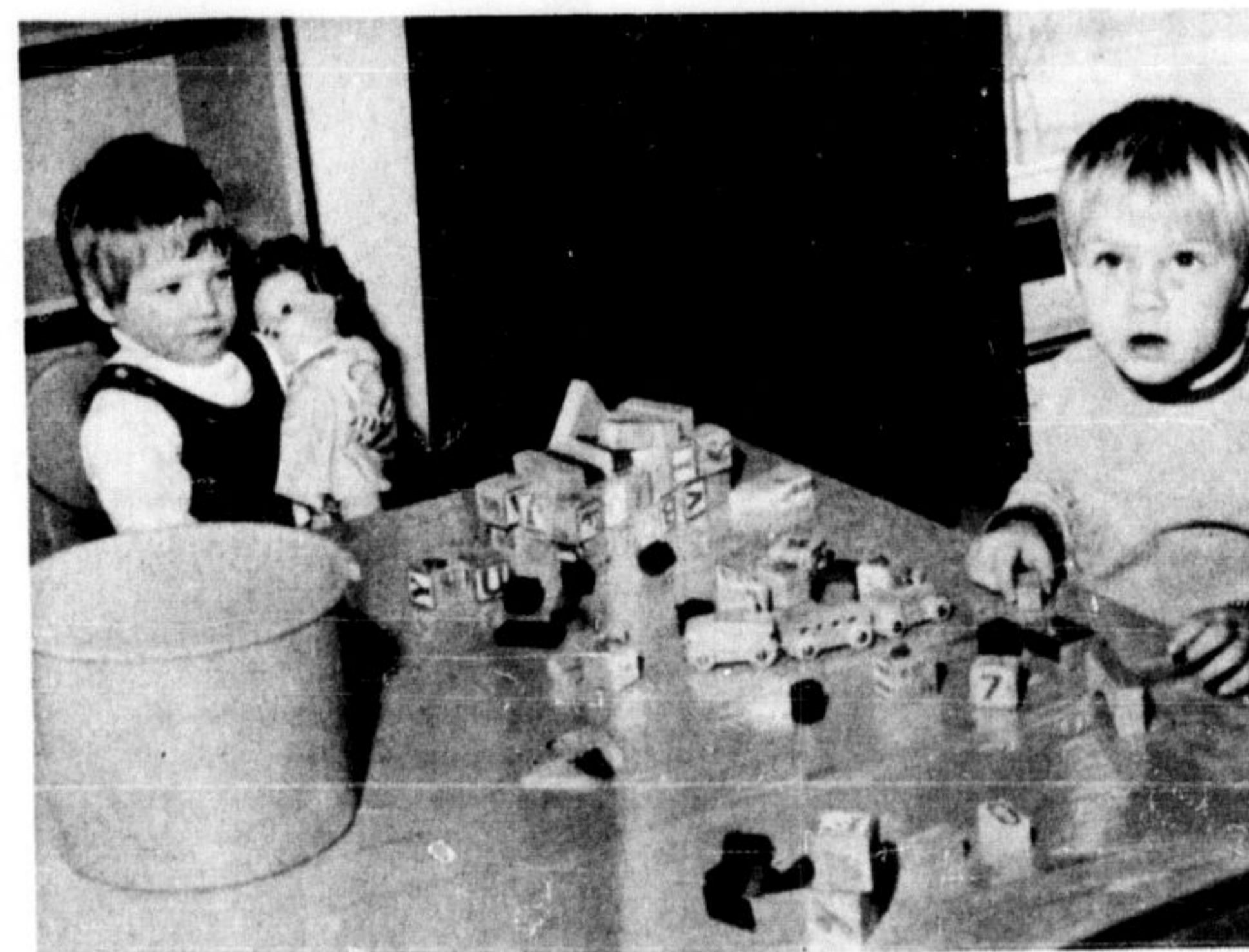
In answer to Mr. Oliver's question about whether council could legally prevent development of the track, the deputy-reeve explained that the present township agricultural holding by-law, if approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, would be included in the registered plan, but cautioned that everything depended on the registered plan and that if the promoters were turned down they might go to the Ontario Municipal Board, who would likely have the final decision.

Police report holidays quiet

People in the Milton area saw 1969 out quietly, report both Milton Police and the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

This area's two police departments report they charged no one with impaired driving and the breathalyzer at the OPP detachment was not in use on New Year's eve or on Thursday.

Sergeant J. K. Robertson of the Milton Police Department says they had a quiet night Dec. 31, with only two men on duty. The OPP reported they too had only a regular shift working New Year's eve, although New Year's day proved to be fairly hectic with six accidents requiring investigation



YOUNGSTERS AMUSE THEMSELVES with the age-old pastime of building blocks. Laurie Elsley and Dan Bell are miles away as they work with the blocks at Milton's new Day Care Centre.—(Staff Photo)

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