



**BUSTED, BLASTED, STP** and words like these provided terminology for the night as a cross section of the town's youth showed up for a Youth-On-The-Move drug presentation. Representatives from Trailer Oakville and Rap were on hand to

answer questions those in the crowd wondered about. Seating was no problem—if you remembered to bring your own pillow.—(Staff Photo)

## Youth on the Move panel debates drugs

Youth on the Move took a look into probably the most controversial subject facing youth and parents today. For two hours Monday they debated pros and cons of drug use and abuse.

A cross-section of the town's youth attended the meeting. Youngsters from 13 to 21 or 22 attended the gathering and many had different reasons for attending. A portion of those attending were there to learn more about what they have already heard so much about.

Questions and clarifications were offered by members of

Trailer Oakville and RAP. About 35 youngsters with their own pillows found a spot on the floor and listened.

One long haired panelist admitted, "I like it, I might get busted tomorrow but I like it. A word to the wise," he said in a debate about speed, "don't take it from someone off the street because it could be strychnine or anything else."

Others expressed the opinion they could not understand the willingness of some to take drugs, not knowing the effect or contents and generally not aware of the dangers they were subjecting themselves to.

90 per cent of the speed used was not pure and the impurities in some cases were fatal.

Several members on the panel and in the crowd admitted openly that they had taken drugs and they cautioned others not to take drugs unless it was under controlled circumstances and the user was 100 per cent sure of the content of what he had taken.

Defending the usage of drugs some contended it expanded their minds. Cautioned about the difficulty in determining the chemical makeup, they learned

One panelist in answer to a question told how speed freaks broke down their body bit by bit by using the drug. He told how calcium and other substances were drawn from the bones and the body weakened. They told of cases where people had used the drug but forced themselves to eat and while they were better off than they could have hoped to be without forcing themselves to eat.

Asked where they could go for a "downer" (a pill to help them ease them off a bad trip) a panelist told the group any hospital will give it to you off the street.

"Not Milton Hospital" a disgusted voice from the back of the room popped up. "Almost any hospital," the panelist corrected himself.

The meeting was one of a series held locally recently but it is perhaps the first held by youth for youth and with youth in attendance. The basic difference in the interest of those attending was marked.

## Company claims "power play"

### Milton Brick employees on strike

Plant workers at Milton Brick Co. Ltd. are out on strike and picketing the Base Line Rd. firm this week after contract negotiations bogged down and conciliators gave up trying to get the union and management to come to an agreement.

While Local 14,830 United Mine Workers union representatives claim the company only offered an eight cent an hour increase when they asked for 28 cents across the board, company officials blame union president Bill Corp for exercising a "power play" and forcing a strike which was not necessary. There are 32 men out on strike.

Meanwhile production of bricks has been cancelled although the picket lines are allowing trucks driven by outside trucking firms in and out or loads of stockpiled bricks. Company president J. T. Blume said the firm is using this period to repair equipment, paint, complete maintenance work, install new equipment, strengthen walls and lengthen the firing areas in the kilns. Office employees are going in and out daily and guards with dogs have been posted on the company property on a 24 hours a day basis.

resolve the matter but was unable to convince the union president the company's proposals to change the methods of paying bonus and piecework rates was to their benefit. "He felt it would diminish his power

over the men he was working with," said Mr. Blume.

When the Minister decided the issues could not be resolved by conciliation the union had 16 days to wait before a strike was



**A DRUG DEBATE** was a popular outing for teenagers in the Nassagaweya-Campbellville area Monday. About 25 young people were among a crowd of 75 at Halton Farm Safety Council's first of three open forums and film nights. Mrs. Peggy

Palmer, community consultant for the Addiction Research Foundation (in dark sweater, at left) discusses drugs with part of the crowd.—(Staff Photo)

Strikers are comfortably set up on county property across the road from the plant's main entrance on Base Line Rd., complete with a tent trailer and stove for warmth, an outside bonfire and stockpiles of wood and tires for burning. Union president Corp predicted it might be a long strike as neither side seems anxious to get together at the bargaining table again.

Mr. Corp told The Champion the union asked a 28 cent an hour increase and the company's best offer was eight cents. In a letter to employees after the last conciliation board hearing the company claimed its latest offer was 10 cents.

The union officer said employees were being forced to accept the company's bonus plan—or nothing. Starting rate for employees is \$1.83 per hour and the base rate for union members is \$1.92. Strikers said the pay rates were behind other brick firms in the area.

Company president Blume reported the union had called in a conciliation officer Oct. 22 prior to the Oct. 31 expiration of the contract, which he termed "extremely unusual." Two meetings were held with conciliator S. Billington and he seemed sincere in attempting to

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Nearly 300 young people in Milton are actively engaged in one of the most highly respected youth groups in the world, including both boys and girls.

Scouting and Guiding keeps this area's young people busy from late September until June with such activities as camping, hiking, earning service badges and yes, even helping little old ladies across the street. This week, Feb. 15 to 22 is Scout-Guide Week in Milton.

Milton Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies are administered from Oakville and are members of what is known as the White

Oaks Region. Larry Senicar is the Milton and area district commissioner for the Cubs and Scouts while Mrs. Ray Andress is district commissioner for Girl Guides, Brownies and the Campbellville Air Rangers.

Mr. Senicar explained there were five groups of Cubs, Scouts and in some cases Venturers and Rovers in Milton, composed of First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Milton. Third Milton, sponsored by the Rotary Club, has Venturers and Rovers as well as the regular complement of Cubs and Scouts.

Wolf Cubs, he explained, are the youngest in the scout group ranging in age from 8 to 11 and

once a Cub becomes 11 he may step up into Scouts. After four years in Scouts, a boy may take a further step up if he wishes, and can join Venturers.

The top rung in the ladder for boys in Scouting is to become a Rover and he may stay here from age 16, when he is too old for Venturers, to 22. The Milton Rover Crew earned a good reputation for itself during the past summer when they helped host Moot '69 at Kelso.

White Oaks area Scouts and Cubs have been lucky with their activities and besides having winter, spring and fall activities to keep them busy, now have a summer camp on Nassagaweya's

## No firm decision given race track promoters

Esqueing Council once again held up any final decision on whether to allow a building permit to be issued to the race track promoters who hope to establish an Indianapolis-type road circuit-dragstrip between Esqueing's Third and Fourth Lines, near Milton.

Now calling themselves the Halton Automobile Raceways Ltd., the group appeared with definite plans for the track at Monday's council meeting. This move had been called for by council in order to help them make up their minds.

The same patterns were retraced with some area homeowners coming out opposed to the raceway, complaining once again of the noise factor and saying such a track would bring in an "undesirable element."

Opposition was raised by lawyer Glen Howe who represented the Jehovah's Witness church which is situated near the track. He claimed the track decision should be held up since no decision had been made until Monday morning what to do about the church. He also explained council should hold off on any decision since landowners in the area still have had no official notification of the situation.

Lawyer for the raceway people, A. E. Goodman asked council in his initial presentation

to issue a conditional building permit, conditional on H.A.R.'s efforts to obtain sewer and water services from Milton.

He said they had done a traffic study of the area and the road requirements had been discussed by their traffic engineers with the Department of Highways. Reeve George Currie told Mr. Goodman the county roads engineer D. J. Corbett was unhappy with heavy traffic using the Base Line Rd. and the Service Rd. to gain access to the proposed track. Mr. Goodman replied he would be happy to set up a meeting between his traffic engineer and Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Goodman once again told council his group had entered into an agreement with nine homeowners adjacent to the raceway property. This agreement offered them one year after the racetrack had opened to decide whether they wanted to stay in their homes and if they decided not to, the track people were ready to give them a good price for their homes.

Lawyer Peter Heslin, representing Fourth Line dairy

farmer Bill Lawson, who owns a farm directly opposite the site of the proposed track, claimed his client is not prepared to sell to the raceway people even though he is directly affected by the track. He said his client was worried about the safety of his

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## 1970 Steam-Era here in Milton

The 1970 Steam-Era will be held in Milton members of Council were advised Monday in a letter from the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association.

Members of Council indicated they would do what they could to assist the group in its plans. Council advised the clerk to inform the police and fire departments of the plans.

## Hope to arrange 1974 plow match

Halton's dream of hosting the 1974 International Plowing Match will be decided next week. A committee of Halton County Councillors and Halton Plowmen's Association members will be making their "pitch" for the '74 show at the 60th annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Local organizers learned recently that Ontario County is also plumping to host the 1974 match. Matches are already set for 1970 in Victoria County,

1971 in Haldimand and 1972 in Perth.

County Council has approved the Plowmen's Association request for a grant to help finance the plow match. Agriculture committee chairman Deputy-Reeve Arthur Speight of Georgetown and his committee, plus Plowmen's president Cameron Marshall, secretary Jack Taylor and directors William Rayner, Ross Segsworth and George Swann are planning to attend the conference Tuesday on Halton's behalf.

## Woman questions Marshall's vote

Can Esqueing Councillor Ken Marshall vote on the raceway's application for a building permit? Carol Howitt, a resident of the township, asked council Monday.

She claimed he could not vote since he has a conflict of interest after selling his land to the raceway promoters earlier in the year.

Georgetown lawyer Peter Heslin, who was representing Esqueing farmer William Lawson supported her argument. "Mr. Marshall should not only not have a note in the matter but I don't think he should be here at the meetings at all," he said, quoting from the Ontario Municipal Act to support his claim.

Councillor Marshall made no comment about the charges and council made no decision on his voting power.

## We were lucky on Friday 13th

Friday the 13th was an unlucky day for Gastone Fantuz of R. R. 3, Georgetown and it could have been an unlucky day for this whole area.

According to police, Fantuz' car left the Base Line Rd. hit eight fence posts, ripped off a wire mesh fence and uprooted a tree. His car came to rest close to a natural gas relay station and if it had hit the pipes protruding above the ground, the results could have been disastrous.

He was taken to Milton District hospital suffering from facial lacerations and abrasions, bruised ribs and a possible concussion. A total of \$2,500 damage was done to his car and \$300 damage was done to the fencing.

## It's Scout-Guide Week

# Milton Scout-Guide groups are "growing with the times"

Sixth Line to keep them going during the summer. Mr. Senicar explained the Milton area boys will have a chance to use the camp this summer from July 11 to 19 and he expects to have between 100 and 150 boys attend during the Milton period.

While Scouting retains the aura of doing good deeds, their image has modernized somewhat with new styling of the uniform, including the replacing of the setson with the beret for Scouts. Mr. Senicar hit the nail on the head when he said Scouting is "growing with the times."

Girl Guides and Brownies are also growing with the times,

although not to such an extent as Scouting. Mrs. Andress explained there are only two Brownie packs and one Guide troop going in Milton at present although there are two other Brownie packs and one Guide troop running in the Milton area with one group at Boston Presbyterian Church and one at Hillcrest United Church. There is also an Air Ranger group active at Campbellville Presbyterian Church.

The total number of Brownies, who range in age from seven to 10, presently stands at 79 while Guides, who range in age from 10 to 14 total 48. Mrs. Andress says there are openings in both

categories. The Air Rangers range in age from 14 to 18 and there are just five girls with the Campbellville group.

Basically, Guiding offers the same activities as Scouting although the emphasis is more on helping in the home. The girls are at a disadvantage as far as camping facilities since the closest Girl Guide camp is Camp Wyoka and it's 85 miles from Milton. The girls could use areas such as Kelso or Rattlesnake Point but, Mrs. Andress explained, there were not enough qualified leaders to organize even that type of camp.

Both the male and female sides of Scouting in Milton are

experiencing problems in trying to recruit and keep leaders. Both groups have room for more boys and girls and Scouts or Cubs meet every night during the week except Friday while Guides and Brownies are to be found meeting either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights.

Every Scout group in Milton is sponsored and the sponsors include the Milton Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Legion and St. Paul's United Church. Fourth Milton is situated at the Ontario School for the Deaf and is sponsored by the Ontario government. Milton Guides and Brownies have no sponsors.



**FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN** broke out in a straw-filled barn on the old Cowan farm on Highway 25 south of Milton Sunday afternoon. Firefighters from Milton and Oakville brigades answered the call and, thanks to plenty of water,

they managed to save the main part of the barn from destruction. Here a firefighter chops a hole in the side of the barn as smoke encircles him.—(Staff Photo)

## M. Ledwith will quit hospital board

After nine years as a member of the Milton District Hospital Board, 1969 chairman J. M. "Mike" Ledwith will be leaving the board at the end of March.

His appointment to the board as a representative of Halton County Council expires on March 28, the date of the annual meeting, and Mr. Ledwith said

he has already notified County Council he will not accept re-appointment.

He is attending a Sheridan College night school course in real estate two evenings a week for the next two years, and is also involved in some night work in his position as a real estate sales representative for a local

firm, explained Mr. Ledwith. "I am just not in a position to accept any positions in community work for the next couple of years," he added.

The board chairman said his decision to retire from the hospital board was made some

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