



SPINNING WHEEL TURNING Round may be the song this happy trio sang during a pottery demonstration in the gym of Milton's J. M. Denyes School on Friday. Mrs. Helen Bestwick (right) of the Sheridan Arts and Crafts Trailer conducted the demonstration for the benefit of the school's students who had

missed out on the original pottery course in the trailer due to over-enrolment. Students Mark Challinor, 10, and Tracy Morgan, 8, help Mrs. Bestwick mould a piece of clay on her potter's wheel. —(Photo by D. O'Reilly)

Drugs, unemployment, law topics

Students grill MP Whiting

The final segment of the LeDain report on the non-medical use of drugs should be presented to the government and the public in a couple of months, but marijuana will probably not be legalized in our lifetime.

This was one of the observations made by Rud Whiting, Liberal MP for Halton during an 80 minute question and answer seminar conducted with students of Milton District High School. The forum was held in an academic room of the school on Monday afternoon, and was attended by approximately 100 students of the school's grade 11 and 12 Law class.

Answering a student question on the drug problem in Halton, the MP said he couldn't give a definite answer. "I suppose there are several people who have smoked pot for a lark and then stopped, however there are several others who have been hooked on harder drugs," suggested Whiting, who said drugs probably present the old attraction of stolen fruit seeming to taste better.

Written questions
The bulk of the student questions took the form of queries written beforehand by the students, and asked by a panel committee consisting of students Brenda Schultz, Janice Inglis and Debbie Ritterspach. Except for about four or five individuals,

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most of the student audience declined to ask oral questions.

Unemployment is a serious problem in Canada, remarked the speaker, who was responding to a student question on what the government was doing to ease the unemployment picture. "The government is taking several steps such as expanding the money market and by embarking on programs such as the federal local initiative plan and the opportunities for youth program." Unemployment was a difficult problem and the matter was further complicated by the fact that eight different economists will arrive at eight different solutions, explained the MP.

Several of the written queries tended to suggest the student body was confused on the matter of federal vs. provincial issues. One student asked if the federal government would prevent Premier Davis from using an air force plane for vacations, as he had recently done. Whiting explained that Davis had used a provincially operated Lands and Forests aircraft.

Better conditions
Penal reform was one of the main topics students asked the

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MP. One blonde-haired student, Debbie Miles, queried Whiting on the advisability of improving overall living conditions in the nation's penitentiaries. "Won't this tend to urge inmates to stay in prison?"

"Quite the opposite. It may give these people the courage and confidence to face the outside world," replied the politician.

Whiting was also asked if he favored capital punishment and replied he hadn't made up his mind on the matter. He noted that a five year moratorium on death sentences would be ending this year, and parliament would be voting on the advisability or disadvantages of re-instating hanging.

A return to capital punishment

would probably be urged by Quebecers of all parties because of the FLQ crisis, suggested the speaker. Whiting said he didn't know how his own Liberal party felt on the matter and could give no answer on whether the vote would be a party vote or if individual members would cast a free ballot.

Wary of petitions
If an individual lay person wanted to have a law changed he could go about it by contacting his local MP or MPP, suggested Whiting. He could also circulate a petition among people who felt likewise, although sometimes a person had to be cautious of petitions, added the guest. "Sometimes I'll phone a signee on a petition I've received—just

Board says rate down councillor disagrees

The Halton County Board of Education says the Township of Nassagaweya's 1972 education mill rate is down 2.27 mills, but Nassagaweya councillor Calvin McIntyre doesn't agree.

At last week's council meeting, McIntyre told members that the board had not taken account of an approximately \$30,000 error it had made in 1970. "The mistake was passed on to 1971, for an education requisition of \$392,923" he said. The councillor pointed out that on the surface, the 1972 request for \$385,682 gave the appearance of the lower mill rate.

Still up four mills

"They're not basing their figures on the error. Nassagaweya's mill rate is still up four mills." The councillor remarked that a great hue and cry would come from Burlington if such a mistake was passed on to that municipality.

Council intends to ask the Nassagaweya representative on the Board of Education, Tom Watson to investigate the matter.

Pottery demonstration

"Funny and everything"

"It felt funny and everything," were the words eight-year-old Tracy Morgan used to describe a piece of clay she was helping to mould with Sheridan Trailer instructor Mrs. Helen Bestwick.

Tracy was one of about 80 students who participated in a pottery demonstration in the gym of J. M. Denyes School Friday morning. The event was conducted by Mrs. Helen Bestwick of Campbellville. Mrs. Bestwick teaches pottery to students in the Sheridan Arts and Crafts Trailer, which is presently located at J. M. Denyes.

With her potter's wheel, clay and little other equipment, Mrs. Bestwick showed the students the fun they could have making their very own creations. The

demonstration was viewed mainly by the student body who missed out on the original pottery

Perfect hand nothing... 90-year-old pegs 29 pts.

Herbert Kitchen of Brantford read in The Champion about a cribbage player getting a perfect 29 hand a few weeks ago, and writes to give crib players a further challenge. He says he pegged 29 points in a game with a friend a few years ago.

How did he do it? Both players had a pair of 5s and a pair of aces in their hands. Opponent lead a 5, dealer followed with 5, opponent laid down another 5 and dealer came back with his second 5, to peg 14 points (2 plus 12) to date. Then the four aces came out and the dealer (Mr. Kitchen) collected a further 14 points, plus one for last card and a total of 29

points by pegging. His opponent got 14 (8 plus 6).

"I have played since I was nine years old and am now 90, and I have had the odd perfect hands in 81 years," relates Mr. Kitchen. "I haven't seen or heard of anyone ever pegging 29 though."

He said he used to live in Milton and played on the Milton hockey team from 1905 to 1909.

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