



**WHAT STRANGE THING** crawls on your arm, questions four-year-old Karie Woodley, as she examines a beetle climbing up the arm of Celeste Wood. Beetles, ants and grasshoppers were all part of a nature hunt organized by the Oakville YM-YWCA, which this summer created a Milton Y Day camp for children aged three to five years. The two week sessions in July include lots of outdoor activities, crafts and fun for the children.

## Grasshoppers, hunt highlight Y day camp

By Linda Kirby  
It's a bright, sunny, summer morning, as eight children are carefully examining and checking out individual blades of grass. A grasshopper leaps, and there are squeals of mixed fear and delight, as several children scramble with baby food jars to capture the little creature.

Not wishing to hurt the tiny animal, they carefully lower the glass to the ground and wait for the little hopper to skip right into the jar.

That done, the child now proudly displays his catch for all to see.

The game of catching these little creatures was all part of an insect hunt organized for the morning, by leaders of the Milton Y day camp.

The day camp program is the first of its kind organized by the Oakville YM-YWCA in Milton, but is apparently enjoying good success.

The camp started its program with a two week session in July, to be followed by a second two week program next week, at Holy Rosary School.

Despite small attendance (only eight children turned up out of an expected 20) all are enjoying the program, including the four young leaders caring for the children.

The camp is open only to children aged three to five. Sharon Wharton and Sally Orme are both first year students at Sheridan College and enrolled in early childhood education programs. Both landed the job to be leaders for the Milton Y camp and both spoke well of the experience.

"I love working with the children," said Miss Wharton, who added the children were well behaved and fun to be with.

The two senior leaders are assisted in their duties by Sandy MacDonald, a grade 13 graduate from Oakville, who is seriously considering applying for a post secondary course in early childhood education, and Heather Pirie, 16, from Mississauga.

Being leaders in this camp means more than hanging onto the hand of small charges.

The two-week morning session has meant the need for lots of imagination and creative ideas, as leaders and children alike searched for fun and learning experiences. There hasn't been a day without some imaginative activities taking place, according to Miss Wharton.

There was the day of the dinosaur egg hunt, when painted watermelons were used in place of the prehistoric eggs. Then there was

**Hall proposed**  
Milton Council wondered Monday if the town is getting too many community halls, following a request from Halton Agricultural Society for approval in principle of a new community hall in the Milton Fair Grounds.

Council decided to ask the fair board for more information, before passing an opinion. Where would it be located in the fair grounds, and how would it be financed and used, councillors wondered.

music day, when children made their own instruments and noise from a variety of available materials. Parents are equally enthusiastic about the activities and have contributed both ideas and materials, according to Miss Wharton.

The program takes place at Holy Rosary School and uses the school grounds and area surrounding the school for

crafts and games. Although the first session finishes this Friday with a picnic, Y officials have plenty of room for any interested parent wishing to enroll their pre-school child in the program.

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## Residents claim

# Arena street speeding dangerous situation

By Linda Kirby  
Laurier Ave. arena activities are causing traffic problems—namely speeding—between Commercial St. and the new arena, according to several residents on Laurier Ave.

The problem came to a head Sunday evening when, at approximately 10.30, a car was struck by a baseball bat wielded by an angry resident, as it drove by.

At this time, neither residents nor police know who hit the passing car, but the incident drew both residents and youths into the middle of the street for a heated verbal debate.

The incident marked the culmination of several weeks of angry protest by close to 20 residents on Laurier Ave. who claim young drivers have gone through stop signs at

Commercial St. and have been speeding along Laurier Ave. at up to 90 miles per hour.

The speeding has been noticed since the opening of the Laurier Ave. arena, according to area resident Maurice Gagne, of Cardinal Ct., but has become even more prevalent during the last four weeks.

Mr. Gagne attributed the speeding to youths attending

roller skating at the arena and other activities, but added that the speeding takes place during the day, as well as evening.

There have been no accidents, "but it has been damn close," stated his wife. The couple complained that cars do not stop for stop signs and constantly screech their brakes on the street.

"you hear a screech, and you are sitting in your back yard—you run like hell to see what happened, and there are about six more parents also out on the front lawn, checking to see what is going on," said Mr. Gagne.

According to Mr. Gagne, there are 30 children under the age of nine years living on Laurier Ave. and parents are concerned that there could be a fatality, unless speeders slow down.

Halton Regional Police have covered the area several times during the past week, according to Constable Bill Gall.

But he said there have been no arrests or charges laid.

According to Constable Gall, would-be speeders soon spot a police car and are careful to slow down.

He said some of the problems arise from the fact that Laurier Ave. was formerly a dead-end street, and used by local traffic only.

Children living in the area had no fear of traffic and wandered freely along the street. Children were accustomed to wandering on the road, said Constable Gall, and now parents have to take extra precautions to ensure their children are not out on the road.

He said one small child had run into the path of a police cruiser recently, when the police car was doing only 20 miles an hour down Laurier Ave.

Officers have taken down the licence numbers of cars reported to be driving erratically through the neighborhood, he said, and police have phoned the drivers.

According to one such driver, he was forced to slam on his brakes after a child darted into his path from behind a parked car, said police.

Both police and residents of the area have proposed speed bumps be placed on Laurier Ave. but the bumps create two problems, according to Milton Mayor Don Gordon.

Snow plows clearing the roads are liable to damage the bumps with their blades, he said, and the municipality could also be liable for injuries caused by a speed bump, should a driver lose control of his car while travelling at the legal speed over the bump.

Mayor Gordon suggested there should be more police surveillance in the area, "to act as a deterrent."

The mayor said he does not see the Laurier Ave. situation as any greater problem than could be found on Derry Rd. or Britannia Rd.

## Procedural by-law scrapped

Milton Council tossed its year-old procedural by-law in the garbage can Monday night, thereby ending a running controversy that has occupied much council discussion over the past few years.

The by-law, which sets out the local council's rules for the conduct of meetings, motions, amendments, etc., has been a controversy since it was first passed.

Councillor Jim Kerr levelled a blast at Mayor Don Gordon, after the by-law was scrapped Monday evening, when a gas barbecue caught fire, melting the barbecue and burning a section of cedar deck nearby.

Milton fire officials were called to the home of Bruce Dolson, 185 Wakefield Rd., Milton after leaking gas from a tank valve ignited. The fire spread to the deck,

would be. The mayor replied the town would operate under the Municipal Act.

The councillor objected that Mayor Gordon had ignored a written motion he handed in earlier in the meeting, but the mayor defended his action, saying he delayed the motion until the "new business" portion of the meeting, which

is where it should have been dealt with.

"You are ignoring me, because you think I am going to run against you for mayor," shouted Kerr.

"Are you running for mayor?" asked Councillor Rose Harrison.

"No," replied Kerr.

## Barbecue on fire

A barbecued chicken got more than its usual amount of roasting Friday evening, when a gas barbecue caught fire, melting the barbecue and burning a section of cedar deck nearby.

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and also burned a wood chair, before it was extinguished.

The gas barbecue purchased recently for \$420 had only been used twice, according to fire officials.

An investigation into the fire continues.

Schools are out for the summer and more children are on the streets. Drive carefully.

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