

Youth Week

Council seats challenge to young Milton students

By Linda Kirby
Milton can look forward to having no fluoride in its water and to the establishment of

new bicycle by-law to improve bicycle safety in Milton. Those were the decisions

made Friday, as more than a dozen students from Milton District high school gathered in the town's council

chambers to debate a series of issues.

The occasion marked the school's involvement with this year's Youth Appreciation Week, sponsored by the Milton Optimist Club. For the past 10 years, the club has organized similar events for both elementary and high school students during the week-long salute to local youth.

This year's program has once more proven a success, according to its sponsors and participants.

"It has been both an enlightening and enjoyable experience," said Mac Manfred, a vice-president with the local club. He sat through three sessions of student council as W.I. Dick, Ernest C. Drury School and Milton District High went through the motions of council.

"They can speak responsibly, and they have respect for law and the council chambers," he noted approvingly.

As he spoke, students had risen to address their student mayor Randy Stead, on the merits of Milton's "pure" water.

"Milton has the best water in the world and it (fluoride) would burden taxpayers with extra finance," noted Ian Clarkson. His views were backed up fellow students and a decision was reached not to fluoridate the town water.

"I think this is a great idea," said Larry Chud, the school's grade 12 world politics teacher. He sat on the sidelines, occasionally offering students some help.

Also acting as a guide was Milton Mayor Don Gordon, who was present for all three afternoon sessions last week.

"These kids are on the ball—when they get down to the nitty gritty they can make good decisions," continued the Optimist vice-president.

Material for the sessions was supplied by the joint efforts of Milton's own

councillors and each student received an agenda similar to that used in actual council meetings.

"Maybe we shouldn't have to wait for Youth Appreciation Week," commented W.I. Dick teacher Robert Filman.

His 30 grade seven social science pupils had devoted over an hour to the agenda which included the fluoride issue.

Prior to their day in council, students had gone over the various topics and had conducted some research on the subjects.

"I thought they got a lot out of it," Filman added. He wished he could have brought more students to the chambers for the experience.

"They were pretty impressed with it all, because they were still talking about it the next day," said Filman.

Fourteen students from Ernest C. Drury school spent well over an hour debating the same issues as the other

Campbellville boy wins photo contest

The children's division of the photography contest sponsored by Halton Region Conservation Authority has been won by a nine-year-old youth from Cedar Springs Rd., R.R. 3, Campbellville—Mike Reiserer.

Paul Sylvan of 505-2445 Woodward Avenue, Burlington. All the entries were color photographs. Carol Patterson of the Authority said there weren't enough black-and-white entries to have a competition.

First prize in the adult competition was taken by Lou Szakallos of 523 Limerick Rd., Burlington. Second prize went to Bill Powell of 15 Tonnell Court in Islington, and the third-place finisher was

The rules stipulated that the photographs must have been taken in the area governed by the Authority, and by amateurs. Cash prizes and season's passes were awarded.



MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL students sat in the council chairs Friday, as part of a special exercise organized by the Milton Optimist Club for Youth Appreciation Week. Mayor Don Gordon was on hand to help out with the procedures. The high school students were grade nine and 12 history and politics students.

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Two of the 10 fires answered by the Milton Fire Department in the past week were caused by stoves igniting gasoline fumes.

Milton Fire Chief Jim Coulson said a fire at the home of M. Aizal, 144 Wilson Dr. was caused when a stove in the basement ignited gasoline fumes. A man in the house was apparently working on car parts in the basement at the time.

Chief Coulson said smoke damage was extensive. One person was taken to hospital with burns to his legs.

On Nov. 16, a fire in the garage at 43 Victoria St. destroyed some cars and a tool collection belonging to Charles Restivo.

Chief Coulson said the fire started when a stove in the garage caused gasoline fumes to ignite.

On Sunday, Milton Fire Department responded to a brush fire in a vacant lot owned by Alliance Developments on Steeles Ave. west of the CNR overpass.

That same day, a fire was reported in a garbage container at 828 Hemlock Dr.

The department also visited the Pigment and Chemical Company on Main St. Apparently a dust filter

became clogged, causing excessive dust to pour out of the building. Witnesses thought it was smoke and called firemen.

Other calls included burning leaves in Kinsmen Park, a false alarm at Halton Manor, a fire involving logs

and leaves behind P. L. Robertson on Bronte St., a truck fire on Ontario St. which caused \$200 damage to a truck owned by R. Pettibone, and a fire which destroyed a vacant house on the Sixth Line, south of the 401.

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