

Parents learn dangers of drugs

A small group of Victoria Harbour parents got a vivid lesson last Thursday in a subject their children may already know too much about: drugs.

Const. Roy Tyo of the O.P.P. spoke to three parents who went to Victoria Harbour Public School to hear him give a presentation about the illicit use of narcotics in the schools.

Const. Tyo warned the parents that a variety of illegal drugs were available — and being used, in some cases on a daily basis — by school-aged children.

"My eight-year-old son saw a 13-year-old kid smoking marijuana in a park," Tyo told the group.

"It's in the high schools, and you know it's in the public schools," he said.

The parents, all women, got a first-hand look at small amounts of marijuana, hashish, and even harder drugs like heroin and cocaine, which Const. Tyo had brought with him for the lesson.

They also got a first-hand smell — as Const. Tyo burned a bit of marijuana and hashish in front of them, to demonstrate the smell.

Some of the parents said they had never smelled it before. The odour, said Const. Tyo, is the most obvious sign of marijuana use.

"If I had smoked a joint (marijuana cigarette) before I got here, you would be able to smell it on my clothes," he said.

Although marijuana and derivatives of the drug are the most common illegal drugs found in the Midland-area, said Tyo, harder drugs like cocaine

are being used here.

But he said the drug "crack," a potent and addictive form of cocaine which is widely publicized as being a ravaging problem in U.S. cities, has not shown up here — yet.

"It's in Toronto and if it's in Toronto, it's only a matter of time before it shows

up here," he said.

Const. Tyo regularly teaches Grade 6 children in the area about the dangers of drug-use, using a video, as part of the Values, Influences, and Peers program, which teaches morals and ethics to school children.



Vivid demonstration

O.P.P. constable Roy Tyo demonstrates to a group of parents how a set of kitchen knives were heated and used to smoke drugs. Const. Tyo is involved in an ongo-

ing education program where he teaches grade 6 classes the dangers of drugs, but for a change, he taught parents last week.

Crime Stoppers seek Tay arsonist

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka, along with the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, are asking the public to assist in identifying the

person responsible for setting two cottages on fire in Tay Township.

On March 11, at approximately 3 a.m. an officer on patrol came across a housefire at Lot 4, Earldom

Bld., Grandview Beach, Tay Township (Approximate damage: \$30,000.

Subsequent investigation revealed approximately \$4,000. of household items - television, microwave,



VIP graduates

Two Grade 6 students at Sacred Heart School, Lisa Pauze and, middle, Sarah Quesnelle, stand with Midland Police Constable Mike Brady at the class VIP program graduation party. VIP is Values, Influence and Peers. VIP is a program for

public school students prepared by the Ministry of Education and the Office of the Solicitor General. The intended effect is to change attitudes and reduce crime by young offenders.

42 graduate VIP

Elementary school students in Midland, Victoria Harbour, and Christian Island graduated from the Values, Influences and Peers (VIP) course last week.

The Grade 6 class at Sacred Heart School gathered in the town's council chamber. Forty-two students at Victoria Harbour Public School graduated in their school, with the assistance of representatives of the Knights of Columbus, who presented the students with VIP baseball caps.

A class on Christian Island also marked the end of the course.

discovered engulfed in flames. The cottage sustained considerable structural damage (approximately \$30,000). Police are investigating both fires as related occurrences.

etc.) were stolen before the fire was set. On March 16, at approximately 1 a.m. a second cottage, located at Lot B, Silvergrove Road, Grandview Beach, was

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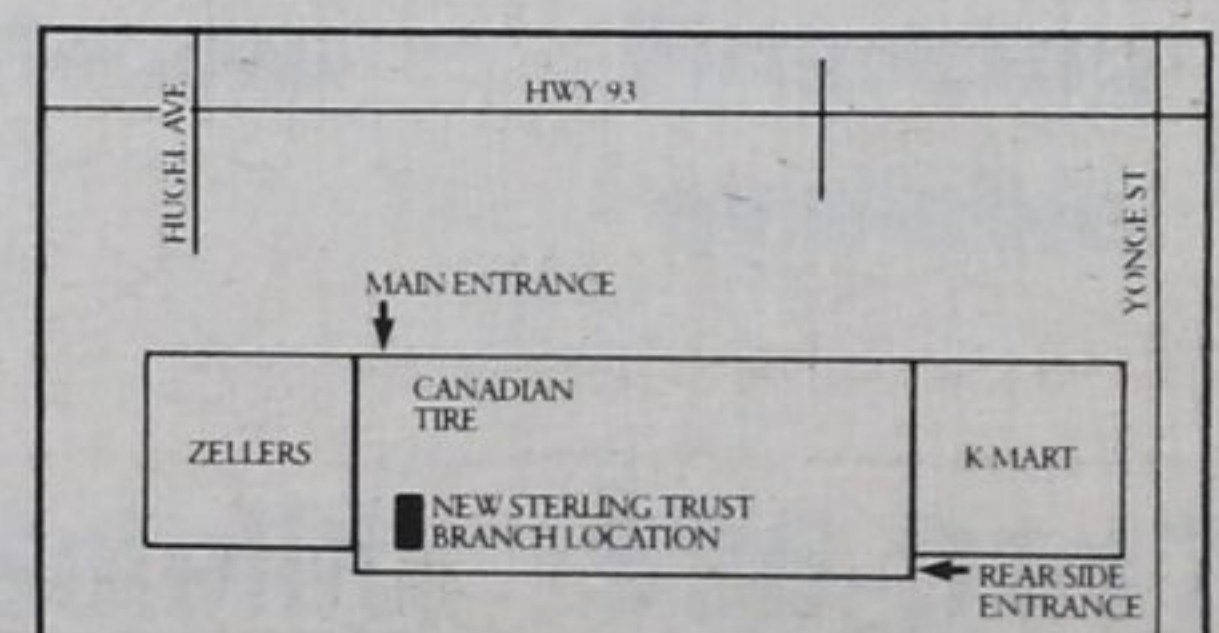
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