

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO ABOUT POT, Cobourg Sentinel-Star, January 4, 1968**

The Sentinel-Star asked the question: "What should society do about pot?"

Mrs Viola Cooke, 390 Division Street stated, "I wouldn't know what to do. It is a terrible thing and something should be done."

Mrs Ken Beardsley, 880 D'Arcy Street: "I don't know the answer. It is terrible and the young people will be sorry for the harm they do to themselves and to others. I don't know what the answer is."

Mrs Robert Davis, 18 Spencer Street West, "It should be illegal and abolished."

Ray Gallagher, 22 Swayne Street: "By publishing stories on it, people become aware of it. It should definitely be abolished."

Mrs J. Downs, 437 William: "We should stop it by all means. It's terrible, but what can we do about it? It has a good start here in our own little town and in the schools. I don't know what should be done but I would like to do lots."

Bob Young, 6321 Ruth Street: "It's very bad. It has been abolished by law."

Mrs L. S. Usher, 186 Albert Street: "I don't know what the answer is but I'm just disgusted with it. It is dreadful when people are sick and dying and then someone who doesn't need it deliberately takes it. It is a dreadful sin but how can we control it. I wish I had a thought on that."

"Smart young people should have better brains. I don't understand what prompts it. I don't think they have enough to do. They are bored to death. If they would get interested in outdoor sports they would be different people."

"When we were young we had to work harder for less but we were no worse off. Our money bought three times more then, than it does now."

"Times have changed . . . "

Mrs Harvey Gordon, 651 Hayden Crescent: "We are definitely against it, however, we haven't really given it much thought as our children are younger. I believe the control of the child and the love and understanding in the home has a great bearing on the matter. It is for escape or to be one of the crowd. It is definitely bad."

J. J. Burns, 82 James Street West: "There's not a lot people can do about it. It is all done on the quiet. There should be some plain clothes detectives around to investigate."

Mrs G. Moon, 154 James Street East: I am against anything that will downgrade the young people. It is destructive but can we avoid it? Some authorities know more about it and should do something."

Eleven Cobourg citizens had no comment. They did not wish to be involved.