



Prom melts into informal fun at lake resort.

These high-school students enjoy
a unique all-night party that makes prom night
painless but plenty of fun

A Wholesome "Blast"

THE TRADITION of "making a night of it" after the high-school prom sounds like fun. But each year hundreds of teenagers get hurt physically and emotionally as a result of wild joy riding and parties that get out of hand.

Parents at Glenbard Township High School in Glen Ellyn, Ill., have found a way to cut down the dangers without cutting out the fun. They stage an after-the-prom party for their children that is wholesome, yet such an exciting "blast" that no boy or girl wants to miss it.

When the prom itself ends, the youngsters—some 500 strong—swarm aboard a "midnight special" for an overnight train excursion to a camp at Lake Geneva, Wis. In one car, a four-piece combo plays for dancing; in another, there are snacks and soft drinks (but no liquor).

By the time the train arrives at Lake Geneva at 6 a.m., there is more cat napping than dancing going on. But the teenagers bounce back fast. Within a few minutes after they tumble out onto the scenic campgrounds, they are ready for a round of activities that includes church services, swimming, boating, a vaudeville show, and plenty of eating. Adults are aboard the train and at the camp, but they are carefully chosen parents whom no one would call by that poison word, chaperone.

The party breaks up in midafternoon, and the chartered train takes the students home, heady with memories of a fabulous affair.

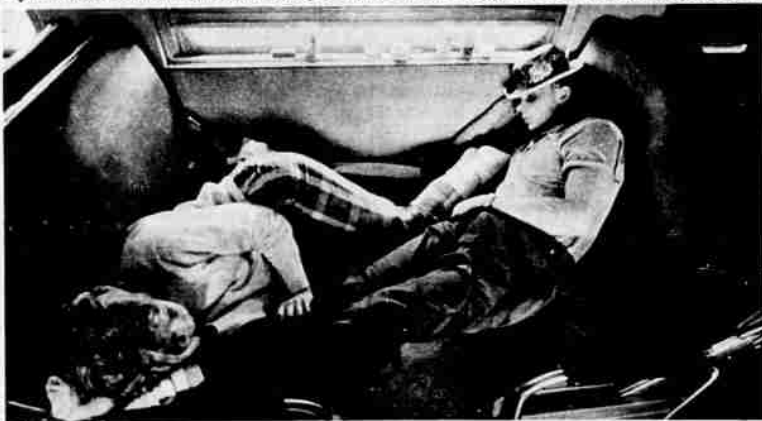
It costs each boy and girl \$14.75—but it saves a fortune in potential heartaches for both the youngsters and their parents.



A couple "swings" to the four-piece combo aboard train. At camp, one teen finds water a bit chilly.



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Big night begins, of course, at prom itself.

