

OUR READERS WRITE:

Expertise of experts questioned

R.R. 2, Rockwood, Ont.,
Sept. 15, 1973

Dear Sir:
To say I was disturbed when I learned that Halton County Council wasn't going to listen to citizens' groups on the question of Halton's garbage disposal, but would take the advice of "experts," would be an understatement.

I was outraged!
In the past we took the advice of experts and the result has been polluted wells, methane gas explosions, not to speak of the stinking, vermin ridden morasses we call "sanitary landfill sites."

In my opinion it is high time we questioned the expertise of these experts. (One doesn't have to be a gourmet to know when a meal is unpalatable.) In Halton there are re-cycling groups, conservation groups, and other informed people who can offer good advice on this question; a very important question that could cause a rift between north and South Halton that could never be healed.

I personally, am not an expert on garbage disposal, but I am informed enough to have been invited by a well known publishing house to write an article on the

ultimate answer to the garbage problem. The article was accepted by the technical editors. I contend unsalvageable garbage should be incinerated to alleviate the energy crisis. There are many plants all over the world that burn garbage smokelessly and produce energy.

Cost? For brevity's sake I will quote only the city of Montreal's plant, initial cost \$15 million, but there are benefits. No or little air soil or water pollution. No vermin, no devaluation of property. The total cost of Montreal's garbage disposal \$5.50 per ton, will be slashed to \$3.00 per ton, the result of the sale of steam and monies derived from the salvaged materials, metals etc.

Now is the time to act on the garbage problem. In five years we will be up to our ears in garbage.

It is interesting to note that in the U.S.A. the State of Connecticut is spending \$295 million on a resource recovery program consisting of 10 plants. Each plant will separate reclaimables, metals, glass etc. The remainder will be incinerated to produce electrical power. The technology is here, we should end the archaic method of dumping garbage into quarries, ravines, excavations etc., or legislating our airt into someone else's back yard.

Wm. A. Johnson.



HUGE Clydesdales stand for judging.

(D. Gibbons photo)

Corner improvement plans turned down

Proposed improvements at the intersection of Highway 25 and 7 have been turned down. Action council learned by letter that the budget of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications is already over-committed and

no further connecting link improvements can be made on a cost sharing basis. Reeve G. W. McKenzie showed the most annoyance at council meeting. "Where could you get a more outdated corner than that? They just brush us off. It's pathetic."

Councillor Masales arrived late at the meeting just in time to join in the discussion. He pointed out the intersection improvements had only been approved in principle. He also hoped council could manage to get the paving continued down to the CNR tracks: when the highway is being paved. As things stand now the paving will stop at the Hufnagel property just several hundred feet away from the tracks.

Mr. McKenzie observed that the paving of Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringe had been undertaken quickly enough when the residents complained and there was newspaper coverage.

He thought complaints should be voiced in hopes of a reaction.

Keep at it Councillor Elliott supported the reeve and agreed the corner is treacherous. With the new paving on Highway 25 north traffic will increase. He knows of the difficulties trucks have reaching the company where he works, Building Products. And traffic to the industrial park will increase. "We must keep nattering away," Mr. Elliott agreed.

Rabid foxes

There have been at least two cases of rabies reported in this area recently, Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley told the Administration Committee of Halton County Council last week.

He said two farms lost stock to rabid foxes. On one occasion five beef calves were killed on one farm, and a Jersey cow was killed on another farm.

Yours very truly,
C.M. Godfrey,
Chairman,
People or Planes.

THE MAN FOR THE JOB

PHIL SIDBALL

MAYOR

No need for second airport

August 23, 1973

The Editor,
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:
Eighteen months ago, the Government announced the siting of a new international airport at Pickering, Ontario. This was to be the second of two international airports around Toronto, and the third international Airport within a radius of 300 miles between Toronto and Montreal. Since that time, People or Planes has led a mounting opposition to this project.

Our objections are based on the fact that there is not a proven need for another international airport either now or in the predictable future. The estimated cost (ranging from 600 million (Government figure) to 2 billion) represents a colossal expenditure by the Federal Government. This is being made at a time when there are higher priorities for such a sum of money. These priorities include public housing, the correction of regional disparities and the stimulation of decentralization from the Metro Toronto area.

But the Federal Government has plunged headlong into the airport planning.

They have hoped that opposition to the airport will die as arable farmland turns to weed with the departure of farmers who have been expropriated and bought out. The airport and associated complex will occupy some 43,000 acres of class 1 farmland which produces a major portion of food supplies needed to maintain a stable cost of living in this area.

The Government has been forced to announce, because of the opposition to the land grab, a Hearing of Inquiry. The terms of reference of the hearing are weak, and it is doubtful that real information will be forthcoming unless citizens across Canada take up the cause.

There is no need for a second international airport at Toronto. There is need for correction of regional disparities, provision of jobs in areas outside Toronto (there is minimal unemployment at Pickering) and decentralization of major industries from Metro Toronto.

If the Government proceeds with this airport, rich Metro will get richer—and the poor will get poorer.

Sheridan "I-Sight" successful

September 14, 1973

Dear Editor:

The organizers of last Saturday's I-Sight: Women Here, Women Now, would like to pass on their special thanks to your newspaper and staff for helping to make Sheridan's Women's Day a huge success.

We feel certain that as a result of your generous support and accurate news coverage given to the special day for women both before and after the event, more women in the community are aware of themselves as

free-thinking individuals, and are more aware of pertinent issues concerning their lives and their potential as women in the community.

It was a total day of involvement for more than 1,100 women, and organizers are already discussing plans to hold another event next year.

Yours sincerely,
J. Emerson,
I-Sight Organizers,
Sheridan College.

Fair days

L'Arche Auxiliary made their draw Saturday at 5 p.m. at the fair. Winner of the voucher for \$50 at IGA was Mike Kinal, Rosemary Rd., and winner of the hand-hooked rug was Len Fisher, Kingham Rd., Acton.

Milton fair this weekend, Georgetown fair the following weekend and Erin the next.

AL CLARK

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