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Ratepayers criticize Ashgrove landfill site

Members of Halton Region's Public Works Committee and James F. McLaren Environmental Consultants received some advice and a lot of criticism during a public meeting to discuss a controversial report on solid waste management in Halton.

The report recommends development of a major landfill site to handle refuse from the entire region in the Ashgrove area.

During the meeting Wes Williams of the Ministry of the Environment outlined plans to establish a recycling and reclamation plant in the Halton-Feel region as part of a \$17,000,000 provincial program. This would cut back on the amount of garbage to be buried.

At a Halton Region Public Works meeting the following day, the committee passed a resolution urging the province to conduct a study which would lead to pinpointing a site for the plant.

Hazy
A number of groups presented briefs during the public meeting. George Redfern, chairman of the Central Esqueving ratepayers group, said the reasons for choosing the site recommended in the McLaren report are hazy.

He objected to the plan that would see an area with four per cent of the population saddled with garbage from the whole region.

He noted there was nothing

compatible with local planning and the recommendations in the report.

"Mr. Chairman, we urge you, in your deliberations to recognize the enormity of the impact that your recommendation will have, on the lives of the many people in the Ashgrove area, on the threat of pollution to our only water supply — our wells — and on the irreversible situation, if you elect to remove from our society a further several hundred acres of high production food producing Class A-1 farmland, and particularly in those times when Canada is looked to by our hungry world for help," Redfern said.

Limit production
John Mitchell of Georgetown Pollution Probe urged the committee to take steps to limit the amount of garbage produced per capita. He stressed the importance of cutting down on garbage, not just treating more and more of it.

Mitchell listed a number of ways to reduce garbage at the source. He said his group was interested in reduction of garbage at source, economic re-use of the greatest fraction of that which remains, and recycling of the remainder.

The Citizens Committee for Pollution Control from Burlington said the reclamation plant should be situated close to an industrial complex and urged consideration be given to providing for a paper mill near the site that could use the recycled paper.

Obsolescence
That group echoed the sentiments of GFP concerning reduction of garbage at source and deplored the built-in obsolescence of glass containers.

Unlike the Federation of Agriculture and the Esqueving Ratepayer group, CCPC concentrated the thrust of its attack on recycling and reclamation techniques and did not deal with where the actual site should be.

The Federation asked a number of questions of Doug Sexsmith, the McLaren representative. He was only able to give qualified answers in some cases and no answers in others. The Federation's brief takes a strong stand against siting the landfill site on prime agricultural land.

Bill Johnson presented a complete critique of the McLaren Study on behalf of GUARD. Johnson's position continues to be one against sanitary landfill sites in general.

Not sanitary
He claims the landfill sites are anything but sanitary and could be replaced by modern technology within five years.

Johnson claims the recommended site is too close to a stream system and should not be placed on prime agricultural land.

Johnson told this paper he'll announce later this week, two sites that could be used without using farmland or endangering streams or wells with pollution for an interim period.



SANDRA YATES displays her wares to Mrs. L. Ambridge and her daughter Kelly at the multi-sale in Limehouse hall on Saturday.

Virginia Kennedy Wellington bid

Virginia Kennedy, 34 of R.R. 2, Hillsburgh, has challenged incumbent Gord Gregson for the Erin township seat on the Wellington County board of education.

Mrs. Kennedy said she thinks area trustees should be more active in promoting parental involvement and community use of schools and she would work to promote use of school facilities during off-school hours. She points to the gymnasiums in Erin and Erin township. "I think it is one of the duties of the area school board members to provide leadership and liaison with recreation boards and other community groups."

A graduate of the University of Windsor, Mrs.

Kennedy has been active in community work in Windsor, Oakville and the Erin area. Her four children attend three of the six Erin and Erin township schools. Husband Terry is editor of an employee newspaper for Ford Canada.

She is the former assistant editor of the Erin Advocate and now runs her own

editorial consulting business. Mrs. Kennedy organized and ran a summer program for young teens in Erin in 1972, one of the founding parents of a co-operative nursery school in Hillsburgh. Earlier this year she was awarded to serve on the Local Initiatives Program Board for the federal riding of Halton.

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Remembrance

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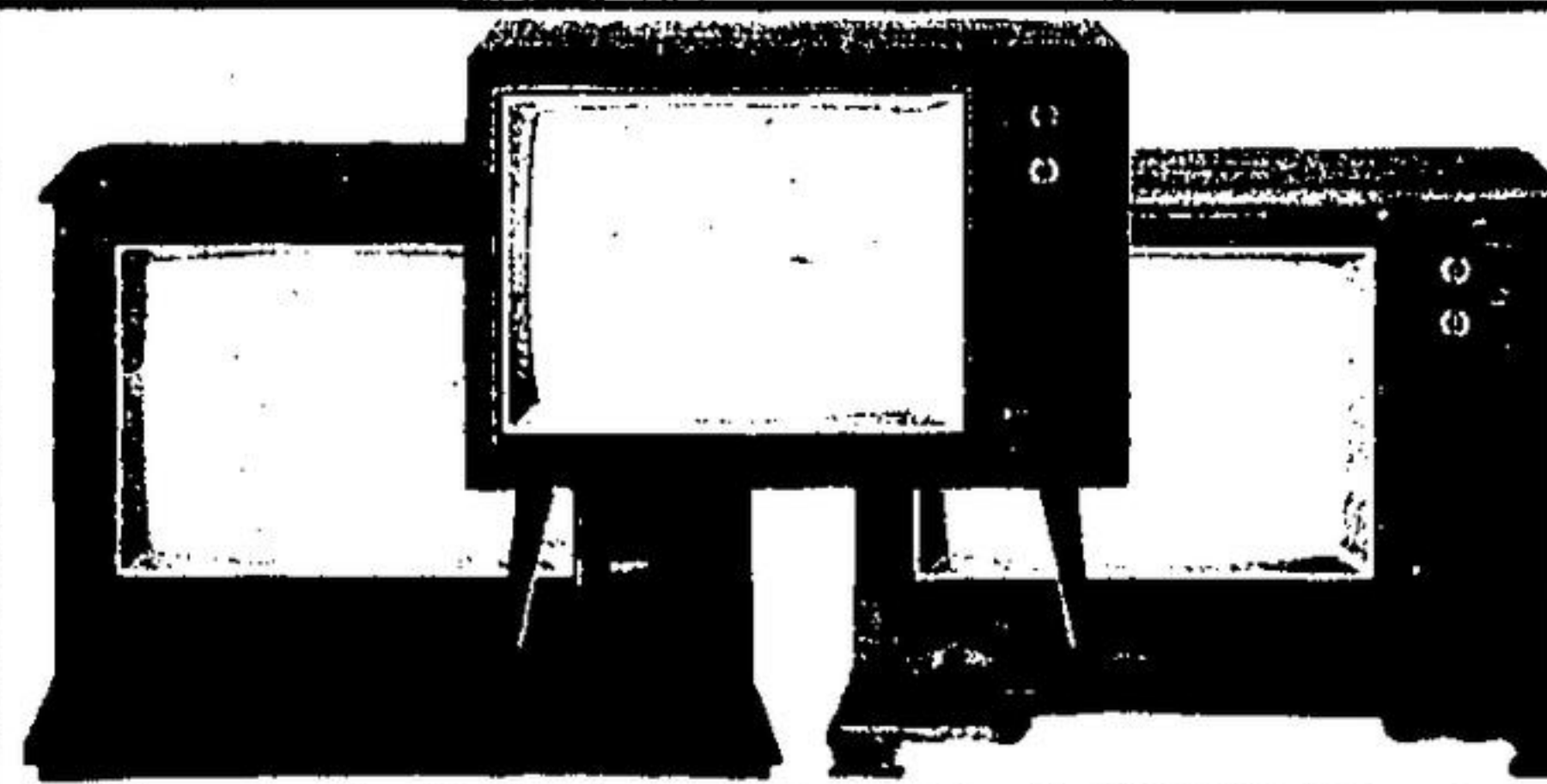
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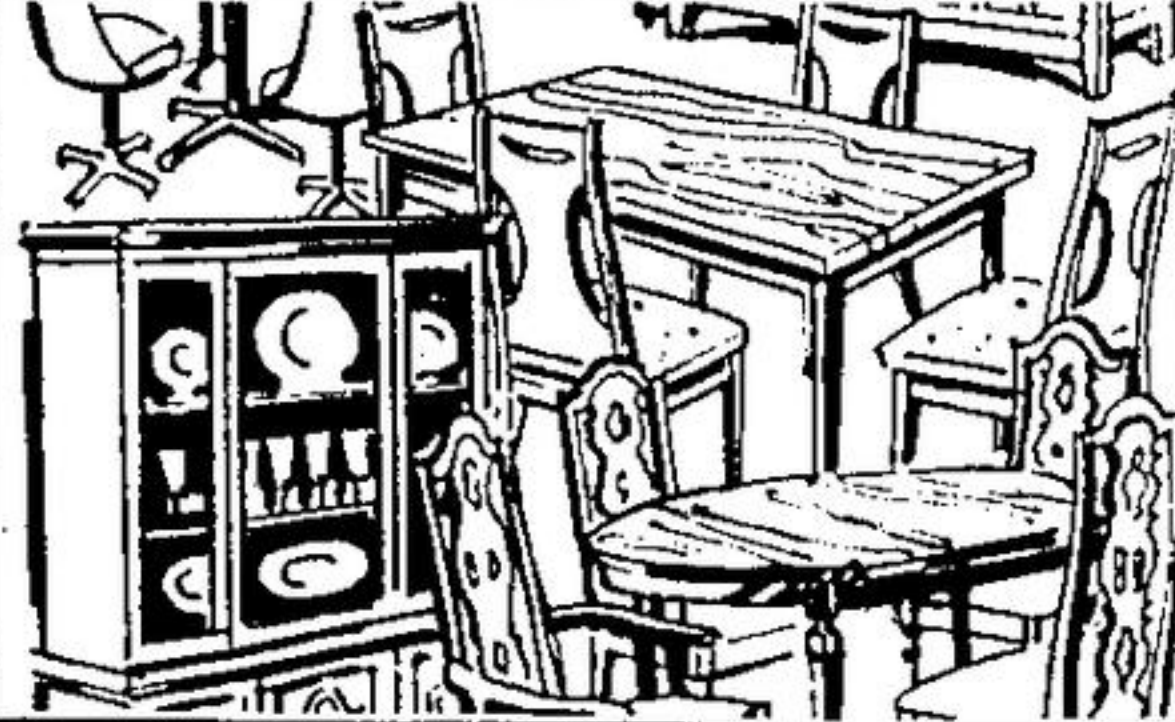


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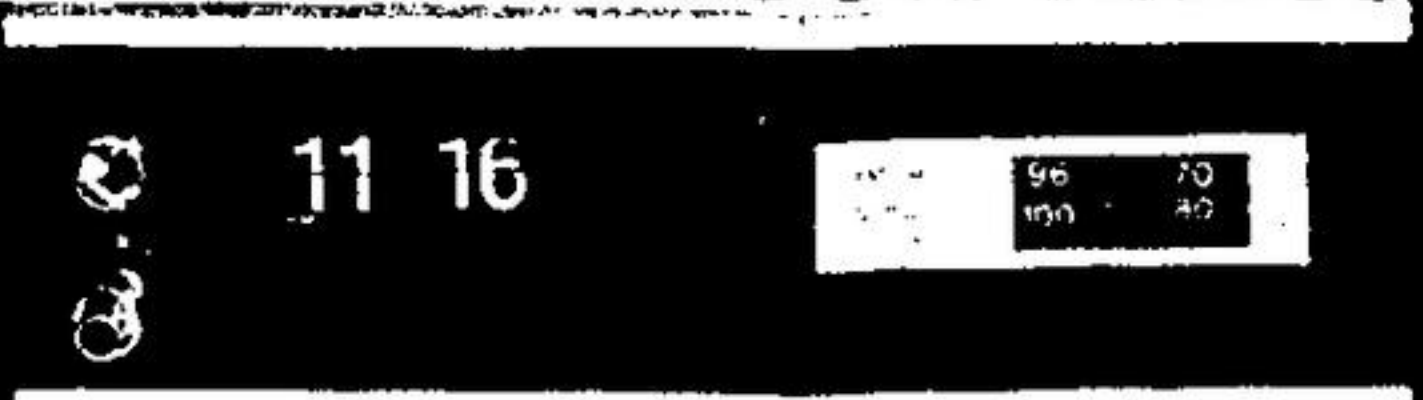


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Silverwood

Institute meeting

by Mrs. F. C. Scott
Thirteen members and 10 guests of Silverwood W.I. attended their Nov. meeting at the home of Mrs. George Ironside on Thurs., Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

The Mary Stewart collect and the ode preceded the roll call which was your hobby and several samples were displayed.

The minutes were read and adopted and financial report given.

Invitation
An invitation to the School for the Deaf was extended to W.I. members also "4-H" achievement day Dec. 14 at the same school.

Discussion regarding community hall at Stewart town was left to a member who would represent them at a meeting.

Our W.I. quilt was finished and displayed. A memorial to the late Mrs. Isabel Henderson was also brought to

the attention of the members.

Guest
Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Burt, conveners for the program arranged to have Mrs. Ethel Bessem of Guelph come and show and talk about lapidary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bessem are interested in this special art. Her display and talk were very interesting and several pieces were passed around. A delicious lunch served by the hostess and her helpers brought the evening to a close.

Farewell dinner
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly at a farewell dinner prior to their trip south for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hadow are living at the O'Reilly home for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbett have returned home from visiting their mother Mrs. Minda Corbett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Whitfield, London were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott recently.

Four members of Silverwood W.I. attended the nutrition workshop

Georgetown Rug Hookers held their monthly business meeting on Monday evening and are busy preparing for a pictorial "Sunset". The first lesson at the Maple Leaf Mills research centre seventh line below Ashgrove on Nov. 23.

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