

# Teachers won't walk out on Oct. 14 day of protest

Members of the Halton board of Education and heads of teacher associations in Halton applauded last week's announcement that members of the Ontario Teachers' Association would not be participating in a walk-out on CLC's day of protest on October 14.

Last Thursday the OTF announced it would not be participating in a walk-out but said it would permit its members to take part in after-school demonstrations.

Colton Roberts, chairman of Halton Elementary Teachers' Association, called the decision "a pretty good move."

Stating he would only be speaking as an individual because members of his association were on holidays, Mr. Roberts said, "I feel there are other steps within the demo-

cratic process such as lobbying, which provide a more viable solution than hauling the children out of the classroom for a day."

"Pleased" Judy Alexander, chairman of the Halton Board of Education, said she was "very pleased" by the decision.

"It's good to see that professionalism still comes first with our teachers who haven't put their duty to the children far behind their duty to the working day like other unions have."

She said the subject of the teachers walking out on October 14 was not raised at any of the school board meetings. She added she would have been more surprised if the teachers had decided to walk out.

Peter Gayfer, the Halton

representative of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation said the teachers never seriously considered a work stoppage on October 14.

Mr. Gayfer said the decision was an executive action of the OTF based on information from committees from associations within the OTF and no formal vote of all the members had been taken on the matter.

"If we had decided to support the walkout, I think we would have had to have a vote," said Mr. Gayfer.

Illegal

Both Mr. Gayfer and Mr. Roberts indicated a walkout by the teachers would have been a breach of their contract and would be liable to legal action.

Mr. Roberts mentioned the one day walk-out on December 18, 1973, when teachers protested Bill 274 which would make it illegal for teachers to resign en masse over contract negotiations.

He said that was an illegal walkout but the administration did not take any action against them. Comparing the situation in 1973 to the October 14 day of protest Mr. Roberts said, "I don't think the issue is of the same intensity to warrant taking the children out of the classrooms."

Mr. L. Wilson, president of the Halton Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation was a delegate on his association's committee which met with other association committees to pass resolutions for the OTF stand on the October 14 day of protest.

He said the teachers would not break the law, but at the same time they feel the Anti-Inflation Board is not fair to all of the people.

"I can safely say that very few teachers would even think of walking out on their own and if they did they could be disciplined by their own association," said Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Roberts agreed that the AIB is sometimes unfair. He pointed out that some teachers came to agreements in their areas before October

14 and received substantial settlements while other teachers who were involved in long bargaining sessions and settled after October 14 failed to earn a fair settlement.

"I think there should be some exception in the AIB to take care of that type of unusual circumstances," said Mr. Roberts.

Doug Wood a trustee from Milton said he was glad the teachers made a decision which avoids conflict with local districts and teachers associations.

Another Milton trustee, Bill Lawson said he thought the decision was evidence of sound thinking and would help create a better atmosphere between teachers and administration.

The OTF did indicate local associations would be encouraged to participate in after-school demonstrations, but at the moment no association in Halton has made any definite plans for any demonstrations.



**FUNGUS 12 in. high and 16 in. x 20 in. in circumference sprang up on the front lawn of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, R.R. 1, Limehouse. An elm tree once stood where the fungus has grown.**

**Store open**

The high school store opened Monday, to ease the rush on the first days of school. A couple of student volunteers are behind the counter. Grade 13 texts are sold as well as the regular school supplies.

## Halton 4-H News

# Two win judging trophies

**CONSERVATION CLUB** by Marilyn McNabb

The fourth meeting of the Halton 4-H Conservation Club was held on August 16 at 8 p.m. at the Agricultural Office, Milton.

Marilyn McNabb opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge, followed by roll call and the secretary's report.

We saw a film on how man is destroying his environment and we discussed it. Mark Lehy then showed us slides on the conservation areas in our Region.

The meeting was adjourned.

**HALTON CAFE CLUB** by Lorie Parsons

The Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club held their regular meeting at the farm of Bill Jackson on Thursday, August 19.

David Stanley opened the meeting by leading the club in the 4-H Pledge. Our secretary then took the attendance and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to Bill Jackson who showed us how to clip our calves. He also showed us how to prepare our calves for a show and how to show them.

We then split into junior and senior groups for our lessons.

Refreshments were served and the host was thanked by Keith McKinnon.

David Stanley closed the meeting and it was seconded by Brian Wingfield.

The placings were as follows: Juniors, 1st, Evelyn Snow; 2nd, Richard Stanley; 3rd, Kim Wingrove; 4th, Andy Buschkowski; and 5th, Tom Wilson. Intermediates, 1st, David Stanley; 2nd, Glenn McClure; 3rd, Pete Muselius; 4th, John Reid (Milton); and 5th, Randy Peddie. Seniors, 1st, Holly Hurren; 2nd, Bill Robinson; 3rd, Randy Fish; 4th, Doug McPhail; and 5th, tie, Lynne Stewart and Joseph Weeden.

The Coarse Grains Trophy.

**Free write-ups**

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# Silver dollar contest includes Halton 4-H

Five Halton youths have been selected to compete in the 4-H Dairy Silver Dollar Competition in Orangeville on Sept. 3.

Billed "the most demanding 4-H show in Canada", the competition will feature 64 competitors from 15 regions and counties showing calves.

United Breeders Inc. is sponsoring the event which allows up to five top ranked senior 4-H dairy calf club members to represent each county in the areas serviced by them.

Points are accumulated from a quiz requiring senior level knowledge of cattle for an essay on this year's topic "The Human Element in Successful Dairy Farming."

Points will also be given for showmanship and for the 4-H project calf. The written sections are completed prior to the actual calf show, scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sept. 3 at Orangeville Fair.

Silver dollar awards.

Following the calf show, winners of each of the four divisions will receive prizes

of 25 silver dollars. The competitor with the highest cumulative point score will be presented with 75 silver dollars on the championship silver tray.

The Reserve Champion's tray will carry 50 silver dollars, while the Honorable Mention tray will have 25 silver dollars.

Representing Halton at the event will be Beth Marshall of Milton, Marie Murray of Acton, Bill Robinson of Georgetown, Donna Stewart of Hornby and Joseph R. Weeden of Oakville.

# Truck-car collision

A region truck and car were in collision Friday at the corner of Queen and Longfield. The truck, driven by Clifford Scott, 141 Wynford, received estimated \$150 damage and the car driven by Michael Sargent, 238 Elmore, about \$700 damage.

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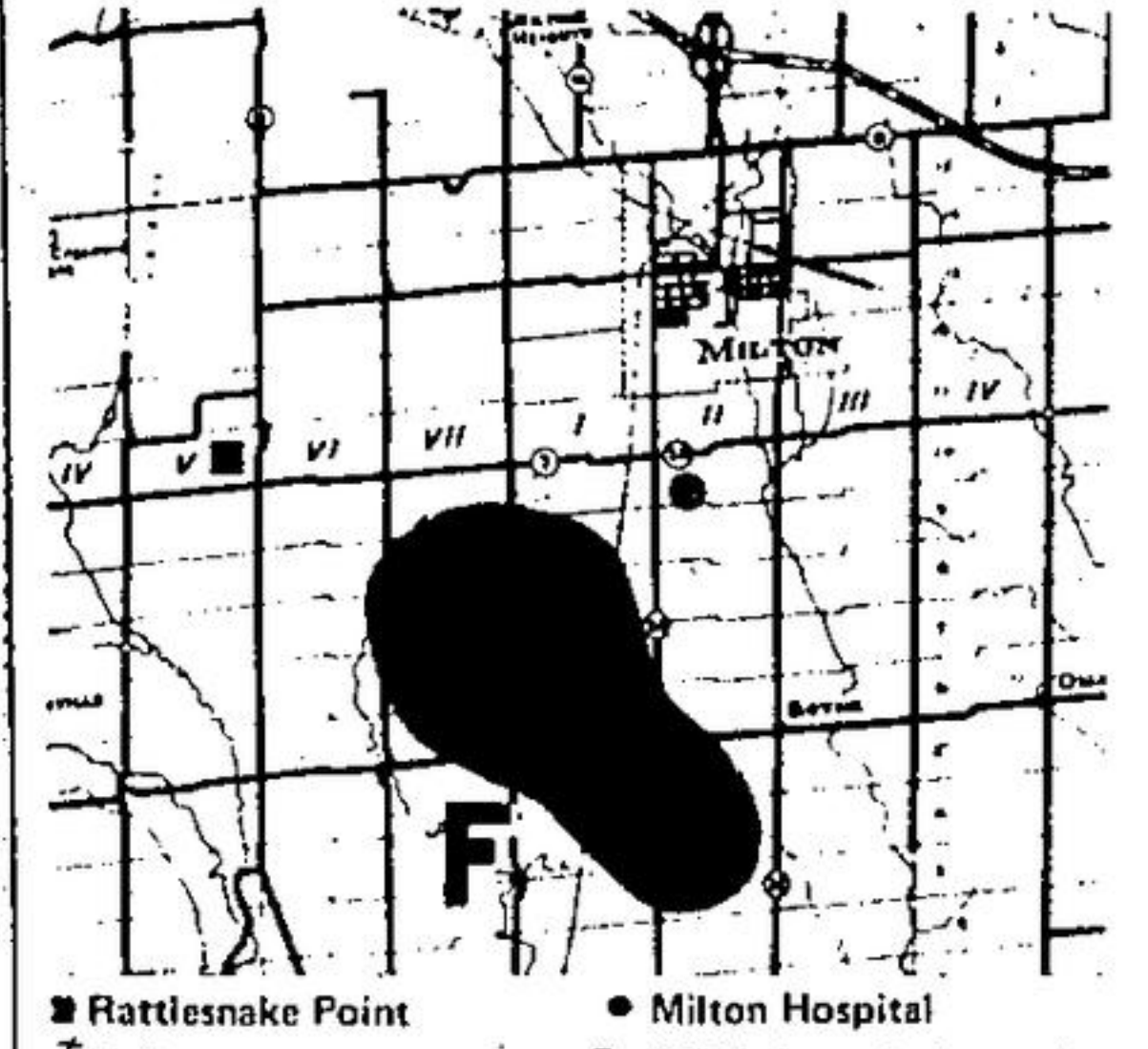
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# Help Preserve Halton's Heritage



**SOME FACTS:**

1. This area is served totally by wells which no one can guarantee would not be dried up by landfill excavation or polluted over a number of years. In a rural area quantity and quality of water are the most important factors for sustaining human and animal life.
2. Site F is situated on completely flat, productive Class 1 farmland which is totally unprotected by trees or hills. The area is farmed consistently. Since Mr. Wally Wells of Dillon Consultants admits that land used for landfill can never be farmed again this land would be lost for all time in a region climatically suited to successful crop production.
3. Excessively high winds in this unprotected area would make debris and odor a great problem for the surrounding residents within a large radius of a major landfill site.
4. Berms necessary to enclose the landfill would change the topo-

graphy of this unique area under the escarpment, as would the creation of a "ski" hill resultant of the fact that Site F has no depressions into which the fill could be placed (areas with land depressions are more desirable than are flat areas such as Site F).
- 5. The area is immediately adjacent to the Milton Hospital which would be subjected to the dust and odour carried by prevailing winds, rodents seeking shelter and large numbers of seagulls.
- 6. Daily trucking of garbage of one centralized site will initially produce 100 trucks per day for Milton with the number increasing yearly over twenty years. (Inordinate number of trucks crossing the region)
- 7. Technological advancement in garbage recycling is not mentioned in the Dillon Report, to work in conjunction with a much smaller, shorter term landfill site than Site F.

Artist: Betty Goodfellow, Oakville, Ontario.

Statement of disapproval by Robert Bateman re Site "F" landfill site in Halton Region.

Robert Bateman is an internationally known Canadian Artist whose interpretations of natural landscapes and animals are known and collected worldwide.

"The proposal to put a large garbage disposal site within clear view of the Rattlesnake Point area is most unfortunate.

The Escarpment is recognized in legislation by the Ontario Government as a special area in Ontario. The appreciation by the general public of places of natural beauty has been increasing in recent years. These areas are decreasing just as rapidly, especially in the populated areas near Toronto and Hamilton.

Most people find distant views enjoyable and even inspiring. The view to the south of the Rattlesnake Point area of farmland and woodlot is probably the most attractive of its kind in Canada. I have painted it and photographed it many times and have taken many visitors to see it. Views from such a height over relatively unspoiled pastoral land are very rare. In fact I don't know of another to compare with it.

Aesthetic considerations of this nature are very important to our quality of life and will become more important. Countless millions of dollars are spent on aesthetic considerations in North America and Europe.

This is a very special area and must not be spoiled by such a proposal."

Robert Bateman  
Rockwood, Ontario.

Mayor Anne MacArthur has judiciously pointed out that the Rattlesnake Point Area is unique to Southern Ontario and is the last unspoiled look-out in Southern Ontario. It is an irreplaceable resource.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture says: If Regional Government is going to preserve top agricultural land which is one of the first recommendations it passed in Halton after Regional Government was formed, then I think it is time

they as Councilors should accept their own recommendations. They should be suggesting landfill sites in areas which are not on top producing agricultural land and put garbage sites in Area "A" and "H" which the Halton Federation of Agri-

culture has recommended from the start of this garbage landfill site proposal. An educational programme should also be considered to cut down on the amount of garbage plus a recycling programme.

**Harold Middlebrook, President,**  
Halton Federation of Agriculture.

**How Regional Council has voted:**  
Those supporting not to drill in Site F

1. F. Anderson, Oakv., 827-2217
2. V. Connell, Burl., 634-4127
3. H. Barrett, Oakv., 845-6601
4. A. MacArthur, Milton, 878-7211
5. C. Eriksen, Oakv., 845-0175
6. R. Morrow, H. Hills, 877-4434
7. M. Munro, Burl., 632-0314
8. T. Mannell, Oakv., 827-2203
9. M. Powys, Milton, 878-2545
10. T. Ralfe, Burl., 681-2215
11. E. Sykes, H. Hills, 877-8686
12. J. Watson, Milton, 878-5257

Those not supporting and voting to drill on Site F

1. D. Coons, Bur., 632-2305
2. G. McKenzie, H. Hills, 853-0614
3. A. Donaghey, Oakv., 845-5477
4. G. Harrington, Burl., 639-1873
5. T. Hill, H. Hills, 877-5185
6. P. McLaughlin, Burl., 634-8807
7. P. Preston, Burl., 525-5866
8. A. Mason, Oakv., 845-0591
9. J. Raftis, Burl., 639-3799
10. G. Brown, Oakv., 845-1796
11. T. Sutherland, Burl., 834-9495

Absent: R. Howitt, Halton Hills-878-4340

**Alternatives:**

1. Reduction at the source—through composting and separation of garbage.
2. Reclamation.
3. Smaller non-expandable landfill site.

Wed. Sept. 8, 1.30 p.m.—Public Works Committee Meeting, Halton Region.  
Wed. Sept. 15, 1.30 p.m.—Halton Regional Council Meeting.  
Wed. Sept. 22, 1.30 p.m.—Public Works Committee Meeting, Halton Region.

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