



BILLOWING BLACK smoke, visible as far as Malton, was caused by burning tires in the Canadian Tire warehouse. A former CNR freight shed, the building was completely levelled. Loss was estimated at \$138,000. A large crowd of spectators gathered to watch the spectacular blaze.



WRECKAGE OF Canadian Tire warehouse is levelled to make sure all the flames are out. Children sifted through the debris looking for souvenirs.

Short term measures prolong garbage crisis?

Halt Regional Council will be asked today to endorse a plan designed to provide a stop-gap answer to the region's garbage crisis. The motion, expected to go before council today, advocates the burning of some waste, the use of Site H (Milton Brick Yard) as a dry waste site and the expansion of the current Oakville and Burlington landfill sites and the Natco site which is near the Burlington site. Several weeks ago council rejected a recommendation that would have seen drilling on four additional sites. That, accompanied with necessary studies to accompany the drilling, was expected to cost \$200,000. The studies now being proposed are estimated to cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. M.M. Dillon, company's consulting engineer Wally Wells said in an interview that earlier studies have indicated there isn't any

long term solution to be found at the existing sites, but it might be possible to pick up small acreages. "We said there wasn't room for any major expansion and it wouldn't be reasonable to expand for eight, 10 or 18 acres. But now the situation is getting critical and it is necessary to see if there are any opportunities to buy time through expansion," he said. Wells explained that by adding eight to 10 acres at Burlington and up to 10 at Oakville, it might be possible to change the contours of the existing sites and put another lift on the current landfill area. If authorized, the studies would determine where drilling should take place and how much land and time could be gained. Meanwhile, the region impatiently waits an opportunity to get before the Ontario Municipal Board in regard to the application for a

major site at Tremaine and Britannia Rd. in Milton, known as Site F. Regional officials have made it clear that it will be almost impossible to have Site F approved before the existing sites are at capacity. Georgetown is rapidly reaching capacity and the Burlington and Oakville sites have relatively short life spans remaining. Wells said the region had requested the Ministry of the Environment to consider relaxing standards on dry waste sites so a dump could be established at Site H. Other sites now in operation have refused to take dry waste or industrial rubble in an effort to extend the life. If Site H is approved, it is opt to be the only dry waste site in the region. Under Ministry standards, the dry waste sites have to be developed to the same standards that sites for

domestic waste have to be developed, with a full leachate collection system. The region contends that the amount of leachate in a dry waste site would be nowhere near the leachate in a traditional municipal site and the development shouldn't have to be as sophisticated. The resolution going before council will also urge relaxation of environmental laws forbidding the burning of waste. Asked if the ministry would consider the requests of the region "pie in the sky", Wells said they might. The region is in a critical position and I don't think it is out of line to ask. The worst that can happen is, they'll say no."

Car, truck collide

About \$150 in damages resulted from the collision on Brock Street of a car and pick-up truck June 26 at night. Halton Regional Police estimate there is \$100 damage on the auto driven by Howard Shaw of 167 Tides Ave. Damage to the truck, driven by Terry McMullen of 8 Brock St. is about \$75, say police. The police report indicates the McMullen vehicle was parked at the time of the mishap.

Autos collide

About \$450 in property damage was taken on two autos in the parking lot of the Dominion Hotel July 1 night. Damage to the auto driven by Omar Gorkum of 40 Holmesway Place is about \$50, under Smith of R.R. 2, Rockwood has about \$400 in damage on it, police say.

Million dollar rain falls

A "million dollar rain" fell on Halton Monday. That rain was "just fantastic" according to Halton's Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley. The rain came at a critical time for corn and grain crops which, according to Stanley, are away behind last year's growth. Spring grain is short and uneven and half the height it should be at this time of year. "We really needed this rain to fill out winter wheat and get pastures going again. The corn leaves were just wilting," Stanley explained. The extreme dry spell combined with a wet fall have caused problems for Halton farmers. Because some of the corn was never harvested last

fall, spring plowing was necessary. Because of the spring plowing, the ground dried out quicker and crops got off to a bad start with poor germination. "The pastures really dried up. The second cutting of hay is coming very slowly and some fields aren't growing at all. Hay yields will be down," Stanley predicts. Some fields of Alfalfa had an exceptionally high amount of winterkill. The wet fall combined with the lack of frost is faulted for a lot of the problem. Apparently the early snow that stayed for the entire winter provided insulation and prevented the ground from freezing.

Stanley said the dry weather seemed exceptionally severe through the lower half of Halton and Peel regions.

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(Continued from Page 1) with personnel matters, especially the claims of slow promotions and lack of incentives. The administration, equipment and buildings also come into the association's gun sights. "It's got them (the commissioners) buffaloed I'm sure," Ruelens said. "It's 61 pages of truth, if it was bull, they'd have been eating me up." Ruelens said there has yet been no attempt, on a direct basis, to call in the attorney general, the solicitor general or the OPC. "We haven't approached them before," he said Friday.

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Could limit amount of garbage collected

Halton Hills Council is considering a by-law that, according to Town Engineer Bob Austin, would "greatly limit" the number of bags of garbage put out by residents. Austin advised the region's public works committee that action might be necessary to extend the capacity at the Georgetown landfill site. Space in the landfill site is depleting rapidly and has long been a concern of the Halton Hills Council. Austin never indicated what the limit might be, but suggested it would have an impact on homeowners. Asked whether Milton Council was considering any similar action, Milton Mayor Don Gordon said he hadn't given it much thought but felt

the idea was a good one and should be pursued. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said his council had implemented a by-law some time ago limiting the number of bags of garbage at six per residential unit. That by-law didn't apply to commercial or industrial concerns. While the Oakville by-law is quite generous in the amount of garbage it will pick up, Mayor Barrett suggested there were some people who complained when a seventh or eighth bag was put out for collection but not picked up.

Regional Council is expected to consider a number of steps that could lead to increased landfill capacity in order to stave off a garbage crisis.

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