

# Be creative in garbage

To the people of Region of Halton:

**Re: Solid Waste Management in the Region of Halton**  
The Region has just now received an interim report on the handling of solid wastes, which deals primarily with the issue of sanitary landfill sites. The disposal of waste is a problem that concerns all of us, and it is obvious that there are many in Halton who are not only vitally concerned, but willing to work hard in finding the best solution. Many of those people assisted by participating in the recent study, and many others make their own personal contribution through composting, careful purchasing techniques, and other voluntary efforts.

In an effort to encourage further consideration of this question, I have enclosed a copy of a letter which I recently placed before the Technical Committee that is co-ordinating the study for the Region. I have attempted to touch on just some of the issues that will affect local residents, but am primarily interested in a response to my final suggestion - that we all co-operate in an effort to reduce the production of garbage to one bag per household in two years. I believe that the people of Halton are concerned about this problem, and that they are more than willing to co-operate in such a program if their efforts are co-ordinated with the efforts of all other citizens.

To paraphrase the committee, we are all a part of the problem...the challenge is to become part of the solution.

Terry Mannell,  
Councillor, Region of Halton

Technical Co-ordinating Cte.  
Region of Halton

Gentlemen:

**Re: Sanitary Landfill Sites**  
I have decided to write to you on this subject since it is difficult to adequately explain the variety of concerns that surround such a complex issue through use of the questionnaire supplied.

At first glance, the disposal of solid waste appears to be a technical problem which can be resolved with relative ease through the application of sound engineering and financial skills. However, there are a number of practical, non-technical considerations which the Committee must also weigh carefully.

One major concern is that disposal sites be conveniently located to the bulk of the population, so that our country roads, ravines and river valleys are not further spoiled by the dumping of additional refuse. This is already a problem, and is bound to increase if sites become even less convenient, thus adding to the frustration of those who want to dispose of this material. In the same way, remote facilities and, particularly, a single site, will make it difficult for those who presently haul their own refuse to the disposal sites on their own time, particularly on weekends, thus increasing the local municipality's costs of collection. In many instances, articles disposed of by individuals through their own efforts would be most difficult

to handle in a regular weekly collection, and would necessitate special pick-ups. I understand that there are some five or six hundred private vehicles that use the Oakville sanitary landfill site on a Saturday, and, while their contribution to the total volume of the site is probably relatively small, they represent a special requirement which cannot be ignored.

While many of these people might turn to private disposal companies, and small cartage operators, the costs of such services would obviously be much higher if only one remote site was available. A single site also raises the question of hours of operation, and could lead to some thought that the site should only be operated five days a week during regular working hours. This is a tendency that should be strongly resisted.

In the same way, that costs for private firms would be increased through extra haul distances, so local municipal costs will also be affected. Any cost-benefit analysis of various alternatives must indicate the total public cost, rather than isolating the cost impact on the region itself.

It seems to me that the solution to sanitary landfill sites, a form of disposal that will be with us for some time, is creativity. Until now, we have viewed these facilities as necessary evils, rather than assessing the positive benefits that might result from the use of some imagination. Such creativity has been used, of

course, in the case of Etobicoke's Centennial Park, and in Kitchener-Waterloo, as well as other areas, but Halton has so far ignored this possibility. I see no reason why our present sites cannot be used effectively for many years to come through the development of a plan which would see the creation of recreational hills and valleys, with proper protection provided, of course, for neighbours. If difficulties are anticipated with certain types of waste, such as blowing papers, it should be possible to separate various materials, providing excavations for the disposal of problem material, and using the other material to create the hills.

One such "creative dumping" project is the Green Valley Recreational Hill project, conceived for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Lombard, Illinois. I would suggest that the Committee obtain information on this, and other such projects, and conduct a limited study on one of our existing sites, in order to

determine the potential of such a programme.

In addition to costs of hauling to a remote site, one must also consider the impact on the roads network, and, as well, on energy reserves. Generally, our settlements will have to become more self-sustaining and self-contained as the resources of our planet diminish and this is a consideration that should not be overlooked even at this time.

In conducting the participation programme, I gather the Committee has not yet surveyed the present users of the various sites. I consider their comments and suggestions would be most valuable, and would urge a proper survey (i.e. personal contact) rather than just a questionnaire. It will be necessary to qualify their responses, of course, since a small private contractor will obviously have a different attitude toward waste time than an employer who is paid on a salary basis.

Although I recognize that landfill sites will be an important component in our

waste management system for years to come and believe that we must use creative methods to maximize the use we receive from sites that must be consumed for this purpose, that is in no way a suggestion that other efforts aimed at improving our handling of solid waste should not be rigorously pursued. In fact, I believe, that creative efforts will also yield results in this area, particularly in the matter of reduction at source.

Obviously, much of this responsibility rests with the senior levels of government, and Halton should join with other municipalities, groups and associations to urge immediate and effective legislation to reduce over-packaging, ban non-returnables, and discourage built in obsolescence. But there are also things that we can do, and these would include introduction of an effective programme to encourage composting and regional financial and manpower support to groups who are willing to undertake pilot programmes, provided, of

course, that they are effectively monitored in order to produce useful data for consideration of their general application.

The most direct and effective action we might take at this time would be a co-operative programme with the local municipalities to gradually reduce the amount of refuse acceptable from each household. Such a programme could be continued until weekly pick-ups were restricted to just one bag per dwelling. Necessity is, after all, the mother of invention, and I believe, that the citizens of the region would recognize the role they must play in review of their habits and requirements - and would accept the challenge to meet such a goal within two years.

I have not mentioned the matter of resource recovery, partially because I feel that this is primarily a technical problem, but mainly because I believe it makes far more sense to attack the disease rather than the symptoms. A programme of solid waste reduction at source is far more practical, attainable, and economical than a resource recovery programme can ever hope to be.

Sincerely,  
Terry Mannell  
Regional Councillor



**BUSY BROWNIES.** Making posters for a spring fashion show to be held at St. Andrew's United Church March 9 are (from left to right) Elizabeth Becker, Nina Milleasen and Deborah Hall of the 9th Georgetown Brownie Pack.

## Ten new entries in 16th Bantam Tournament

To The Editor of The Herald:  
The International Bantam Hockey Tournament committee have been busy, behind the scenes, since October 1975. The pace of their activity has been picking up recently and it will continue to do so until this year's tournament gets underway on Saturday March 20th, continuing through on a daily basis, except Sunday March 21st, to Saturday March 27th.

This will be the 16th year in a row that Georgetown hosts the best tournament of its kind in the country. To date 108 applications have been received for the 44 places available.

Among the 44 are 10 teams that were not in our 1975 tournament and on "stand-by" are teams from such places as Halifax, Ottawa, Hamilton, Guelph, Toronto, Sudbury and Brampton. The 1975 Grand Champions, Burlington, as well as the other division winners, Port Colborne, Markham and Levaak will be back to defend their title.

From an organisational point of view, the Georgetown Referees Association under the continuing leadership of Gerry Perkins have been preparing to meet the needs of 79 games that will take place. Jessie Hayes and Helen Curtis

have been preparing menus and enlisting help from various ladies groups to feed our visitors during their stay. Donna Diegel and Jean Murphy are looking for homes to billet the teams. Pat Shanks has been recruiting timekeepers and Pete Pomeroy is doing the same for ticket booth attendants.

Tom Cooper, thanks to support of local merchants, has all the advertisers he

needs for our printed programme and the G.V.A.S. will be providing first aid coverage.

As this is the first time the tournament will be held at the Gordon Alcott Arena, an additional service will be inaugurated this year. Transportation will be needed to take players and supporters to the dining halls at the Anglican Church, the Legion and the Oddfellows buildings. Vern Kirby has kindly agreed to supply the necessary buses but we still need licensed bus drivers for the daily runs.

Due to the closing of the

Georgetown Memorial Arena and its subsequent effect on arena usage, we have voluntarily given up normal pre-tournament activities that would have taken place on Friday March 19 and the tournament proper will commence at 7:30 a.m. on March 20.

In all, things are shaping up well and all we need now is the support of the local residents, to make this, our 16th tournament, another great success.

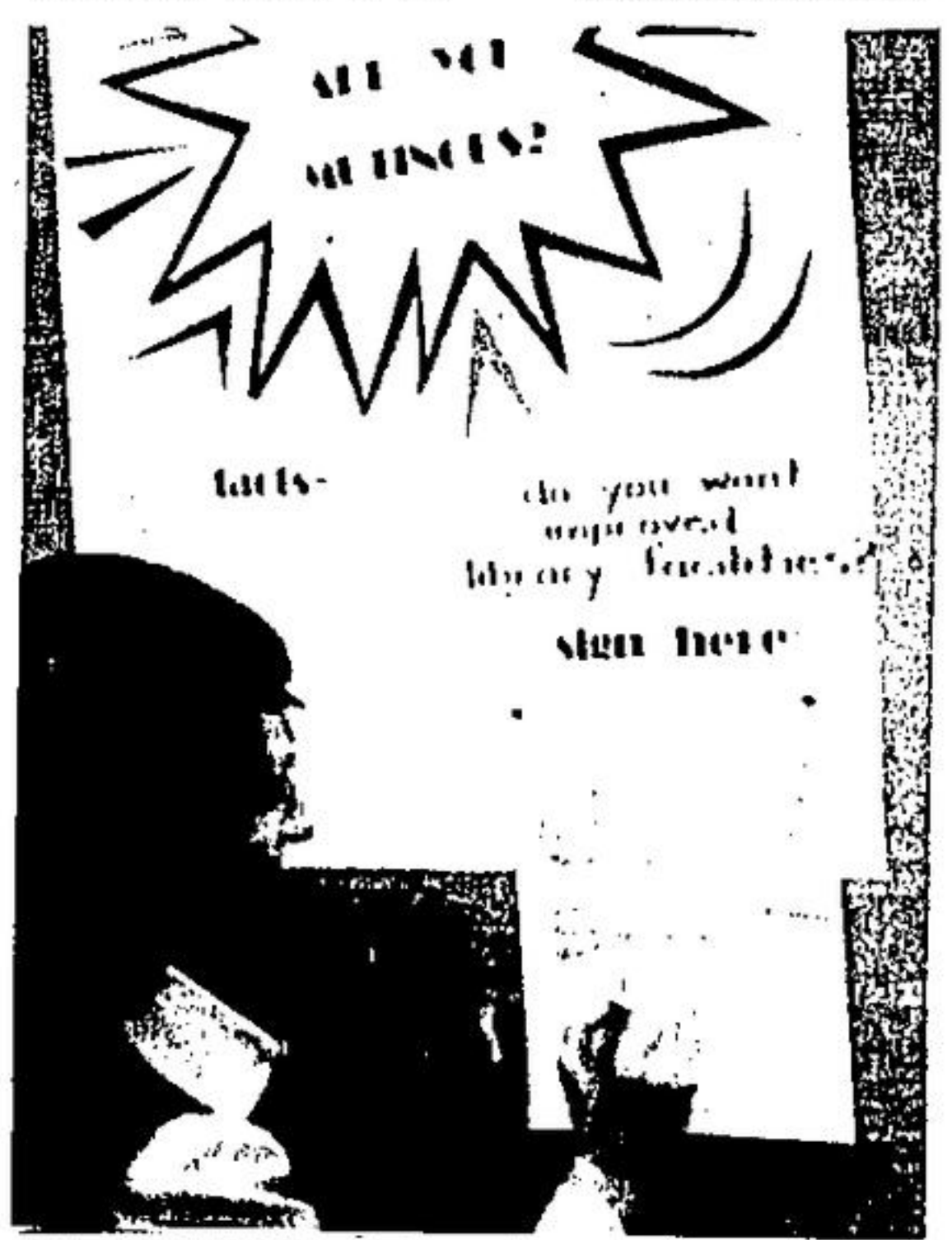
Yours truly,  
Harry Levy,  
Tournament Chairman.

### Threat to Press

To The Editor of The Herald:  
Suggestions by the LaMarsh Royal Commission that the Press be subjected to some type of censorship, should be rejected outright.

Do you think for one moment, we the public, would have learned about Watergate, Igor Gouzenko, the Profumo Affair, Vietnam atrocities, Gerd Munsinger, or even dredging in Hamilton Harbour or Olympic financial filching, had it not been for the freedom of the press?

William A. Johnson,  
RR2 Rockwood



**MUTINY AT LIBRARY?** Peggy Arcuri, a teacher at Park School, adds her name to a petition supporting improved library facilities. Many of the people signing the petition also added the words: "and theatre."

## One in three Halton Hills citizens use their libraries

Head librarian Betsy Cornwell said in an interview last week that residents of Halton Hills support the public libraries here to a greater extent than in towns of comparable size.

She said that "30 percent of the population of Halton Hills" were library members whereas the average for towns this size was usually 20 percent and the large city libraries were pleased with membership of five percent of the population.

In support of her contention, she said that 2,888 new members who joined the library system in 1975 had brought the total membership to over 7,000.

She said that although town council had agreed that a new library was needed, "This is when the fight really starts to get what we want."

She said there had been a tendency for all levels of governments to ignore what libraries need and can do and criticized the large amount of money in LIP grants for community information centres and information Canada (now defunct due to government cost cutting) that

has been spent "for redundant programs which should have gone to libraries."

"Libraries are information centres," she said. Cornwell said she was staying up nights reading an Ontario Public Library Study in preparation for a workshop she will be attending in Toronto on Feb. 27. The report was prepared by Albert Bowron who heads a consulting firm, Information, Media and Library Planning, and who will be speaking at the workshop.

A statistical annual report for 1975 released by the library shows that book circulation in adult and junior categories last year increased to 173,201 from 155,386 the year before Georgetown, Acton and Limehouse.

Acquisitions for the Halton Hills Public Library last year totalled 2,763 books, not including 745 paperbacks, in the adult section and 1,307 in the junior section.

Books discarded totalled 1,968 for a net gain to the book collection of 2,112.

There were 191 visits to shut-ins during 1975 through which 2,427 books were circulated.

## GO bus rides too long to be worth it

Following is the text of a letter sent to Jim Snow, minister of transportation and communication, text of which has been filed with the Herald.

Honourable J.W. Snow,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications

Dear Sir:  
Since I work in Scarborough and live in the Georgetown area, I was looking forward to using the new Go-Bus service, Georgetown to York Mills subway station. However, it was with great disappointment that I learned that the proposed route and schedule will require one hour and twenty-five minutes each way. This trip takes approximately forty minutes by car.

In these times today when we find ourselves with traffic congestion and impending fuel

shortages and with the government urging us to public transit, I find this situation ridiculous.

I for one will not spend three hours, daily on public transit until it becomes absolutely necessary, when I can use my own vehicle for the same return trip in one hour and twenty minutes.

Surely, one cannot take a situation seriously when such a solution is put forth.

I suggest that if the government wishes to encourage public transit, it had better provide realistic services.

Yours truly,  
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Requirements to join the Infantry can be found at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre, 150 Main Street West, Phone 523-2751 Monday to Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. - or visit the Mobile Recruiting Unit, Georgetown Armouries 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month 12 noon-4:30 P.M.

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