

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Region turning farm land into "waste land": Johnson

To the Editor of The Herald:
For too many years I have been writing and lecturing up and down this Province about solid waste. It all started here in Halton, and it was in Halton that I came to the conclusion that if you are to change attitudes towards polluting land and water, you have no choice but to change things at Queen's Park. Where ever I have debated garbage dumping, Ministry of the Environment officials have expounded so-called sanitary landfilling and its blessings, even worse, they have endorsed long term landfilling.

Here in Halton Region, it seems Works Committee Chairman Jack Rafits is dedicated to turning the prime agricultural land in the Tremaine-Britannia area into the waste lands of Sudbury which he left for greener pastures here in Halton.

What about our local municipal and regional representative in this matter? Some have been outstanding, others less than responsible, and much of the trouble can be blamed on regionalism. Few urban councillors are concerned about solid waste as long as it doesn't get dumped in their area.

What about rural councillors? First of all, they are outvoted by urban majorities, and can you really blame a councillor from Halton Hills supporting a motion to put garbage in the

Town of Milton? If he or she votes against Site 'F' the second choice could be Ashgrove, and then he or she is really in trouble. What about our representative at Queen's Park? What hasn't he done that he could and should have done?

As a successful NDP candidate for the area what would I have done?

I would have introduced a Private Members Bill banning long term landfilling of solid waste for a period of over five years. This five year period would commence from the date the site was authorised by the Environmental Hearing Board.

If for some reason alternatives to landfilling of garbage in a particular area were not found, an extension could be granted for a one year period—after approval by the Environmental Hearing Board. What effect would this have?

First, huge tracts of land 200-800 acres would not be needed. Secondly, existing dumps would be kept in exemplary condition. If they were not this would adversely affect any hearings if an extension was applied for.

Third, it would move Queen's Park into getting on with building Recycling and Reclamation Plants.

I have advocated such legislation being introduced by the Opposition in the next legislature, and I will be discussing this matter with Stephen Lewis

in the very near future. Such legislation would undoubtedly have much support from Conservationists, Environmentalists, and Farm Organizations, and groups threatened with becoming the recipients of garbage from Toronto and other urban areas.

What can the people of Site 'F' do?

They have much ammunition. They could, through their elected representatives Councillors, Federation of Agriculture, etc., demand a full disclosure of the findings at Site 'A'. (This report was shelved without any proper disclosure). They must follow every candidate running for regional and town office from candidates meeting to candidates meeting asking questions about their stand on the solid waste

issue, and long term garbage dumping. They must also bombard the editors of every newspaper in Halton with letters. Although they have written letters to the Minister of the Environment and the Premier they must continue this letter writing campaign for it must be remembered that when rampant garbage was to be dumped in a gravel pit in the Heart Lake Rd area (Bill Davis's area) he personally intervened and stopped this dump even though many members of Council and others had approved it. The people of Site 'F' should endeavour to get the whole subject of solid waste as a topic on radio and T.V. open line talk shows. (I have participated in such shows and they are very successful in getting the message

across especially to the urbanites). As an individual I shall continue to oppose the stupidity of long term landfilling, and any landfilling on prime farm land or in areas that threaten water courses. There have been points of contention raised at Regional meetings, and some downright untruths. These must be contested and publicised.

William A. Johnson.

Bull-headed win over reason

To the editor of The Herald:
Once again, I'm sorry to say, it appears that bureaucratic bull-headedness is determined to triumph over reason and common sense. The decision to do drill-testing on Site 'F' only, discarding even the pretense of considering any other site, shows exactly the real problem that our group has been fighting all along - totally

closed minds. It makes one wonder how careful and objective the drilling tests results are going to be. I would not like to be the government-employed engineer faced with the job of telling the "Powers-that-be" that the site is not suitable. No petty empire-builder likes to be caught with egg on his face. This fight is far from over, of course. The over 600 signed cards of protest received at our booths during Milton and Georgetown Fairs proved to us that we have a wide base of voter support.

Somehow, we will get across to these "authorities" that there are viable alternatives. Not as cheap, perhaps, as digging a hole and dumping in garbage. This is only a short term short-sighted solution, that will get a few officials off the hook. The technology is available, here and now, to set up a long-term acceptable solution, if enough aroused citizens will insist on it.

Mrs. M. Eleanor Halffield

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,
Miss Eunice Gibb

Ed Note: James Snow, minister of transportation and communications noted receipt of this letter at a political fund raising dinner Thursday. He said a sign at the Highway 25 interchange will be installed:

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Acton sign needed on 401, reader says — MTC agrees

To the editor of The Herald:
While travelling east and westbound on Highway 401 I noticed that the sign on the exit for Halton Hills Highway 25 north did not indicate the town of Acton. I am personally aware of several cases in which people have become lost when coming to Acton either because of insufficient directions or because they did not know Acton was part of Halton Hills. Granted, this region of north Halton is called Halton Hills, but that takes in so vast an area that it is nearly impossible to get the correct turnoff, unless you are going to Georgetown, the largest town

in the territory, as this is printed on the Trafalgar Road exit on the 401.

I imagine that people in Georgetown would have the same amount of pride about their town as we Actonians have about ours. To me it seems slightly unjust that our town of Acton is no longer on the map, or should I say the 401, but neighbouring Georgetown is. We are now both one community yet there is still the distinction between Georgetown and Halton Hills. I have been disturbed by this for some time. I realize that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications seemed

Thanks for coverage: Little NHL director

To the editor of The Herald:
May I express to you and your paper, the thanks of the Ontario Little N.H.L. for your wonderful coverage of our recent 40th Anniversary Celebration in Georgetown in the municipality of Halton Hills.

We would also like to thank Herb Arnold, Dennis Wright and the great group of citizens, of Georgetown who worked so hard to make the occasion a great success and a real memorial to Gordon Alcott.

Special thanks to the Mayor and all members of Halton Hills Council who gave us such great support and help in

planning this great event.

May I also say to all former players of 1936, and any other person, who did not receive their 40th anniversary plaque and would like to have one, that if you contact Dennis Wright, or telephone (422-3634) or write to Rev. Len Self, 152 Floyd Ave. Toronto enclosing a suitable donation to cover our deficit expenses of the 40th Anniversary we will be happy to send it to you.

Again, thanks, Georgetown and The Herald Newspaper for a job well done.

Yours in appreciation,
Rev. Len Self
Director 40th Anniversary of Little N.H.L.

RESTORATION OF GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL ARENA

Last winter the Provincial Government issued new regulations and changes in the Building Code as it pertained to public institutes, arenas and community centres. On close investigation of the Georgetown Memorial Arena, it was found that structurally it was deficient in some areas due to metal stress and fatigue, and wood deterioration. Consequently, it was closed for a full investigation and for the protection of the users.

Recently, the Treasurer of Ontario announced that an additional Assistance Grant from Wintario funds would be available to all municipalities who had closed their arenas because of the above Building Code changes.

However, in order that the Town of Halton Hills could avail themselves of this grant, they must abide by the stipulation contained in the grant that 25 per cent of the cost of renovation must come from public subscription and not from taxation.

The following is a brief breakdown of a plan to comply with the stipulation:

Total Cost	\$201,500.00
Sources of Revenue	
a) Community Centre Grants	\$50,000.00
b) Contributions by Public Organizations	50,458.00
c) Wintario Grants	72,292.00
d) Town operating budget and reserve	8,750.00
	\$201,500.00

thus the amount to be raised by Public Subscription is, as stated above, \$50,458.00.

WINTARIO GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Thomas J. Hill, Mayor - 877-5162.
Ernie Sykes, Councillor - 877-8686
Ernie Hyde, Councillor - 877-3036

As you can see by participation in this Assistance Programme, the municipality can effect a saving of \$92,292.00 which, directly or indirectly, has an effect on the taxes which each of us must pay.

With this in mind, we, the Council of Halton Hills are approaching all service clubs, sports organizations, and anyone who may benefit by the use of this arena to assist us in complying with the Wintario regulations in order that our arena may once again become functional at a minimum of cost.

Participation in the raising of the required amount of \$50,458.00 can take the form of a pledge to pay a specified amount over a period of three (3) years, or an outright donation of a specific amount.

We are not unaware of the contributions that all organizations give to our community and know that your response to our request for assistance at this time will enable our Town to take advantage of this opportunity to be of further assistance to our fellow citizens.

The undermentioned Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 1976 at the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. in order to further discuss this project. This meeting will be open to all groups and organizations and we hope that interested parties will be able to attend.

For further information regarding this project, any of the following may be contacted:

Russell Miller, Councillor - 877-6619
Glen Gray, Dir. of Recreation and Parks - 877-5185
Ray King, Town Treasurer - 877-5154

Contract agreement

Agreement has been reached on a contract between the police commission and the Halton Regional Police Association for a 6.6 per cent wage increase for the 233 policemen.

Details of the contract were not made public at Thursday's meeting after a brief in-camera session because the contract copies contained a number of typographical errors, said commission chairman Glenn Magnuson.

The in-camera session had been called because the police association has learned it is entitled to a further 0.3 per cent increase under the Anti-Inflation Board guidelines and asked the commissioners in a letter Thursday to pay the increase.

Sign erected

Signs prohibiting stopping between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on schooldays will be erected on Weber Drive in the vicinity of George Kennedy Public School, the works committee said Oct. 12.

The works committee's action came following a letter from Halton police suggesting the signs.

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JACK HEEREN
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SHOW TIME 11 am & 2 pm

Once upon a time in Holland there was a young man who entertained children with puppet shows. His shows were different because they were non-violent stories. Jack's fame grew and to his joy, he gave a command performance for Queen Juliana and her children. Thirty years have past and the excitement of his stories still live on and with each performance the spellbound audience of tiny tots respond whole heartedly to the antics of the man policeman try to recover the crown jewels of the King, which have been stolen by the bad, bad robber. No admission required.

ROY BROWN GROUP
MAGIC SHOW

SHOW TIME 7 pm.

Roy finds that children are a marvelous audience to perform to. And has a tailor made show just for kids. His show gets everyone into the act. Same to take part and all to yell the magic word. Yes children are spellbound by Roy and watch with anticipation to his every move. For a show of sheer delight and laughter take your children to Centennial Mall Friday Oct. 22nd. Show time starts at 7 P.M. and is FREE.

"KAZAN" The Balloon man
"TOPSY" the clown

SHOW TIME 7 pm

Kazan is entertaining and delightful with both humor and appeal that will fascinate your children as he tells interesting stories while transforming balloons into animals which he gives away free to a spellbound audience. To make a complete show of "TOPSY" the clown mixes with the children giving away free balloons. "TOPSY" knows how to make them laugh and keep them laughing. See you Thursday Oct. 21st. Show time starts at 7 P.M. and admission is free.

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