

## Site 'F' fallout raining down on our heads

Appalling. That's our reaction - and it should be council's - to Monday night's update on the search for a regional landfill site.

Instead, council was alarmingly quiet about the region's news that another \$100,000 is being added to the almost \$3.5 million spent since 1974 on the search.

"What can we do?" seemed to be council's general reaction, its members obviously numbed by the scale of the project to date and shocked into silence by the enormous can of worms they know they'd have to open if they wanted to protest.

The ambition to regionalize landfilling in Halton has produced a complete mess since Day One, and things are now abruptly taking a turn for the worse.

Halton has hired a consulting firm to prepare its case for close scrutiny under the province's Environmental Assessment Act (EAA), which for some politically-oriented reason is being tested here for the first time on a major scale since its approval last year.

Readers might recall that it was Queen's Park's decision to bring the "Site F affair" under the scrutiny of the EAA that was seen by some as political opportunism, since there was a provincial election campaign underway at the time and the Halton-Burlington Conservative candidate needed support in Milton and elsewhere in Halton.

And it was Milton, of course, where Site F was proposed, usurping some 240 acres of top class farmland for region-wide

landfilling. If the proposal had to be examined under the tougher terms of the EAA, Miltonians knew, the region had less chance of winning provincial approval.

Even the less cynical election-watchers at the time agreed the timing of the province's decision was amazingly coincidental.

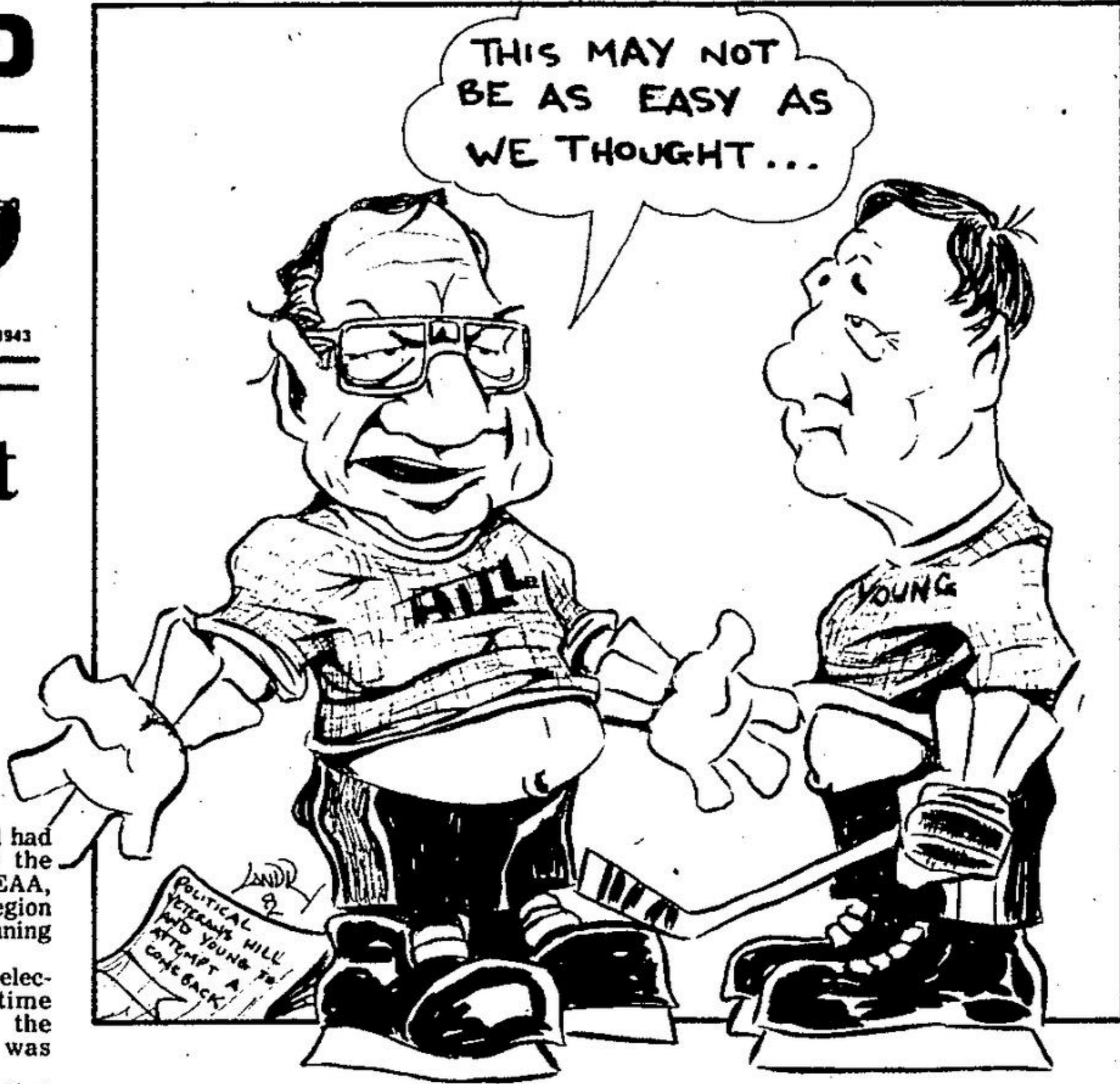
Now we're paying for that decision, election-motivated or not. The region had hoped the province would cite its Environmental Protection Act as a guideline in the Site F affair, so that alternative sites would not even be considered. It's a safe guess that Site F would have then been approved and hearings would be far shorter and less expensive.

While the province's role from afar is suspect in this case, the region must still bear the greater burden of responsibility for the absolutely horrendous costs now facing Halton taxpayers. It was the region, after all, which rejected several worthy sites found more than adequate by the original consultants, opting for the more environmentally and politically sensitive Site F.

And it is the region that has played to the hilt its role of the big bully bureaucrat in our own backyard, virtually railroading its tunnel-vision concepts past concerned citizens in the hope of saving some dollars in the long run.

Instead, we face a price tag of \$3.5 million just for finding the new landfill site. Once a site is chosen, there'll be another \$3 million or so spent on site development.

Appalling.



## Justice Deschenes' decision will echo for years to come



Ottawa Report

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That historic ruling by Quebec Chief Justice Jules Deschenes, which gives our new Charter of Rights and Freedoms precedence over Quebec's language laws, is not likely to settle the issue once and for all. So long as there is a Parti Quebecois government, committed to political sovereignty, the thorny problem of language rights will always be there - either in the courts or on the hustings.

But there is no question that this decision by the Chief Justice represents a major setback for the Parti Quebecois and its controversial Bill 101 - regardless of what may happen with subsequent appeals. And it's not just the decision itself that we're talking about. What's equally significant, perhaps even more so, are the

comments that accompanied the decision. Mr. Justice Deschenes will be quoted for generations.

**WORTH REPEATING**  
The nub of the issue was whether the so-called "Quebec Clause" of Bill 101 - the one which says that English schooling is available only to children whose parents were educated in the Quebec English school system - would continue to stand up in the face of our new Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This charter, part of the new constitution, says that such schooling must be made available to all children whose parents were educated in English anywhere in Canada.

The Parti Quebecois government based its argument on Article One of the charter which says that its provisions can be curtailed if such action can be "demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." The PQ government tried to make the case that, not only was its language provision justified for protecting French culture, but that it applied to a collectivity, not individuals.

Since it's unlikely that many of us will wade through the entire judgment by Chief Justice Deschenes, I think it's worth repeating his rather eloquent response to the government's argument that certain rights of a collectivity are not being denied, but merely restrained. His words won't soon be forgotten in the political corridors of Quebec City.

"The court is astonished to use a euphemism, to hear this argument from a government that flatters itself as the torch-carrier of French civilization in America, with its promotion of spiritual values and traditional respect of freedom."

"In fact, Quebec's argument demonstrates a totalitarian concept of society to which the court cannot subscribe. The human person is the highest value we know, and nothing should be used to help reduce the respect it is due. Other societies put the collectivity above the individual... they see no value except in the collective result, even if some individuals are left behind during the exercise."

"This conception of society has not yet taken root here - even if certain political initiatives seem at times to be courting it dangerously - and this court will not honor it with its approval. Every individual in Canada and Quebec should enjoy his rights in their entirety, be he alone, or a member of a group, and if the group has 100 members, the hundredth has as much right to benefit from all his privileges as a citizen as do the 99 others."

I have no idea what may happen in the future with Quebec's education laws. But I do have an idea that henceforth, every time a move is made to restrict individual freedoms, those words from Chief Justice Jules Deschenes will echo through courtrooms and parliaments of Canada.

## 'Six and five' policies knell end to 'great expectations'



Queen's Park

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A fundamental message from governments underlies the sexy political talk of "nine-and-five" or "six-and-five" wage controls and government spending restraints.

They are telling us there must be a revolution in expectations. We, as a people, are going to have to get used to less for the time required to bring inflation under control and economic growth back in the system.

It is a hard lesson, one that governments themselves have learned only painfully and slowly.

Premier Bill Davis alluded to it in his speech to 1,500 delegates at the PC annual meeting here when he spoke about a "rather simple philosophy I guess I learned from my late father." He was always saying to the premier "Billy (I hated that), you know you could never get more out of life than you are prepared to put into it."

Davis then conceded "I never quite understood it until the last few months..."

**TAKING OUT**  
A lot of the trouble with the economy, he proceeded to explain, is that over some number of years "we have been individually taking a little more out of the economy than we've been putting into it."

"Perhaps we've been expecting too much. Perhaps we should understand that all of us have to contribute more."

He then singled out segments of the economy for a mild verbal thrashing, starting with business.

It is fine for business to blame government, but "government doesn't determine the marketplace," and government didn't decide in the auto sector to ignore consumer preference for small cars until it was almost too late.

"Management has to be more creative," he said.

**LABOR TOO**  
In return "labor has to be more co-operative" and grasp that "there is only so much (wealth) to be shared."

He accepted, too, that government was partly to blame, although he "gets frustrated" to hear federal ministers preaching restraint when their government "was probably the last government" in the country to come to grips with inflation or spending restraint.

It was (as one observer noted) vintage Davis, but even more it seemed to reflect the man's actual views. We are all in it together and we are all going to have to sacrifice.

The question now becomes

whether the rhetoric will be translated into the reality of policies and legislation to achieve some kind of rough justice for everyone concerned.

**BUS DRIVING**  
For example, driving a Hamilton bus for \$30,000 looks to me more like the power of a monopoly union to extort cash from the taxpayer than any real equity, as the just-finished strike in that city would indicate.

Wage settlements above rate of inflation (as defined somewhat inaccurately by the consumer price index), as in the Hamilton bus dispute, make no sense without some increase in productivity to pay for them.

To argue that we all must accept a lower reward of what we want from life in material ways is not to be pessimistic (as Davis himself seemed to imply just a year ago). It is to be realistic.

Since the 1973 oil price shocks ended the boom years we have all been living beyond our means. It is time to say goodbye to the credit card, whether for individuals or governments.

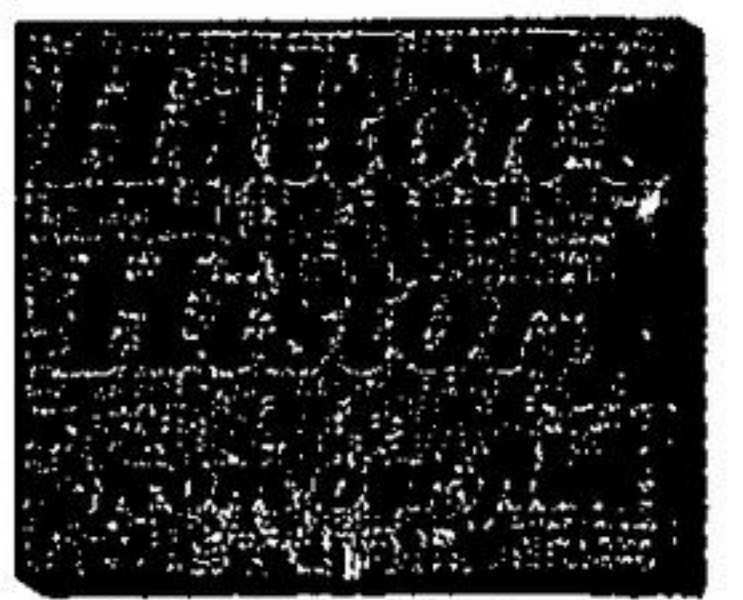
### POET'S CORNER

## Caroline

I long to know your every move,  
Your every thought,  
To become one with you,  
Is this prophesizing or fantasizing?  
Don't walk by,  
Don't become a mere memory,

Don't, please don't,  
Instead smile,  
Talk,  
And fill my void.

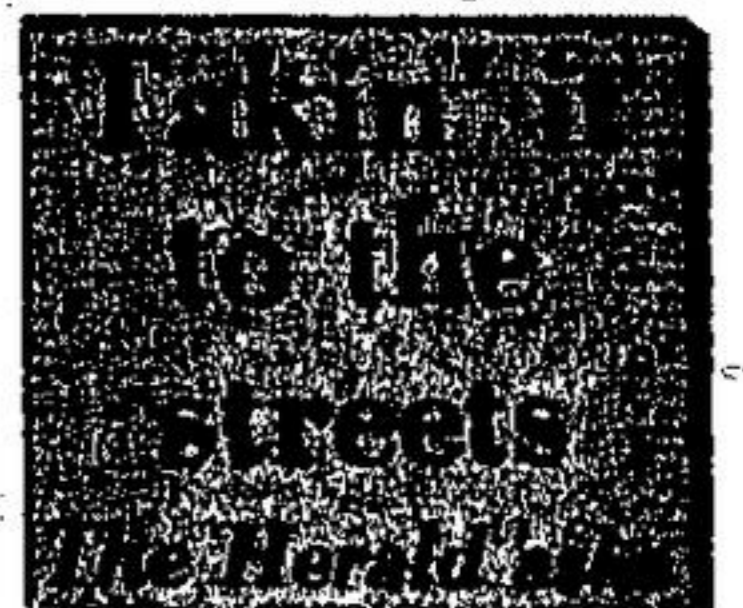
—By ANTONY SAXON,  
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**THIRTY YEARS AGO**—On Oct. 2, Silver's will present their first Fall Fashion Review. Two performances are planned in St. John's Memorial Hall. The review will be produced and directed by radio and TV star Miss Joy Davies. The Countess of Strathmore Chapter of the IOE is sponsoring the show and all proceeds will go to this organization. Miss Davies, considered a fashion authority, has produced fashion shows in the U.S., England and Canada.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**—The nip of autumn in the air these evenings is about as good publicity as the Esqueing Agricultural Society could ask for. And those turning leaves and that mauve sky just above where the sun dipped below the horizon—they are all signs of fall and this year Sept. 21 is more than the first day of the melancholy season. It is also the first day of the Georgetown Fall Fair. The bakers, the happy buzz of the crowded exhibit hall, the embers of the rail birds as they cheer their favorite horse at the harness races. They are all "fall" sounds.

**TEN YEARS AGO**—After a year of planning for the annual event, Georgetown's 126th fall fair will be held on Sept. 29 and 30. As usual, the exhibit hall will be open Friday evening for those who wish to browse around. The midway will be in full swing as well as the Rotary beer garden. Saturday, the grounds will open early as the jumping horses start at 9 a.m. There will be a parade to the grounds with the Georgetown Fair Grounds heading it along with other dignitaries, bands and majorettes, clubs and organizations.



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS YEAR'S ACT-ON FALL FAIR?



**HENRY SANSON, Acton:** "I think it's pretty good. The rides are pretty good, too. They're my favorite."



**PAUL COOPER, Guelph:** "It's good. I like the rides and the baby show; my son was in it. There's lots of friendly people and we get to see some old friends."



**SUSAN MOOTEN, Acton:** "It's okay. It's fun. It's a bit expensive, but you only get it once a year."



**KRISTA COOPER, Acton:** "It's alright. I got a little sick on the tilt-a-whirl. I like the ferris wheel the most."

## How to raise your parents

1. Do not be afraid to speak their language. Try to use strange sounding phrases like "I'll help you with the dishes" and "Yes".
2. Try to understand their music. Play Andy Williams' "Moon River" on the stereo until you are accustomed to the sound.
3. Be patient with the underachiever. When you catch your dieting mother sneaking salted peanuts, do not show your

- disapproval; tell her you like fat mothers.
  4. Encourage your parents to talk about their problems. Try to keep in mind that to them earning a living and paying off the mortgage seem important.
  5. Be tolerant of their appearance. When your Dad gets a haircut, don't feel personally humiliated. Remember, it is important to him to look like his peers.
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### 'Sam' helps family enterprise

## Obedience school just for the dogs

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Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? The owner-operator of Tanhardt Kennels in Silvercreek refutes the popular belief.

"The first dog I ever saw being trained was a ten-year old," Laura Treble said. "The older they are, though, the harder it is to undo the wrongs that have been done to them in earlier years."

Miss Treble has already signed up a dozen dogs for the ten-week long obedience course that started last (Wednesday) at the Ballinacree town hall. She said she's been giving classes for 25 years. She moved to Halton Hills 30 years ago.

The 13-year old dog Miss Treble uses to help teach the classes is a Koeshond holding obedi-

ence degrees from Canada, the U.S. and Bermuda. She calls "Sam" a very good family dog.

Miss Treble doesn't take dogs younger than six months into her course.

"No way. They have to have their puppyhood first," she said. "If you start too early their attention span is very short."

She says having a dog's attention is very important in the once per week lessons and later at home when the owners do their "homework". It makes the training twice as easy.

Patience and perseverance are the two requisites for training dogs, Miss Treble said.

"You never ever scold a dog for coming to you, never ever, even if it takes half an hour for him to come," she stressed. "Because once you scold

him, he'll never come again."

As for using food as a reward, Miss Treble said she doesn't believe in doing that unless the dog owner is having a lot of trouble getting the dog to come quickly.

Owners are told not to feed their dogs before class in order to avoid accidents on the town hall floor.

Over the ten weeks, dogs will learn to heel, come when called, stay when told, not jump up and walk. Training continues after the lessons.

The dogs should enjoy the lessons and like being there, Miss Treble said, so classes aren't very long, starting off at 15 minutes and building up to 25 minutes.

For more information on the dog obedience classes, contact Miss Treble at 877-2465.