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## National Sewer Pipe proposal Landfill site inappropriate residents say

A group of Burlington residents says it strongly opposes any proposal to turn National Sewer Pipe Canada Ltd. (NSP) land on the city's King Road into a new landfill site for Halton.

Ron Luxon, of the West Burlington Ratepayers Association; presented regional council last Wednesday with a 3,341-name petition maintaining that Burlington has taken its share of the region's garbage and that it doesn't want any more.

In the region's ongoing search for a new landfill site - the current one, also in Burlington, is due to close in March, 1984 - NSP has suggested an arrangement allowing Halton to dump trash in unused portions of a shale quarry.

With environmental controls to limit run-off from the land, the 200-acre site has been determined by a regional consultant as suitable for landfilling.

Acknowledging that the region is carrying out an

environment assessment to determine what it will do with garbage in the very near future, Mr. Luxon said he hoped councillors would look at all of the information it receives, and not be swayed by NSP campaign advocating the use of its land.

Although the region had hoped to have a landfill site in Milton, near the Tremaine - Britannia Roads intersection, it was forced two years ago to look at all garbage disposal possibilities following the guidelines of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Alternative sites, like the NSP property are being reviewed by the consultants handling the assessment.

Having already told the region that landfilling will remain important in the way Halton disposes of its trash, the consultants are now looking at possible sites. They hope to recommend a site to council, and later to the province's environment ministry, later this year.



### EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF A NEW SEASON

Parents and kids crowded into Georgetown's Howard Wrigglesworth School Friday evening for the annual spring fair put on by the students. There was lots to do: games, bakesales, toys up for grabs, all kinds of prizes to be won and ample to eat. Among those who came to check out gifts at the raffle were (left to right) eight-year-old Amy Shay, Joey Barber, two and a half, and Becky Shay, 10.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

## Kids discover French immersion as waiting lists keep expanding

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Proving popular with parents and children, French immersion programs offered at four Halton Hills schools have waiting lists.

"A lot of new classes have started up. It's a growing program," Halton board of education modern languages coordinator Dianne Pennock said. "Once it's in the community, parents tend to opt for it more readily than if they have to provide transportation to get their children to the program in another community."

Many of the programs were started up because parent groups requesting it appealed to the board, supported by the organization Canadian Parents for French, Mrs. Pennock said.

Canadian Parents for

French is an association of parents promoting French second language programs in Halton.

In Halton, parents wanting their children to study French have three options to choose from: early immersion, late immersion and core French.

**HALF DAYS**

Early immersion starts with children right from Grade 1, teaching them half a day in French and half a day in English.

Students in the early immersion program are taught physical education and health, environmental studies, music and French language arts in French. The rest of the day they take art, math and English language arts in English.

"With the late immer-

sion program, students take French language arts, social sciences and math in French. They

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study art, English language arts, industrial arts and family studies, music, science and physical education and health in English. Late immersion is a two-year program that begins in Grade 7.

Lastly, there is the regular core French program. Starting in Grade 4, children receive 40 minutes of French language instruction every second day.

To start up an early

immersion class in Grade 1, there must be 32 students, Mrs. Pennock said. The large number is due to a high attrition rate, she explained.

As students move through the grades, there's a drop in the class size as children move away or go out of the program," Mrs. Pennock said. "We have to start with a slightly higher number to not unduly upset or make a drain on the English side of the program."

Program superintendent Rae Stoness said there are close to 1,800 students in 60 French immersion classes from Grades 1 to 8 in Halton.

It's the fifth year Halton is offering French immersion to its students. Every year, about ten

more new immersion classes have been added, he said.

The classes are at no extra cost to parents, requiring only that parents provide their own transportation to the school. Ministry grants support the immersion program, otherwise the board wouldn't be able to offer it, Mrs. Pennock said.

When the full program is in place in Halton, Mr. Stoness anticipates there'll be close to 70 French immersion classes in the region. That will come to pass in another two years, he said.

According to ministry of education guidelines, children must receive 150 minutes of French a day in an immersion program.

### ...but NSP maintain site is practical

With the present Regional garbage disposal site due to be filled in less than a year, Burlington citizens want to see immediate action taken on a new site, according to a response to their newsletter says National Sewer Pipe Limited. They also agree that the NSP proposal to turn its shale quarry into a modern sanitary landfill site is a logical, economical, practical answer to the problem.

But despite this says Roger Christensen, Executive Vice-President of NSP, it has been stalled again and again by political indecision.

Among citizens' concerns to replies to a questionnaire and from telephone calls, are clarification on environmental standards, pollution prevention, resource recovery and perpetual care.

"We have also assured the Region as well as the Ministry of the Environment that only non-hazardous waste will be dumped on the site. Most people have no conception of a modern sanitary landfill site. Great care is taken to prevent pollution. Garbage is not simply dumped it is compacted and covered daily with clean fill.

"In addition NSP plans to set up a Perpetual Care Fund jointly with the government. After the site is closed this will ensure environmental and methane gas monitoring, leachate collection and treatment, remedial works and maintenance of the site."



### SPRING INSPECTION

For the tenth annual inspection of the Georgetown Lorne Scots Army Cadets, Col. A. Kemp returned for a visit. Prior to 1961, Col. Kemp was the commander of the Lorne Scots, bringing to its troops valourous experience from the World War II. Col. Kemp is now an honorary colonel with the Lorne Scots and, as well as being being a member of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, he is a director of the Royal Winter Fair and a member of the agricultural hall of fame. The inspection was held in Georgetown last Wednesday.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

## Rotary guest speaker Eating in the Third World

How would you like to sit down to a meal of lentils, plantain, fried rice and Coke?

Western tastes would find it unwholesome if not unpalatable; but Georgetown's Marilyn Bird was among the 70 delegates at a Guelph conference on the Third World recently who had little choice during one of the conference's luncheons.

While the menu left much to be desired, Marilyn said it drove home the point that, as Canadians, we should be thankful for the lifestyle we enjoy and should be more concerned about problems facing the Third World, or developing

countries.

Marilyn was a guest at the Georgetown Rotary Club.

**MARILYN BIRD**

Club's Monday night dinner this week. It was the local Rotary club which helped send her to the conference held April

28 to May 1 and sponsored by the Guelph Rotary Club.

**EYE-OPENER**

"I think the conference gave us a broader view of the problems," she told The Herald. "We looked at such areas as food, education, housing and health care."

A film left a particularly deep impression. "It was called 'Five Minutes to Midnight' and it showed in black and white terms what it's like to live in a Third World country."

In one scene, an undernourished baby dies in his mother's arms. "We have a choice of what and where we can go to eat,"

Marilyn observed, "but they worry about whether or not they are going to eat at all."

Locally grown food may not be in abundant supply in developing countries, but Marilyn learned in the conference's workshop atmosphere that food from other countries is available. Often it's a problem of getting it to the people; or it may not be the right type of food at all.

"The Coke at the luncheon wasn't served to help wash things down a little better," Marilyn explained. "It's often the only thing they can drink because the water is so bad in some regions."



### EVIL EYES

Those fortunate to see the GDHS play 'The Crucible' last week were treated to a special performance by some gifted actors. See page B5.

### ABOUT THE HILLS

**Three fires**

Three grass fires kept firefighters busy April 26. There was one at 12:25 on Lot 18, Concession 7, followed by another at 3:46 p.m. on Lot 24, Concession 9, and another at 3:58 p.m. on Lot 31, Concession 8.

There was no serious damage in the fires, although the latter destroyed a private, wooded area adjoining the farm property where the grass fire took place. There is no estimate available of damage.

**Scream scares man**

An 18-year old female coming home Friday around 1:30 a.m. was assaulted by an unknown man who let go when she screamed. The woman had been walking with a friend when they first noticed a blue vehicle similar to a Duster cruising by.

Splitting up with her friend to continue along Raylawn Crescent, the woman noticed the vehicle again. This time the car stopped and a male ran across the street to grab the woman by the shoulders. When she screamed, he let go and drove away.

Halton regional police described the suspect as white, with a dark beard and moustache, in his twenties, and having a slim build. The investigation is continuing.

**Clinic draws 400**

Red Cross officials reported 400 donors attended the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic Monday and donated 378 bloodpacks. 24 people were rejected for various reasons, including medication, active allergies, etc.

The Lions Club sponsored the clinic, giving special assistance with poster preparation and distribution, and advertising. The Lions Club won the Kinamen Club's "Bucket of Blood" promotion. The next regular clinic for Georgetown will be Monday, August 8, 1983.

**Mill St. tussle**

While two men fought it out in front of the Sit'n Bull Tavern on Acton's Mill Street East, 25 people gathered to watch Saturday at 1:40 a.m.

A 25-year old Acton man was charged with causing a disturbance by fighting, a 37-year old Acton man was charged with a liquor offense and more charges are pending, Halton regional police said. The two men are due to appear in Milton provincial court June 6.

Minor facial injuries were suffered by three people at the scene. The men were treated and released from Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

**New fire equipment**

Two new pieces of equipment are being added to the Halton Hills fire department inventory. From Georgetown American Motors dealership, the

town's newest car dealership, the fire department bought a four-wheel drive vehicle.

It was the lowest of eight tenders to supply all the requirements of the department. In addition, the fire department will spend \$9,158 to purchase a utility van from Georgetown's Capital Ford Sales. The purchases were approved by town council last week.

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