Citizens' forum

Questions need answering

Dear Sir.

worried about my children having to dump is established. Previously, at catch a school bus on the Fourth a landfill study group meeting deal-Line. Not all the trucks, 225 per day ing with transportation, Reclama-(450 trips per day) always travel tion Systems Inc. stated that a total within the speed limits, hence the ac- of 1,394 trips per day and increased cident of the Limehouse Public truck traffic - maybe more trucks to School bus (Sept. 19). The oncoming carry leachate to sewage treatment truck had stopped, but the speeding plants out of the area could occur truck behind the school bus could not. There are two major questions I stop in time. There are those truck need answered: drivers that do slow down, as they 1) How are we going to transport are aware that there are children in our children to school with all this the area. To these drivers I would truck traffic? like to say "thank you" and to ask 2) Does RSI plan to buy out all the them to urge their fellow drivers to families on the Fourth Line? be careful.

However, I'm aware that since do this with the nine families that some truckers are paid by the load, live on the Third Line, adjacent to it is to their advantage to take risks, the site. But, as a concerned mother, the life of my child is not worth any risk .

Last Thursday, at the Acton Legion, the dump proponents, Reclamation Systems Inc. stated

that there would be an increase of As a concerned citizen, I am very truck traffic on the road once the

I understand they already tried to

Sincerely, Greer Gori Member EAGLE, (Ecology Awareness Group: Landscape and Environment)

All residents affected

Dear Sir.

dump. Everyone in Halton Hills here for us to drink. must bet on the phone Let our 6) Loss of tourist revenue. Capital of southern Ontario

landfill is approved. We face danger to school buses.

Sea gulls.

biluted leachate or pay for a In response to a phone call this pipeline, pumping stations and week one councillor said it was the water treatment plant to bring the first call he had received about the chemical soup from Lake Onturio up

elected representatives know that We will have to hire experts to we don't want to be the Garbage light It will cost. But in the end we will save money, save our health and All residents will be affected if this save our town.

Monday, Oct 3, POWER (Protect the fight. Be there.

> Yours truly, Barbara Halsall, Member of Presubmission Consultation Study Group

Halton Helping Hands

Pay increase for workers isn't enough

By BRIAN MacLEOD Herald Staff

A decision by Halton Region to give homemakers a 25-cent-an-hour raise has left Halton Helping Hands Executive Director Anne Fairfield shaking her head.

The decision indicates "our presentation to you earlier (this summer) was not clearly comprehensive," Ms. Fairfield said.

The executive director said she doesn't understand Halton Region's decision not to hand over \$53,000 for a one-time subsidy of Halton Helping Hands workers. Ms. Fairfield had asked Halton for the money earlier this year to give her 44 workers a \$2 an hour raise to an average of \$8 an

But starting workers are hired for \$5.49 an hour and that won't change,

she said. The low wages paid by Halton Helping Hands, which receives 70 per cent of its funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and 30 per cent from the United Way, user fees and Halton Region, have resulted in a 50-percent annual turnover rate, she said.

Even Halton Region cleaners receive wages of \$8.31 an hour, she said.

Red Cross homemakers are 100 per cent provincially funded. The 25-cent-an-hour wage increase was actually awarded to the Red Cross homemaker program and it has only an indirect effect on Halton

Helping Hands workers. Because the two organizations perform much the same function, neither can be given any significant wage increase without the other asking for a similar increase, according to the province.

Red Cross workers were collecting starting wages of \$5.22 an hour. Red Cross had asked for \$19,000 to

give their workers - which supply most of the servicing to Halton seniors - a 45-cent-an-hour increase. Ms. Fairfield argued the two

and Phil; Thursday, Oct. 6, 1:30

p.m., Ladles Ten; Sandra; Thurs-

day, Oct. 6, 6 p.m., Youth Pizza

Night; Sandra and Phil; Friday,

organizations should not be com-

pared. Red Cross homemakers perform the lighter tasks of bathing and ironing, she said. But Halton Helping Hands performs "heavy" tasks such as cleaning homes, she said.

Because the two organizations are different, Halton Helping Hands should be compared to Halton Region cleaners rather than Red Cross workers, she said.

She warned that many of the people who receive service from Halton Helping Hands now will experience a reduction in service of up to 50 per cent because of the organization's thinning resources.

Oakville Coun. Kevin Flynn called on his colleagues to pick up the slack created by provincial underfunding.

Citing lack of mental health services to children in Halton, Coun. Flynn said: "We're picking on the children, we're picking on the seniors, we're picking on the people that ought to be picked on the least."

Halton's habit of leaving such services in the hands of the province isn't solving the problem, he said.

"The end result is that a very important service in the Region is being allowed to slip and we're sitting back and saying 'it's not our problem, it's not our baby, someone else has to take care of it'," said Coun.

A number of seniors are being forced to stay in expensive institutions because there isn't enough service for them to stay at home, he ad-

"We are providing a cost effective service here. We should be expanding it."

"It's not going to get better," said Coun. Flynn. "There is a group that can do something about it in the short term and that group is us." Milton's Bill Johnson agreed.

"We're being penny-wise and pound-foolish," he said.

But other Regional councillors felt responsibility for funding homecare for seniors should remain in the

neighboring municipalities' homemakers. It (the 25-cent raise)

brings our workers from slightly below the average to slightly above the average and I don't know in all

conscience if we can throw everything else out the window and go full blast on it," said Burlington's James Grieve.

Halton has only \$357,000 for new programs next year and increased

hands of the province. "We looked at funding to Halton Helping Hands and the Red Cross could consume much of it, he explained.

Oakville's Liz Behrens also believes the province should take

care of funding the programs. "I don't believe that I have shirked my responsibility," she said. "I fully believe that I cannot deal with Halton Helping Hands to the exclusion of other agencies that provide the same type of service."



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Missionaries to be guest speakers

Miss Sandra Scott and Rev. Phil Ralph, career missionaries with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, will be speaking at the annual missions conference of the Georgetown Alliance Church, Main Street, one kilometre south of Maple Avenue, Oct. 5-9.

Mali, located in the interior of West Africa, has become the adopted homeland of Canadian marltimer, Sandra Scott. After a year of language study in France, Sandra arrived in Mali in 1979, and spent two years learning the trade language of Mali, "Bambara." She then took on the job of mission bookkeeper and secretary, a position she has held ever since.

Third term, however, will see Sandra enter a whole new area of work. Sandra's concern about the Sunday School materials which need translating into the Bambara language has led to her appointment to that project. She will be assisted by a national worker, and during her furlough time, will take courses in preparation for this task.

Guinea, West Africa, is the adopted homeland of Phil Ralph and his wife Judy. The Christian and Missionary Alliance is the only mission society operating in this country, and is totally responsible for preaching the Gospel to over five million people.

In 1967, most missionaries were expelled from Guinea, but two stations of the Alliance were allowed to remain. Today, the doors of Guinea, where the Ralphs have been ministering for the last four years,

are open to the Gospel. During their first two years in Guinea, Phil taught one semester in

the Telekoro Bible Institute, and he p.m., Dessert and Coffee; Sandra and Judy studied the Maninka language. In 1986, the family moved to the town of Faranah, one of the oldest Alliance mission stations, and were the only expatriates living there. Although many missionaries have experienced severe health problems, Alliance missionaries feel that Guinea's time has come to res-

pond to the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Christian and Missionary Alliance was founded in 1887 as a missionary-sending society, and later developed into a worldwide denomination with more than two million members, in 53 countries of the world. Sandra, Phil and Judy are part of a team of over 1200 C and MA missionaries serving around the world. Today, the Alliance continues to place a major emphasis on increasing the pace of world

evangelism. Missions Conference activities are as follows: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8

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Oct. 7, 6 p.m., International Banquet; Sandra and Phil; Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, ladies welcome! Sandra and Phil; Sunday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sandra Scott speaking at both

services.

All events will take place at the church, on Main Street, one kilometre south of Maple Avenue and everyone is welcome.



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