

OUR READERS WRITE:

House destroyed

OMB hearing ironic

Dear Sir:
There is irony in the recent OMB ruling not to hold evening sessions during the expected three month garbage dump hearings at Milton.
In almost Alice in Wonderland logic, the Board decided that the hearing, which is a public arbitration on evidence presented for and against destroying prime farmland should be held when it is most inconvenient for the public affected to attend!
Surely, when only two members of the OMB are involved and they (like every other agency attending at the

hearing) are funded with tax dollars; those paying those tax dollars should not have to sacrifice time from work (i.e. more dollars) for three months trying to save their land?
Apparently the evening sessions are so repugnant that the OMB rejected having even one per week.
It's no wonder the OMB isn't elected — they don't play fair with those who pay the bills!
Yours truly,
Jill Bates
2010 Highview Dr.
Burlington

Find other ways

Dear Sir,
While I applaud the letter of Mrs. Dixon in the Jan. 17 edition of your paper, in which she deploras the Site F fiasco, it seems to me to be high time to make a more practical appeal to the public concerning the garbage issue. This may impress the "pro-Site-F politicians" more and even give them an "out".
How many of us recycle all jars, cans and newspapers? (And how about collecting your neighbours?) Do we make a point of refusing the bag offered at the grocer's, the drug-store? Have we gone back to the old-fashioned "shopping basket" yet? Do we phone up Amity or the Salvation Army instead of leaving that unwanted furniture in the dump? That old farm fencing will build up your driveway next time you're due for gravel. Complain to the manufacturer about over-packaged goods, the time is ripe,—they will listen.
Don't buy disposable cans; but if you have to, then save them for your little solar-heating project, they are valuable, I understand. Dig a hole two feet deep in the garden and put the vegetable waste in it. It will decompose without air despite what all the magazines say, and can be covered and remain unnoticeable while it turns into organic fertilizer. (Water it for quicker

decomposition in the summer and throw lime over the top to eliminate odors.)
And then there are the leaves that either get burned or put out to the garbage pick-up, by owners who then go out and buy quick nitrogen fertilizer for the lawn or garden.
Let's start "doing" conservation and the politicians may believe that we are ready to take some of the burden of recycling along with them. What could be more convincing to them than a sudden decrease in the number of green bags left outside each house? Then garbage collectors could start collecting recyclables instead.
There are co-operatives in Hamilton, Guelph and Toronto, where you pay less for fresher food and take your own packaging. Couldn't Miltonians begin one too? The whole concept of waste has to be rethought by each individual. Site F is merely the nightmare from the last few decades of dreaming that unwanted waste will just disappear into thin air if we put it out of sight.
I don't think we can entirely blame those who solve the problem their own way unless we show willingness to change our own ways too.
Yours sincerely,
Jan Watkins,
R.R.2, Milton

Smiley . . .

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We can sit in comfort and read a book from among thousands in a library five minutes away. Or we can listen to music or drama from hundreds of miles away. Or we can watch the same, or the news of the day, from thousands of miles away. By merely twisting a dial.
How did they stand it, those dizzy forebears of ours? Wouldn't you think that they'd have gone starkers under the burden of never-ending toil, never-ending cold and snow, never-ending monotony and loneliness, in winter?
Not a bit of it. They thrived and multiplied.
Many of them didn't survive, of course. Children died in infancy. Women were old at 30. But it was a life-long test course in survival, and the tough ones made it.
What a lot of complaining, complacent slobs we are to-day!

Family homeless

Fire of yet unknown origin destroyed a frame home and its contents, leaving a family of four homeless Sunday morning.
Thick smoke hampered Milton firefighters' efforts to get at the fire and it took close to two hours before the flames were finally out, said Milton Fire Chief Jim Coulson.
At one point, firefighter Don Clarke had reached the centre of the blaze, near the basement stairway, and was getting some control over the fire. But Mr. Clarke tripped on the stairway and fell, suffering a sprained back in the fall and while fellow firefighters Bob Kerr and Pat Ryan dragged the injured man from the building, the flames broke out again.
Mr. Clarke, 33, was rushed to Milton Hospital by ambulance and was released later that day. He expects to be off work for about a week.
The home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Perry and twin sons Keith and Andy, 5. All four escaped in their night clothes when the thick smoke was first discovered about 10 a.m. Attempts to re-enter the home to call the fire department were unsuccessful because of the smoke, Mr. Perry said, so he ran to a neighboring house to call the brigade.

There were 17 firefighters on the scene and another seven remained at the Steeles Ave. fire hall, refilling bottles of air. Chief Coulson said the men used about 14 tanks of air during the morning.
The pumper and tanker truck, which carry a total of 2,000 gallons of water, were emptied in the first half hour and the one truck was sent to a nearby creek to pump water to the scene.
The Perrys became the third local family to be burned out of their home in the past month. On Christmas day the Bell Maxwell family of Spillside returned home from visiting to find their home gutted by a fire, and on Jan. 10 the William McInerney family of Thompson Rd. lost their mobile home and possessions in a pre-dawn fire.

MPP concern about landfill

The Ontario government has a plan to promote resource recovery in the province and there is no reason why such a plan couldn't be instituted in Halton said Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington.
Mr. Reed said Thursday the Ministry of Energy (MOE) is paying half of the cost of a resource recovery plant near North Bay.
Attempts to secure a similar plant for Halton have resulted in nothing but promises with strings attached.
He said neither the province nor the region are "doing anything to help" get a resource recovery plant.
Mr. Reed said he was concerned evidence might be introduced at the Ontario Municipal Board hearings on a sanitary landfill site in Milton saying the province considers resource recovery plants unfeasible.
If that was true why was the province contributing financially to such a plant in North Bay, he asked.
Mr. Reed said he received the information from a news release from the MOE and admitted the ministry is primarily concerned with Site F, "but surely the two must talk to each other."

Police squeeze underage patrons

A crackdown on underage drinkers was launched this week by the Milton Precinct of Halton Regional Police and one licensed establishment faces three charges of serving liquor to underage patrons.
Police at Milton precinct said they will continue to check for youthful drinkers. A conviction means a fine of up to \$10,000 for the juvenile and could mean a seven-day suspension of the liquor licence and a fine of up to \$25,000 for any establishment serving minors, they said.
The employee serving minors can also be charged with supplying liquor to a person under the age of 18, which carries a fine or conviction of up to \$500.

AROUND THE HOUSE



A hanging picture won't streak a wall so badly if you put a thumbtack on the lower edge of the underside of the frame. Keeps it slightly away from the wall.
After dusting a mirror, rub with a clean cloth dampened in rubbing alcohol. Glass will be shiny bright.
To pick up tiny pieces of broken glass from surfaces that can't be vacuumed, use cellophane tape, or a wad of damp cotton or tissue.
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