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Need a decision

After eight years and more than \$3 million the problem of a future garbage dump for Halton is still at least a year away from a settlement.

It is those past eight years that are one of the major stumbling blocks to a settlement of the problem, according to a consultant hired recently by the Region.

Peter Walker has been telling everyone who will take the time to listen that he is taking a totally impartial look at the dump site problem and will not be tied to any commitments or conclusions that were made in the past.

That's a heady concept for the people who have been embroiled in the controversy for nearly a decade. At the public meetings that have been held to date you can still see lingering suspicions in the eyes of the

participants.

Halton desperately needs a home for its garbage and a final decision has to be made by March of 1984 because that is when the current dump will reach its capacity.

Whether or not Site F is the final choice, a decision has to be made and the people involved in the ongoing fight should now drop the suspicions and attitudes of the past and throw their support behind what will likely be the most detailed and most wide ranging examination of the problem that have yet been made.

The consultant has made it perfectly clear that all the rules of the game have been changed and the standards by which Site F was selected in the past no longer apply. That should be the cue for a new attitude of cooperation on this problem.

Exercise your franchise

The race is on!

In less than three weeks, Miltonians will go to the polls to elect a mayor, a slate of Town councillors, public school board trustees and Milton Hydro Electric Commission representatives.

It is by no means a wide-open race. Nine incumbents will go into office in November unchallenged.

They include Milton Ward 1 councillors Rick Day and Brian Penman; Milton Ward 1 and 3 Regional Coun. Bill Johnson; Milton Ward 2 Regional Coun. Brad Clements; Halton Board of Education Wards 1 and 3 trustee Ivan Armstrong; Halton Separate School Board Wards 1 and 3 trustee Neville Johnston; Halton Separate School Board Ward 2 trustee Angelo Tonelli; Milton Hydro Electric Commission Ward 1 representative Keith Merry and Milton Hydro Electric Commission Ward 3 representative Murray Inglis.

Those being challenged include Milton Mayor Gord Krantz; Milton Ward 1 Coun. Don McMillan; Milton Ward 2 councillors Rose Harrison, Don Knight, Blanche Hinton and Colin Best; Milton Ward 1 Coun. Jim Watson; the seat vacated by Halton Board of Education Ward 2 trustee Bill Lawson; the seat vacated by Halton Board of Education separate school trustee John Bradley and Milton Hydro Electric Commission Ward 2 representative Bill Rowney and Charles Thompson.

For the sake of democracy, it is unfortunate all incumbents weren't challenged. And, that shouldn't be taken as a reflection on their performance.

During the next three weeks you will have the opportunity to

read about each candidate in The Champion, beginning with a profile on Mr. Krantz and challenger Gus Goutouski next week.

You will also have ample opportunity to learn about the candidates during all-candidates meetings and tapings on Cable 4. A list of all-candidates meetings appears in the Date-line column of today's newspaper.

Campaign literature and advertising will give you the opportunity to talk to these candidates and you should seize upon the chance to air your views.

It's very important, in light of the three-year commitment you are requiring of the candidates, to make informed choices in Nov. 8.

We will do our best to tell you what is happening and where, so that you get what you need to know to make the decision.

And, if you want help and don't know where to get it, call us.

We are in the process of analyzing the candidates and will make our decision on Nov. 1. We plan to personally talk to every candidate because we want to know how they are planning to make Milton a better place to live during the 80s.

And, we'll tell you everything we find out.

It's going to be an exciting time.

Looking forward to seeing you in the coming weeks and hearing from you. And, if you hear something you don't think we are aware of let us know.

We'll all benefit.

Exercise your franchise!



Pages of the past

One Year Ago

From the October 21, 1981 Issue
Construction is underway on a \$1.2 million addition to Milton's Herigate Inn that will include a 120-seat restaurant and stand-up bar. Thirty-five units will be added to the existing 50-room motel.

More Regional police and the re-establishment of a local police force are the tools local councillors hope will deal with a wave of vandalism and break-ins in the town's downtown core. Councillors Monday gave their support to a petition from downtown merchants protesting the lack of police protection provided for the business area.

Fluoride may be a forgotten issue for many Milton residents, but 21-year-old Kim Shepherd hopes to renew some interest in the topic with a survey, published today. Miss Shepherd, a dental hygiene student at Fanshawe College in London, said she chose the survey as a class project because she feels more people may now be aware of the benefits of fluoridated municipal water and are interested in having the service.

A proposal to give provincial authorities direct control over 80 per cent of the money available for education in the province has been rejected by the Halton Board of Education. Trustees recently turned thumbs down on the proposal which would give the provincial government control over the educational portion of all commercial and industrial assessment.

20 Years Ago

From the October 25, 1962 Issue
An increase of 216 brings the total Milton population for 1962 to 5,864. The population for 1961 was 5,648.

Oakville police are questioning one suspect in connection with an armed robbery at the Omagh General Store Thursday evening of last week.

According to store owner Harold Rutherford, two young men wearing Halloween masks entered the store early Thursday evening carrying revolvers. They demanded the cash box containing \$100 worth of cash and cheques, then put Mrs. Rutherford in a back room of the combined store and house, and fled.

In a subdued atmosphere and without public discussion Milton Council Monday approved a resolution outlining annexation boundaries that would add 899 acres to the town rather than the 2,400 acres approved by resolution last week.

This coming Saturday is official moving day for the Halton County administration, justice and land registry office staffs. The entire staff and office contents of the registry office and over a dozen offices within the present Court House on Brown St., Milton will be shifted to the spanking new shiny court house on the Base Line.

It has been an odd week. On Sunday, Jim Gilbert of Jasper Ave. picked a quart of wild raspberries in the bush behind his home.

50 Years Ago

From the October 20, 1932 Issue
Speaking at a meeting in Trafalgar regarding educational costs, Inspector J.M. Denyes made a very interesting comparison of educational costs in the county. The cost per pupil at Acton Continuation School is 38 cents to the county, while at Burlington High School, 75¢ a day; Georgetown, 61¢ a day; Milton 59¢ a day, and at Oakville High School, 61¢ a day.

During the past six months there have been a great many calls upon the Society. In all around sixty complaints received with corresponding number of investigations made in the homes of children. Many cases due to the lack of employment of the parents, resulting in several desertions, leaving small children to be cared for. Court has been attended in seventeen different cases. Nine children have been permanently committed to the care of the Society, three cared for on a temporary order. Twenty nine children in the Shelter at Milton on October 1st. Eighty four visits made to wards in foster homes during this period. The help of the public is always desired in helping to procure homes for the children. At the present time there are a number of fine young boys ready for placement in free foster homes, one a very attractive boy of fifteen months.

75 Years Ago

From the October 24, 1907 Issue
Last week 16 new cases of smallpox were reported, making the total 24 since the first case appeared. Mr. Ford, Warden, who was here at Tuesday's meeting of county council, said that no new cases had appeared this week, and he hoped that there would be no more.

A lady school teacher caused a sensation at Woodbridge fair. A special prize was offered for the best pair of dressed chickens. Shortly before the fair the teacher enquired from Secretary Wallace what was meant by "dressed" chickens. Mr. Wallace said the word was to be taken literally and the teacher took it so.

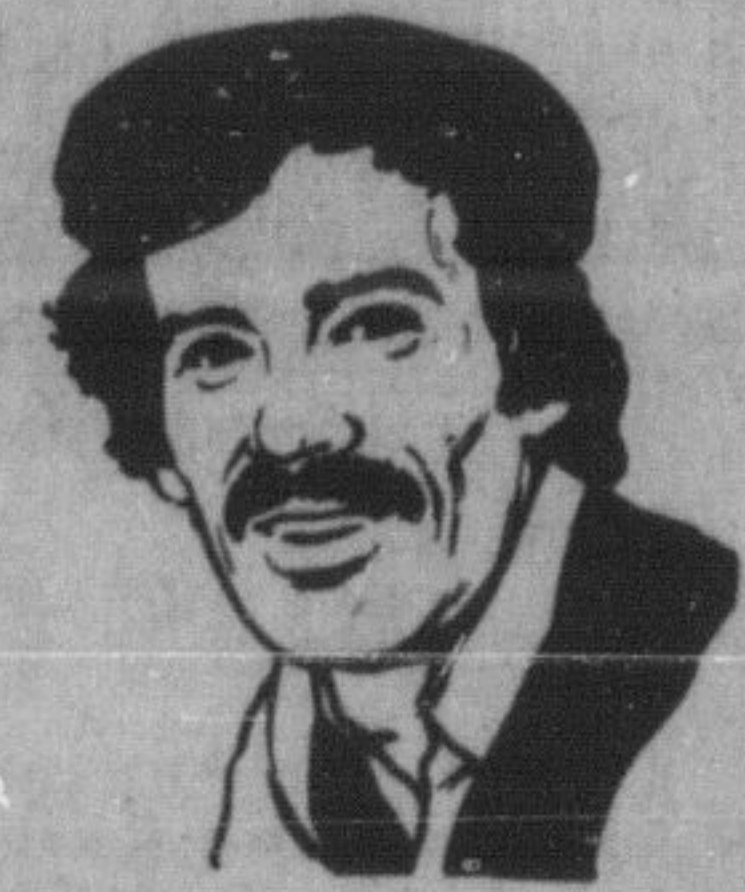
She dressed a pair most tastefully. The cock sported a pair of black trousers and a sleeveless coat, his wings being passed through the arm-holes. He looked gay, but uncomfortable, wore a bright green mantle, a sash and a look of calm satisfaction.

Chas. McNair has passed his final exam as a railway engineer. He was within five marks of the possible. He is running on the G.T.R. passenger train now from Petrolia to Glencoe and returns the same day.

Viewpoint

I'll miss the competition

WITH MICHAEL BOYLE



There's a small wake down the street from The Champion. Milton's "other" voice, the weekly Tribune has closed up shop.

No one likes to see newspapers go out of business. For that matter, no one likes to see any business go under.

Especially for someone involved with newspapers, the closing of a paper, is just another sign that the industry is having problems.

We'll all miss the Tribune. Even though some of us on this side weren't among its admirers, things just won't be the same for us.

In many ways, the Trib's survival was a major story. Started by former Champion staffer Lee Fairbanks, the Trib grew in popularity. He battled a major paper with corporate connections and its survival was a major accomplishment.

For me, it will mean the end of competition. Ever since I've entered the newspaper business four years ago, I've always come up against another paper. Say what you want, but it's always invigorating to have someone compete with you.

It's not the winning and losing part which I find important. But rather, the ability to see similar work reflected in another media. Most newspaper writers will read someone else's story before they'll read their own. One gets a

different perspective which later helps to improve his (or her) own style.

The tendency after competition to excel or improve isn't as great. There are always personal and professional standards one always searches out, but that weekly injection of competition is no longer.

In many respects, Milton was lucky to have the Tribune for the past six years. While losing newspapers in Oakville and Mississauga were folding, Milton had two papers to read. If you didn't agree with one, you could always go to the other.

Now the pressure is on the Champion again. Resuming its original position, the pressure of more responsibility is placed on us. People will expect more of us and we'll take up the challenge.

However, the Tribune brings back some memories. Who will ever forget the Boyne stag? The Tribune's reading popularity was probably reached about that time. Whether one agreed or not with the amount of coverage of the event, everyone read the initial installment and succeeding installments—and then, of course, swore that it was all rubbish. But they read it and they were all interested.

Who will ever forget Gerry McAuliffe's weekly column? Uncovering inequalities in a small town is tanta-

mount to naming your own lynching squad. But, for some time, McAuliffe damned the torpedoes and went full steam ahead.

My fondest memories were when I first started. Rob Kelly, who was the paper's editor when it folded, was the sports editor at the time.

A writing machine, Kelly turned a relatively mundane rep hockey game into prose. His late-night habits were legend.

But I guess the best story concerning Kelly is when he was covering an industrial hockey league game and he accused the players of being out of shape. To prove it, he proceeded to do a succession of push-ups in the dressing room after a hockey game. Each time he did a push-up, Kelly became wetter and wetter from the water which had formed on the floor. But he got his point across.

For a while, I was beginning to think he was my brother. Every time I went to a game, he was there. I was seeing more of him than my girlfriend.

During these times, it is often that the two competitors build a certain kinship. After all, when you're both doing the same work, it seems only the two of you are really familiar with the trials and tribulations of the job.

That is what I'll miss the most.

Follow-up

Crawford Lake — One year later

WITH LINDA KIRBY



It was only one year ago when politicians, local VIP's and press gathered for a ceremony to unveil the master plan for Crawford Lake Conservation Area.

The plan represents the dedicated efforts of many and calls for the raising of \$700,000 to accomplish a number of projects.

These include the construction of an interpretive centre, development of an archeological site, and Indian village, lookout tower and pedestrian trails.

At a time when most are counting their pennies, it is not easy to appeal to the public.

But this is no ordinary project and that fact has been proven by the overwhelming response to the concept over the last year.

Funds raised recently surpassed the \$100,000 mark and if all goes well, that figure will nearly triple in the near future, thanks to a Wintario grant.

Wintario officials recently indicated the Crawford Lake project is "eligible for consideration" meaning it stands a

good chance of qualifying for a \$230,000 grant.

Actual construction of an interpretive centre and the Indian village is expected to begin next spring, according to Gary Hutton, manager of community relations for the Halton Region Conservation Area.

"We are certainly very happy with the progress that has been made," said Mr. Hutton.

The actual site plans and construction drawings have been completed, including plans for the interpretive centre.

"We could just about begin construction tomorrow," he said.

An Ontario Heritage Foundation grant of \$20,000 earlier this year permitted the second major archeological excavation of the area (the first was done over 10 years ago) in June, July and August of this year, and the results of that excavation will allow for the start of the reconstruction program.

If all continues as well as it has done, there is no reason the entire project cannot be completed by the target date

of latter 1984, said Mr. Hutton.

"The response has been very good, including a lot of interest from individual classes and schools," he said, adding many have launched their own fund raising projects.

A recent "Bateman Lottery" (draw for an original Bateman painting of Crawford Lake) raised \$16,000 for the project.

Fundraisers are now planning another venture involving the famed, local artist.

His popular book "The Art of Robert Bateman" will be sold through the Crawford Lake Foundation.

Purchasers will pay the regular book store price of \$50, but approximately \$10 of that will go towards the Crawford Lake project.

Purchasers will receive, however, a special consideration.

With the purchase of the book, they will receive a personal notation in the book, written by Mr. Bateman himself.

Mr. Hutton said fundraisers will be selling 300 copies of the popular book.