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# Reason comes clear

Part of the reasoning for Halton Region's seeming haste to have Site F rezoned as soon as possible now is coming clear.

As originally explained, the reason put forward was that as long as Milton held out on rezoning 246 acres of land near Tremaine and Britannia Rds., the longer it would take for other avenues to be blocked.

In short, as soon as the land was rezoned, we were told, Halton could then make application for an environmental approval and that in turn would allow Milton to bring 200 acres of land in Burlington between two existing dump sites into the environmental hearing picture.

Given the fact Milton and its council has no other option but to comply with the July 3 order of Mr. Justice John Osler to rezone the land, it presented Milton with only a partial loss on Site F.

In fact it did offer some help because Mr. Justice Osler, in his written ruling, said Milton would be allowed to state its case for the landfill site to be moved to Burlington when an Environmental Hearing Board was call-

Now, however, we have learned the Minister of the Environment, Keith Norton, can just go ahead and designate Site F a garbage dump as the Halton environmental submission on the lands is considered "excellent."

The word "excellent" was used by Halton Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin who also broke the news to regional council that an environmental assessment hearing may not have to be called.

If Mr. North reads an "excellent" environmental report on Site F and finds Site F already rezoned and bylawed as a garbage dump, there could, at Mr. Norton's discretion, be no need to call a hearing. He could say the dump exists by law, there is no other because Site A is years away from complete study, and Halton's pressing need for a new

dump means Site F will be passed by his ministry.

Mr. Norton could also be influenced by the fact Site A, the other option, is in private hands.

If he were to allow a municipal landfill on a private dump, all the garbage tipping fees for the expected three million tons, or about \$27 million, would be clear profit to the landowner, not money as revenue to the region which sorely needs all the revenue it can get.

It would also remove the thorny question created by his predecessor, Dr. Harry Parrott. Dr. Parrott said the Site F hearing would be held under the rules and regulation of the Environmental Assessment Act, (EAA) not the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) as expected by Halton Region.

This may not seem a big factor in the decision but it most definitely will be.

The EPA deals with the spot on the map and this is the rule used in all previous waste dumping and treatment procedures. The EAA takes in an entire region including socio-demographics.

By allowing Milton's Site F to go ahead under the EAA, it means all future landfill applications up to and including the massive South Cayuga Liquid Waste centre would have to be held under the EAA. It took three months to hear evidence on Site F at the Ontario Municipal Board in 1979. It could take literally years to hear something as complex as South Cayuga under the EAA. This would be a delay the Ontario Government would be hard pressed to accept in light of its commitment to deal with waste.

Therefore it appears the hopes of staving off Site F are, in fact, much gloomier than could have been expected.

Unless a considerable amount of pressure is placed on Mr. Norton to hold an Environmental Assessment Board hearing, there is probably no way to stop Site F.

### Like it is

It's a pleasure to hear a politician tell it like it is, as opposed to what we might want to think we heard.

If that sounds like gobbldegook, it represents the Ontario Government method of communication on items of con-

One such item of concern in the recent past, was the drive to let Milton out of Halton Regionalism. These requests were sent to Ontario Ingergovernmental Affairs Minister Tom Wells who comes only second to Health Minister Dennis Timbrell in diffusing the public limelight.

Mr. Wells gave Milton some tentative maybes and gave Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed a few perhaps positives and successfully held out until the issue died down. And to give credit where it is due, Mr. Wells did his job well in letting a burning issue burn itself out.

On Wednesday Claude Bennett arrived at Halton Region wearing his newly added portfolio of Minister of Municipal Affairs which he has taken over from Mr. Wells.

And to the council members he said any municipality wishing and/or agitating to opt out of regionalism can forget such notions. He said it is probably the one point he will be "inflexible"

Now although the message is not one to be greeted with pleasure in certain parts of Milton and Oakville, at least it is crystal clear. Mr. Bennett has taken a stand which he will make no exceptions about.

And while such a message may not be greeted with pleasure in certain parts of Milton and Oakville, it is a pleasure to find an Ontario Cabinet member telling us like it is.





## Little Flower

# Wiewpoint

with JIM ROBINSON

I called her Little Flower.

When I first found her, she had been growing under a heavy, ugly rock. The Little Flower was stunted and had never known the kind of sunshine she had heard so many others talk about.

Although the rock had been pushed away, the Little Flower was still cut and

Cut by the weight, bruised by the Planted in the soil of another place in time, the Little Flower had a frantic

period of growth. Shooting up, she didn't know, perhaps, which sun to face.

But when I found the Little Flower, she started to bloom. She was so alive, so fresh, so new.

She was the reddest of the roses; while

WATCH IT!

words in the English language, yet

those 500 words have more than 1,400

different meanings. No wonder new

Canadians have trouble grasping our

English. And be careful how you

HERE TODA . . .

On June 26, with much fanfare, the

Replete with a bevy of regional and

Oakville politicians, Ontario Tran-

sportation and Communications Mini-

ster Jim Snow pulled the covering away

It was a beautiful plaque, so beautiful

No one knows if it was vandals or

that by Saturday morning it was gone.

plaque collectors, but \$600 will have to

from a sparkling new \$600 plaque.

be spent to buy another.

Bronte Road Grade Separation was

communicate

officially dedicated.

There are only 500 commonly used

As her petals unfolded, I found each one to be more dazzling than the last.

being as fragile as an orchid. A smile that was spring, a manner that

was sometimes fall; the Little Flower was there during the summer of my growth.

I tasted her nectar. Summer on a Siren. Fall in a wooded walkway. Winter in the pine trees.

Then spring again with champagne for Easter. The roots tried to take hold in rocky

Two plants of different strains. One plant would want to grow in its own

spot of sunlight. One plant, like the grape ivy, would put out tentacles trying to grasp the other in its grip.

The grape ivy could not know the grip would choke the free plant and cause it to strangle. But the plants, the Little Flower and I,

tried to grow like two plants in separate Together in time but not always in the

same space.

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TRUCKERS ON T.V.

Recently CTV-TV's "Live it Up"

news crew visited Fifth Wheel Truck

Stop in Milton, to interview truckers

about road safety topics. They asked

truckers about the dangers of driving

(cars) and heard a lot of horror stories

about how the four-wheelers treat the

Brenda Gibson, the reporter who did

the interviews in the truck stop parking

lot, said the program will likely be

was there during part of the filming

session, didn't make it in the pictures

but his car did. The crew put his car

beside a big 18-wheeler to show the

difference in size between the average

large Canadian car and a highway

transport, then moved his big Olds

away and replaced it with an even

smaller Honda to illustrate how cars

Champion Editor Roy Downs, who

aired sometime in late September.

18-wheelers.

are shrinking.

on roads inhabited by "four-wheelers"

But like the rose and the orchid, the Little Flower's season of its summer came to an end and it was time to bloom

The grape ivy couldn't move. The Little Flower had to.

And so it is the Little Flower blooming in another field now. In that field the weeds are the same. The sun is richer, but it may not be as

deep and constant. Another rock has been pushed aside. Another sun is trying to shine.

No man ever crosses the same river twice, for not only has the river changed but so has the man. My field is now barren.

Other flowers try to grow but they will never have the same radiance, the serenity, the fragrance.

The grape ivy twists and turns but finds nothing to hold on to. Oh Little Flower!

Oh Sweet Little Flower!

ANOTHER NAME

The Ontario Weekly Newspapers

Association has changed its name, to

Ontario Community Newspapers

Association (OCNA) — following in the

footsteps of its national cousin, the

The word "Community" was chosen

to better reflect the publishing prac-

tices of local newspapers, explained

OCNA president Dave Wenger of

Wingham. Besides, several "weeklies"

are being published twice and three

times a week, so they can't really be

NOW THAT'S BIG!

Halton was big, until we heard about

1,000-acre farms in Western Canada.

Now comes the news about one of the

world's biggest farms - a ranch in

Texas (where else) that comprises

We used to think a 200-acre farm in

CCNA (formerly CWNA).

called weeklies any more.

# 50 years ago

the Past

were hit by lightning.

Grounds

One year ago

From the July 23, 1980 issue

Saturday evening left five people in the

Burlington-Oakville-Milton area injured

by lightning strikes. Halton Regional

Police and ambulance attendants rushed

to Burlington Springs Golf and Country

Club on Cedar Springs Rd. where four

members of a Stelco Inc. golf tournament

On Civic Holiday Weekend, Aug. 1 to 4,

Milton will be invaded by thousands of

Ontario Firefighters and their families,

as Milton Fire Department hosts the 79th

Annual Fire Fighters Associaltion of

Ontario Convention at Milton Fair

Canada competitions again this year,

and came home from the National Con-

ference in Regina this month with eight

awards. Club president Tom Blanchard

was judged to be second best in Canada-

a real feather in his cap. He has earlier

been named top president of this region.

of activity this week as the company

brought through the picket line a steady

convoy of tractor trailers to remove raw

material from the plant. The exit of auto

spring component parts began Monday

The town of Milton held centrestage for

a while last Thursday at Toronto's

Exhibition Stadium when Toronto

Blizzard honored this town with "Milton

day at the Blizzard." In the first of what

may become an annual event, more than

400 Miltonians paid a reduced rate to

watch the North American Soccer league

From the July 20, 1961 issue

extended north to serve a planned Red-D-

Mix Concrete plant. The company will

pay the cost of the 800-foot extension of

Charles Brooks of Hornby won the

prize for being the oldest man on parade

at the Orange Parade in Georgetown

A summer project being carried out by

the Sixteen Mike Creek Conservation

Authority is the mapping of a subter-

ranean river bed in the Palermo district.

Students (including Joe Martin of

Milton) are tracing the river through

resistivity tests and hope to link it with a

new water source recently located near

Dick Clement is the new coach of the

Halton County all-stars humbled the

powerful Galt Terriers 13-9 in the annual

all-star game at Campbellville ball park

Halton's Warden Alex Phillips has

received a new gown of office. It is a

flowing mauve robe with gold braid and

Accommodation for 450 students is to

be provided in the new provincial school

for the deaf in Milton. Construction on the

first stage of the \$9 million campus will

begin this fall on the site of the former

Kingdon farm south of Halton Manor.

the name Glen Eden Ski Resorts have

leased 34 acres on the escarpment at

Kelso from the conservation authority, to

open a ski club. The hill is 267 feet high

An unknown group is anxious to build a

race track in Nassagaweya Township but

a vote on the sale of liquor, beer and wine

will have to be held first, council said.

and a quarter-mile run is planned.

Three Toronto men operating under

Tenders were called this week.

Junior Red Sox ball team.

Sunday, before a crowd of 800.

the water line, estimated at \$1,120.

Saturday. He is 86.

Kelso Dam.

The water line on Bronte St. will be

20 years ago

and concludes today.

Strike-bound Rockwell became a hive

Milton Jaycees scored well in cross-

severe summer thunderstorm

From the July 23, 1931 issue One day last week John Kennedy, of Esquesing Township, had the misfortune to fall from the mow at John Grant's and break several ribs.

The Hydro officials have been in the Drumquin district lately. Many have signed for power and light, and it is expected the line will be built this fall. The paving of the highway between

Rockwood and Guelph is now completed and the new macadam on this stretch of No. 7 Highway is now ready for traffic. Milton Tuxis Boys won two games here this week. On Monday they defeated Mt. Union by 14 to 13 and on Tuesday they trimmed Lowville 14 to 6.

The Trustee Board of School Section No. 11, Trafalgar Township has received to date no fewer then 154 applications for an appointment as teacher carrying a salary of \$1,000 per year.

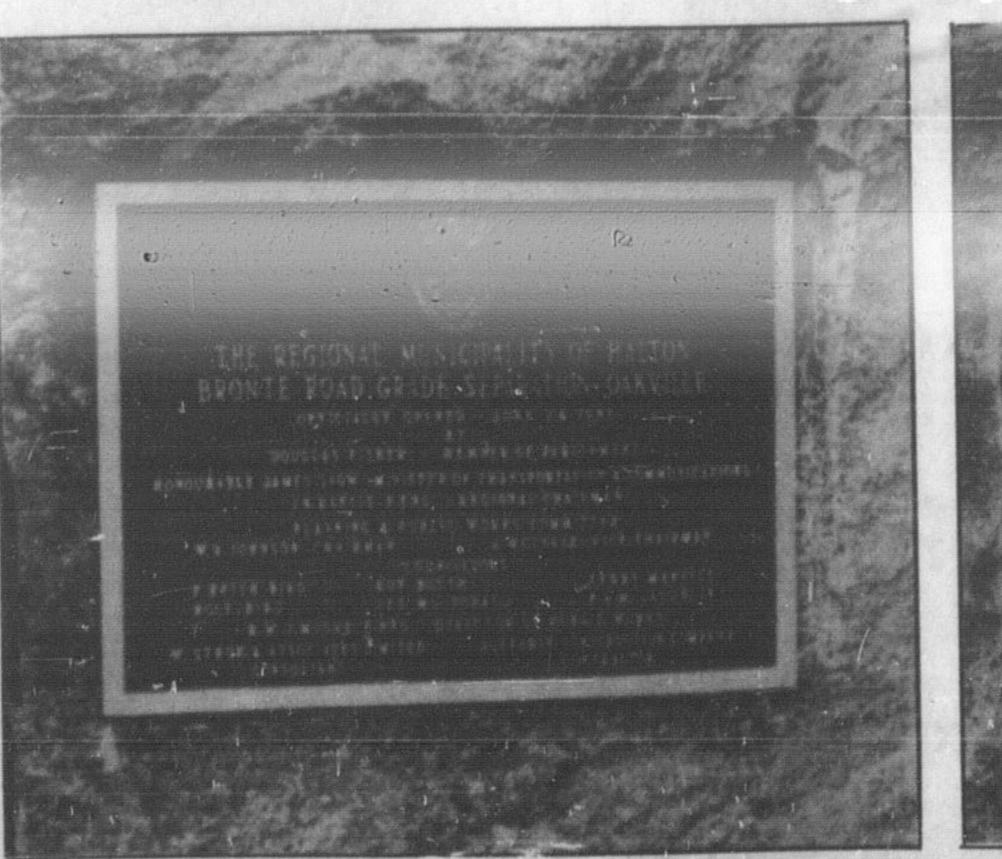
Percy Hurst, manager of the Limehouse baseball nine, had a narrow escape from very serious injury in a recent game, when a batter let his bat slip and struck Percy in the mouth, breaking several teeth and cutting his lip so badly that several stitches were needed to close the wound.

#### 75 years ago

From the July 26, 1906 issue On Monday, a man who said he hailed from Toronto and gave his name as Robert Montgomery applied to Mrs. Osborne, of Martin St. for room and board. He appeared to be about 35 years of age, was clean shaven and his nose was slightly crooked, as he himself proved to be later.

On Tuesday morning he left, as he said, to take a look at the town. He did not return at noon and Mrs. Osborne supposed that he had gone to the brick works. In the evening, a lady boarder while dressing, missed a gold ring and some coppers which had been left in a drawer. Mrs. Osborne laid an information before a local magistrate and a warrant was placed in Chief Constable Bradley's hands, but so far Montgomery has not been found.

The contractors are making fast progress in laying cement walks on Main St. from the Hotel McGibbon to Bronte



They come and they go. These photos show the \$600 augurated and the day after when it had been Bronte Road Separation Plaque the day it was instolen or taken by a plaque collector.



800,000 acres.