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Only money stops odor

It is easy to blame the odors emanating from the Milton waste plant on the weather but some of the blame has to be laid at the door of the Halton Regional Public Works Department.

The problem began when residents living near the waste treatment plant complained about the stench coming their way during those three very hot days in June.

The region points out it was a primary waste processing system which broke down earlier in the year with the result more raw sludge has to be sent to a rudimentary system for treatment. This system includes open to the air vats and, of course, the heat combined with open air settling naturally results in a smell sickening enough to make anyone gag.

The region says there is nothing to be done until money is put in the next budget of Halton next year. In the period between now and the budget, which will probably be set sometime next April, the region says we will just have to expect the stench to rise again if there is another hot spell.

The Milton Waste Treatment Plant is not new therefore it should have been expected the anaerobic, primary sludge system might break down someday. But why there was no way of setting aside a reserve fund for such an eventuality is surprising in view of the hundreds of thousands coming into Halton

through up front capital financing.

Be that as it may, there is another problem more pressing. That is what happens next April when the councillors see something in the hundreds of thousands for Milton's waste plant.

If readers think they have seen budget trimming before, we can assure you, it will be nothing like next year.

Halton, try as it may, will face at least another 25 per cent increase in the levy next year just for what we have now, never mind a major expense to be built into a sewage plant which only has problems when it is hot.

Make no mistake about it, next year all municipalities are going to be thirsting for hard-capital months. Even now we have heard the region state money for capital projects is one of the major concerns. At the same time Halton will be pressed even further into a corner to produce funding for soft services like health and social service needs.

It is going to take more than Milton's three little votes to fight off the nine from Burlington and the eight from Oakville for those capital funding budget dollars.

It is going to take action right now from Milton to get this fix at the waste plant on the agenda by September so it can be budgeted in as an extra item before the paring knife comes out in January.

Signatures needed

The longest postal strike in Canadian history is now all but over, but is it really over?

No accurate count will probably ever be made on the millions of dollars in revenue lost and the hundreds of jobs which fell by the wayside.

In Ottawa, the concern by the Liberal regime has been one of not caring about what happens to the very people they ask for support in federal elections.

One seriously wonders how any normal-minded person can say he or she believes Pierre Trudeau and the Quebec minority are justified in being allowed to govern this country. In fact, we just cannot understand how any one person, unless they are easily led by pretty faces, could have voted federal Liberals in the first place.

At least saner minds prevailed in Halton during the last election and we elected Otto Jelinek who speaks clearly and directly and always manages to hit the centre of the problem much to the distress of the federal Liberals and their running dogs.

A case in point is the current anti-postal strike petition which Mr. Jelinek has been pushing personally in the riding. Had not the strike reached a point where mediation had worked, Mr. Jelinek was quite prepared to take his petition right across the country.

Luckily from Treasury Board Chairman Johnson, and the Liberals, this will now not happen. Had it transpired the response would have been so overwhelming that it is safe to say it could have

escalated to so massive an outcry that we would have heard a repeat of the famous line by Cromwell "Get thee gone."

Even though there is a "settlement", we doubt the frustration and alienation caused by the inside postal workers will ever be considered settled by those who have had to suffer.

Mr. Jelinek still plans to take signatures on his petition and he is going to use those petitions to try and force a change in the abuse of the privilege of strike as exercised by the postal workers.

We urge residents to clip and sign this petition seen below and return it to The Champion Office. We will get the signed petitions back to Mr. Jelinek and readers can rest assured their anger will be registered with force on Parliament Hill.

Here is the petition:
I HEREBY PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO RECALL PARLIAMENT FORTHWITH FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEGISLATING THE CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS BACK TO WORK, IN ORDER THAT FULL POSTAL SERVICE IS RESTORED.

Signed _____
Address _____

Philosobits

By Edith Sharpe

"This country is being ruined by apathy."
"What's apathy?"
"I don't know, and I don't care."



NEWS ITEM:
COUNCILLORS SAY THEY WILL CONSIDER NAMING A ROAD OR PARK IN HONOR OF TERRY FOX.



Site F rebuttal

Viewpoint

with JIM ROBINSON

Anne and Dave Katz dropped into the office last week to discuss an editorial which appeared in this newspaper regarding what we see as a split in the to-date close ranks of the town and the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group.

They contend they are not fighting the town but the region. We contend they have launched a quashing motion against the bylaws redesignating the 246 acres of land near their homes as a dump site. The bylaws were passed into effect by the town, therefore, it stands to reason the group is opposing the town in court.

We can play the semantics game about who is backing who or whether the bylaw is the town's or the region's because it was written at Halton and ordered passed by the Supreme Court.

And while I can readily understand they don't want people to think they are at odds with the town, it is the Tremaine-Britannia Citizen's Group which has chosen to go against the bylaw and the motion shows the group as the applicants and the town as the respondent.

And while we were all sitting around trying to give and take on just what the other side was trying to say in deciding which would be more acceptable to our own ears; it occurred to me that all attention seems focused on Site F and nothing is happening with the Buck Roger's scheme for source separation which regional council so enthusiastically endorsed only two months ago.

According to the accepted phasing in of the system of separating garbage for pickup and reprocessing, June to August of this year was to be used to "work out

the details of a region-wide source separation program system with the area municipalities, including a division of responsibilities."

September to October months would see "promotion, dissemination of information through the various media publicizing start up."

It was also noted "start up may not be possible in all area municipalities in October of this year. For example, Burlington and Halton Hills are already in the source separation business and are better prepared than Oakville and Milton to take their places in the system."

"Oakville and Milton start up may necessarily have to wait until the spring of 1982, in April or May."

The quotes come from a May 25 report to the Halton Solid Waste Management Committee which lauded the contents and then, or so it appears, promptly forgot they set themselves deadlines.

As this column appears there has been no further meeting even on the very beginnings to "work out the details."

With regional council meeting only once this month, it is obvious the August deadline for detailing is hopelessly unrealistic. Even if the committee did manage to meet tomorrow, it could get nothing to regional council until at least the middle of September but more probably in October.

That is, of course, if the region really wants to get into source separation as it has stated by resolution.

I still doubt the REAL desire of regional councillors to get into something that is good and motherhood, but carries

an exorbitant price tag at a time when Halton has very serious fiscal difficulties in all other areas.

It will take years of promotion and literally millions of dollars before the program ever breaks even, and I doubt such a system can break even given the vagaries of the resource materials market.

Nevertheless, if Site F and Site A were approved tomorrow, they would only be a stop-gap.

There is just no way we will ever see another landfill site approved in Halton Region simply because there will be too many people with too many votes for the hopeful in elections to get into office.

People have found they carry a hell of a lot of weight and by using the American system of law suit, counter suing and appealing it costs millions of dollars and years of wait before anything can be done, and this is surely the case with the Tremaine-Britannia Citizen's Group.

Halton with its growing population simply cannot afford to waste years in court for one little dump which can only handle two million tons of waste. If Site F went into operation tomorrow it might last about two to three years. With no other landfill, the only thing left is to pile it to three years. With no other landfill, the only thing left is to pile it to the rafters, and what better rafters than in the region's own resource recovery facility.

As expensive as it's going to be, source separation is the only viable garbage and solid waste handling option, and it is time for the region to end the platitudes and the promises and get on with the job.

Collective Column



Cash crop

It is hard to drive anywhere these days without passing a roadside vegetable stand. A pair of brothers living on Guelph Line south of Brookville are trying their enterprising idea for the second year in a row and business is booming. Sean Brooks, 11, his visiting cousin Mike Henneberry and brother ChristoPher, 10 sold 132 dozen cobs of fresh picked corn and at \$1 a shot; business at the end of Folley Brook farm lane after the first four days selling was quite profitable.

A DOG'S LIFE

The recent report from the Milton animal control officer shows dogs running loose in the town prefer the bright lights of the city.

The number of dogs caught in the urban area during April, May, and June was nearly double that caught out in the rural section.

ICE CREAM WARS

Milton councillors have shown a certain distaste for getting involved in the sale of ice cream in town.

Up to the present Dickee Dee has held a virtual monopoly on the sale of ice cream and sweets from tricycles, but now it seems another firm wants to get into the sweet market we have in Milton.

Mr. Frostee has applied for a licence to sell ice cream from five tricycles, almost doubling the number now plying the town.

Loathe to get stuck in the ice cream free enterprise battle, council has decided not to grant a licence to the second firm but will reassess the situation next year when the flood gates to ice cream re-open with summer and the two applicants approach the town.

RIGHT IDEA

Seeing six obviously intoxicated men pushing a car along a city street in New Zealand, late on Saturday night, police thought they were trying to start it. "Not so", said one "We're all too drunk to drive, so we're pushing the car home."

Pages of the Past

One year ago

From the August 13, 1980 issue

A holiday visit to Canada for a 25-year-old South American man with his brother ended in tragedy early Sunday morning, when both brothers were killed in a gruesome two-car accident in Milton. Dead are: Carlos Maggiani of Uruguay, and Juan Maggiani, 31, of 180 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga. They died when their car was struck broadside by a second vehicle driven by 19-year-old Michael Appleton of 305 Wendy Lane, Oakville, who is reported in satisfactory condition in Milton District Hospital.

An inquest may not be held into the death of a Milton youth struck by a train while walking on the Canadian National Railway bridge over the Credit River Friday afternoon. Mark Ian Garside, 17, of 515 Marcellus Ave., Milton died instantly after being hit by an east-bound freight train and thrown against a concrete abutment. He was running about 30 feet from the end of the bridge when hit, according to witnesses.

Halton Regional Police are asking for assistance of the public to locate a man who may possibly be infected with rabies. A rabid fox captured by a 15-year-old Lowville youth Thursday July 31, was apparently touched by a man police have been unable to find. Police said Chris Deagle of 6243 Guelph line spotted the fox in Lowville Park at 2 p.m. He caught the fox with a fish net and then, noticing the animal behaving in a strange manner, called Burlington Animal Control. The search is now on for a man who apparently petted the fox outside the Lowville General Store on the day it was caught.

20 years ago

From the August 10, 1961 issue

The Ontario Municipal Board in a decision handed down this week has approved the amalgamation of Oakville and Trafalgar but will require a vote on whether the new municipality will be called Oakville or Oakville-Trafalgar.

It appears space will be at a premium for this year's trade fair, manager Ross Pearen reports. There is a growing interest among new exhibitors.

Milton Fire Brigade claimed first prize for their appearance in the Firemen's Convention parade on civic holiday weekend in Oakville. They were led in the parade by Milton Girls Pipe Band. A horse-drawn steamer owned by Jack Pemberton and driven by Stan May of Hornby was the oldest piece of fire-fighting equipment in the parade.

Councillors are meeting with Trafalgar Council this week and a report on extending Milton's boundaries will be presented to next week's council meeting. A meeting has already been held with Esquing Council.

A swimming pool with two sections, each able to accommodate 250 to 300 swimmers, will be developed at Kelso Dam next year. The Conservation Authority gave approval for the \$6,000 cost. The Authority has also hired M. B. Hatherly as secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$4,500 a year.

50 years ago

From the August 13, 1931 issue

A large number of Miltonians, including Mayor MacKenzie, attended "Derry Day" at Georgetown yesterday, when over 2,000 Black Knights took part in celebrating the 242nd anniversary of Londonderry.

The closing of the Canadian National Electric railway will throw a number of good citizens out of work.

New official telephone directories have reached subscribers. Changes are numerous and to avoid "wrong numbers" old books should be discarded.

Burlington has passed a \$17,500 debenture issue to cover the cost of relief work done last winter in extending the water system.

When Margaret Ramsay, of Oakville, appeared before Magistrate Davidson in the highway traffic court at Mimico yesterday on a charge of blocking a reasonable traffic route on the Dundas highway she was fined \$10. Traffic Officer Palmer, of Islington, told the bench that she was going at a rate of 20 miles an hour with no cars ahead of her, but a string of 26 behind her.

Police are looking for thieves who burglarized L.H. Ritchie's service station at the east end of Main Street, and stole \$10 and some confectonery. This is the third time Mr. Ritchie has suffered loss by burglars, his other service station at the west end of Main Street having been burglarized twice.

75 years ago

From the August 16, 1906 issue

Dr. K.D. Pantom has a light attack of typhoid fever. He is doing well at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

Harold Earl, of San Francisco, Cal. and Miss Helen Harrison, of New Brunswick, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willmott.

Horse stealing is becoming prevalent in the county Wentworth, says a Hamilton dispatch. Three farmers have reported their horses stolen during the past month.

Milton was invaded on Saturday by a large contingent of representatives of the Tebo connection, of Nassagaweya who were more or less interested in the settlement of a little family dispute. Mrs. Geo. Hilson, nee Tebo, had her feelings shocked by her brother Peter, familiarly known in society circles as Pete, who, in conversation with her, used unparliamentary language.

Charlie Smith, of the West End Meat Market, won a fine prize in the drawing at the garden party in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Oakville on Thursday evening. It was a set of silver knives and forks.