

# \$32 Million School Budget Up Four Million From 1968

Halton education trustees were told last week that the county school bill has increased by almost \$4 million over last year — but the preliminary budget did not include provincial grants.

Total education spending this year will be almost \$32 million as opposed to about \$28 million last year.

The board has 85 schools under its control with about 45,000 students.

Trustees were told that it was still too early to determine the effect on the ratepayers.

Finance and business superintendent, Bruce Lindley explained that this first glance showed only an outline of the board's costs for 1969 and did not bring into account provincial grants that have still to be released.

### March 12th

He said that reliable information from the Dept. of Education points to on or before March 12th as the release date for the new grant system.

The expenditure side of the budget, does, however show that costs have risen over last year by about 13 per cent. The hike is attributed to the general inflationary trend that has driven prices up in all fields and the growth of the school system — more students mean more costs.

Two major items that appear in this year's budget that did not appear in last year's are Canadian Pension Plan contributions on behalf of teaching staff at \$180,000 and extension of fringe benefits to all employees at approximately \$35,000.

### Total Budget

In comparison with the total budgets of all the boards of education in Halton last year, the board will have to spend another \$3,087,652 this year.

Last year, all the boards spent \$15,691,210 on elementary school costs — a figure that has risen to \$17,796,093 for 1969. The \$12,383,952 spent last year on secondary schools has hiked to \$14,096,721 this year.

Average daily enrolment in 1969 has risen from 41,126 last year to 44,041 this year and

accounts for 7.09 per cent of the increased budget.

The other major factor accounting for the 13 per cent increase in expenditures is the rise in costs per pupil over last year by 6.04 per cent. The cost rose from \$882 per pupil last year to \$724 this year.

### Major Items

The percentage increase of these two major items accounts for the 13 per cent increase in expenditures in 1969.

The board made no recommendation on the \$32 million budget which Lindley describes as providing for continuing the policies of the former boards from January to June. Any changes to be implemented as a result of board decisions will be done in the period between September and the end of the year.

The 1969 budget was prepared in a different manner than usual in cooperation with recommendations made by the Department of Education and the Ontario Association of School Business Officials for use by county boards.

The budget is broken down into major responsibility areas to which all expenses are attributed as outlined more clearly. In former years, expenditures were broken down into actual cost of objects rather than grouping them into responsibility areas.

"This budget was combed over very thoroughly," education director James Singleton told reporters later. "Some of the requests were cut by 50 per cent so that the budget this year is the same as last year's plus those portions needed to allow for student growth and rising prices."

Included in the budget is a \$1 million item to pay salaries of administrative and supervisory personnel at the elementary and secondary school levels. The money will pay senior officials, coordinators, consultants, clerical and secretarial help.

It is estimated that of the

total budget, \$20 million will be allocated to pay salaries of academic and administrative staff. Largest portion of the money will go toward paying salaries of 1,083 elementary and 738 secondary school teachers, for a total of more than \$15 million.

Supply teachers alone will account for almost \$300,000 and special education at the elementary level will cost more than \$600,000.

Estimates on the salaries of secondary schools are not final since the teachers have yet to sign their agreement with the board. However, the board feels that its estimates will cover any increase in salary and benefits settled upon.

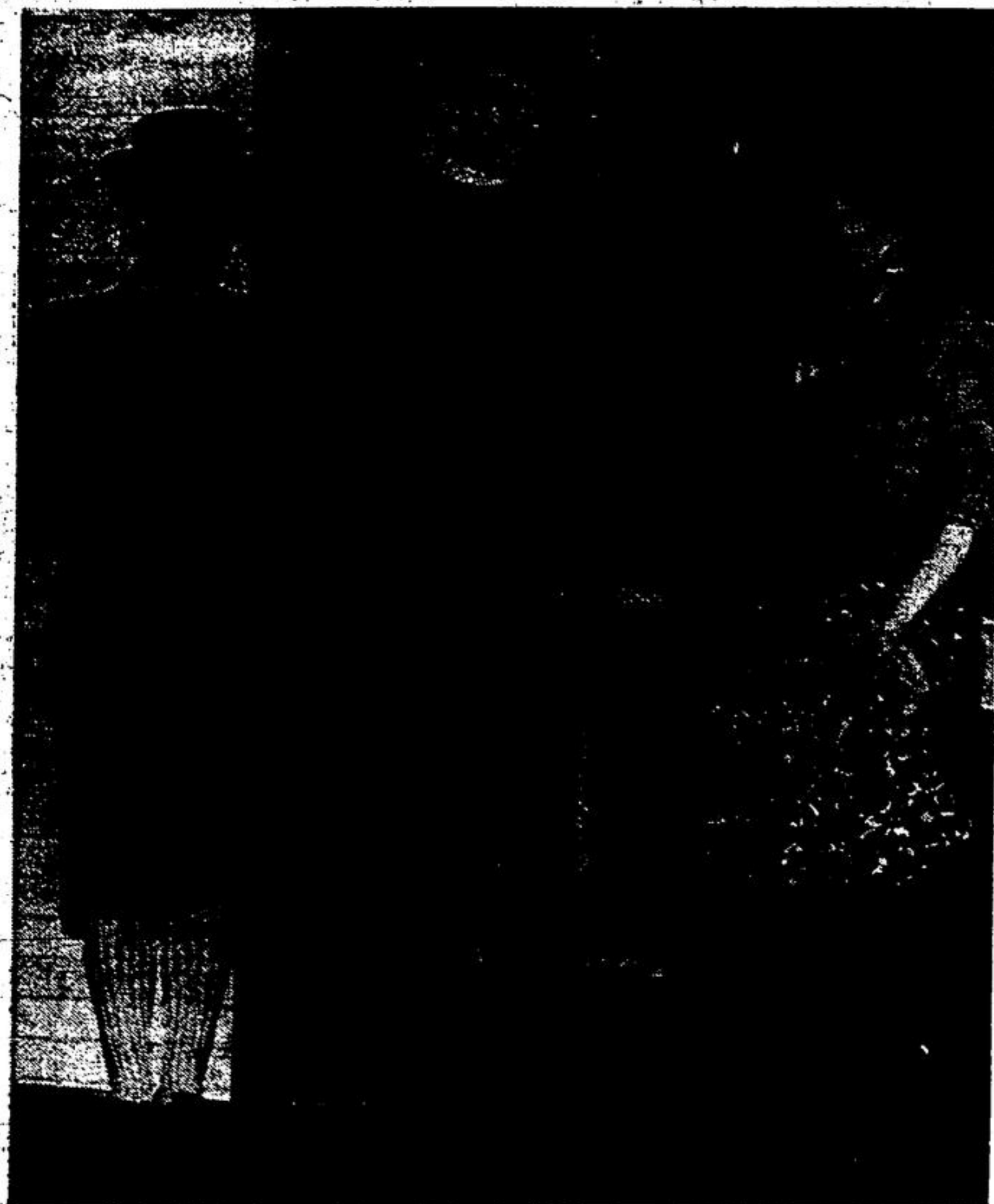
## Poor Signs on Road Dismiss Driving Charge

Township of Esquew was severely criticized by a Toronto judge in county court this week for not properly designating a dangerous curving hill near Limehouse, which averages an accident a week and claimed the life of a girl in a bad accident two years ago.

Judge David Vanek dismissed a careless driving charge against a rural Limehouse youth after his lawyer John R. Belleghem of Georgetown established that the one warning sign there is insufficient and cannot even be understood. The sign indicates a curving road on that Sixth Line hill near Limehouse but it has been shot out by hunters' bullets.

There are no warning signs for drivers to decrease speed going down the hill although this is necessary to avoid accidents, court was told. One witness who lives at the foot of the hill said the one sign cannot be understood by drivers and they come crashing into his fence on an average of once a week.

Judge Vanek said the municipal



**SEE HOW YOU LAUGH** — The light comedy "See How They Run" starts a three night run in the high school auditorium tonight. The Georgetown Little Theatre production includes in major roles, Ron Hunt as Rev Toop, Vera McDonald as his wife, Ron Hill as Corporal Winston, Gord Hunt as the bishop, Bob Thornley, Des Nicholls, John Bew, Cathy Spicer and Edna Ferguson. The play has been staged all over England and the United States since its premiere in England in 1947. Above, in a scene from the show are: Edna Ferguson, the spinster; Bob Thornley, a vicar, and Cathy Spicer, a cockney maid.

## Baptist Women's Organization Has Three Groups of Workers

First Baptist Church's new women's organization, First Baptist Women, will operate as three separate units to meet together quarterly. The first dinner meeting was held three weeks ago and since then Groups 1, 2 and 3 under directors Mrs. Ruth Buttrey, Mrs. Audrey Duff, and Mrs. Dorothy Robson have held their own meetings.

Mrs. Joan McCosh is president, Mrs. Duff vice president, Miss Norma Thompson secretary, Mrs. Catherine Lewis treasurer and Mrs. Doris Carter assistant secretary-treasurer.

Liaison officers are: Mrs. L. Wilton, visitors; Mrs. J. Kelly, missions and news; Mrs. M. McNeil, Mrs. L. Harding, and Mrs. A. Hayes, white cross; Mrs. E.

### ASHGROVE

## Two Baptisms Sunday At Hillcrest Church

Two baptisms were conducted on Sunday morning in Hillcrest United Church — Susan Janet Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes and Dawn Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howden. Mrs. James Barnes was received into membership of the church at the church at the service.

The Friendship Unit of the UCW of Hillcrest United Church was held on the afternoon of March 12 at the home of Mrs. J.M. Wickson with sixteen ladies present. We were pleased to have among us Mrs. Walter Brownridge from town, who was a faithful member and worker in the good old WMS days. The meeting was opened by president Mrs. Ward Brownridge with a hymn and prayer. Worship service on China unity by Mrs. Fred Ainsworth, several items of business were discussed and roll call answered with the word 'unity' followed by the study chapter from Mrs. Arthur Ruddell on Man and his Family in a communist country. They seem to be a happy race, working, social life and even managing to save on their small pitance they receive. The total effect of communism on the Chinese family has been to modernize it. Courtesies were given and meeting closed with a social hour.

One Saturday recently Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Brownridge motored to Stroud to attend the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lennard. They became acquainted in the days when they showed at fall fairs.

Well, tomorrow, March 21st is officially the first day of Spring. It wasn't too bad a winter now was it? We had snow, and winds made drifts and we had icy times but when it gets warmer we'll soon forget all that.

Mrs. J. Bellbuddy

Evans, flowers; Mrs. M. Thompson, junior congregation; Mrs. D. Robson, nursery; Mrs. C. Lewis, mission band; Mrs. Mary Livingstone, CGIT; Mrs. Eva Norton, Explorers. The pianist is Mrs. W. Townend.

A social committee includes Mrs. W. Breen, Mrs. H. Cumpsty, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. L. Enslin, Mrs. D. Peck, Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. L. Thompson.

### Members are:

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Mrs. Ruth Buttrey, Mrs. Jean Barton, Mrs. Wilda Breen, Mrs. Minda Corbett, Mrs. Meryl Ellison, Mrs. Diane Ellison, Mrs. I. Harding, Mrs. Marlene Harley, Mrs. Don Harris, Mrs. V. Hewitt, Mrs. Joan McCosh, Mrs. Eva Norton, Mrs. Helen Paynter, Mrs. J. Robinson, Mrs. Jean Roshier, Mrs. Dianne Stephenson, Mrs. Lena Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Flossy Tracey, Mrs. Edythe Peck, Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. Myra Wild, Mrs. Kay Winfield.

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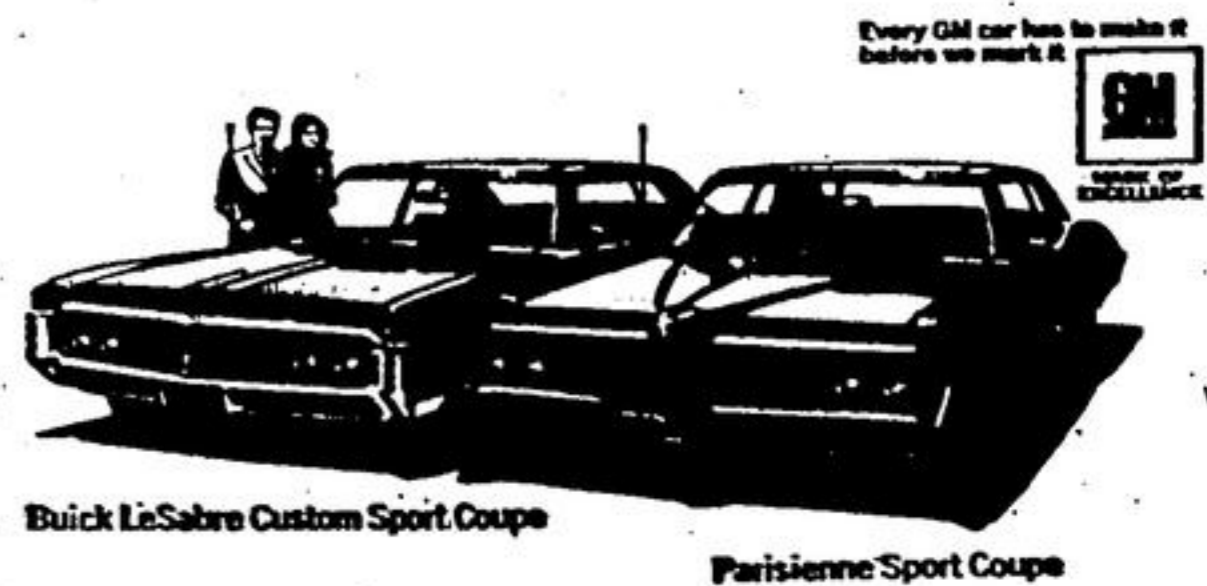
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