we may experience difficulty a remark based on a lack

that many municipal employ-

ees have received salary settle-

ments far in excess of what we

can offer. We just wonder how

mean when, a policeman re-

ceives \$8,550 (and rightly so)

and a teacher with a BA in a

the Halton County Board of ton County Board of Education acted responsibly. This year ing "June, July and August" is Education has branded the sug- is always willing to receive gestion by Esquesing Council constructive suggestions in all that the salaries paid trustees matters. The fact that the mobe reduced as "ridiculous" and tion passed the Esquesing suggested they look in their Township council unanimously own back yard for places to adds considerable weight to the save the public's money.

press release issued last week has been made. after Esquesing passed a res- "One of the suggestions olution urging the honoraria that members of the Board for school board trustees be their 'fees' by 50% with and teachers' salaries be held. its own honoraria this He said in his release.

certain measures to keep down follows:

Pertatt measur	co to week down!!
Municipality	Amt. of Honorar
12 155 755 75	in 1969 Budget
Acton	\$10,200
Burlington	\$36,000
Esquesing	\$8,000
Georgetown	\$25,000
Milton	\$9,250
Nassagaweya	\$3,200
Oakville	\$20,520
County Council	\$31,200

Halton County Bd. of Ed. Fees to Board members

Total Halton councils \$143,370 Cost per capita .80 "There does seem to be be most stringent controls from hind the motion the naive be- the Fire Marshall, the Health lief that if a cost is scattered Department and other agencies. into smaller packages in many The amount of light, the ceil-

cil honoraria cost the county exchange, enclosed stairwells, taxpayer two and one half tim- fire doors, etc., are all restrices as much as the honoraria to tions upon the accommodation Board of Education members. we use and the normal build- ridiculous and, in fact, an in-The suggestion that the ings in the community do not board investigate the use of ex- meet these requirements even isting buildings for temporary as temporary accommodation

classrooms is not an acceptable for 'five years.' one. The board is subject to the "In the matter of salaries the 'suggestions' must arouse

After last week's article con- past.

Fred Armitage, chairman of the cost of education. The Hal- for staff, the board has always resentment. The holidays be Dear Sir: recommendation. A detailed His remarks were made in a consideration of the proposal

reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,500, mileage allowance. The fact employees' salaries' be chop that this comment comes from ped by as much as 25 per cent the one council which doubled does not necessarily destro "The press recently carried the suggestion. A survey of the motion of the Esquesing honoraria peid to members of Township council proposing councils in Halton County is as

Cost per capita .33 bodies over educational costs ing budget) goes to every school I cannot agree !

foregoing, the suggestion that cedure. salaries be reduced is utterly sult to the staff of the Board of Education.

IN THE MAIL BAG

## 'Misleading, Derogatory', Teachers Blasts Council

The teaching profession is context, but to see it in an off-

of one which is the subject of a icial document passed by an south, A. Norris, R. Dickson; J. because of the size of recent wage settlements in commerce and industry. The special facand industry. The special fac-date for school. During the the criticisms are valid indeed, general public would support Barber; Peggy Stevens, Flora tors surrounding some of these jobs are not applicable to teaching. However, our greatin the elementary schools, other hand, teachers, as well as of their children. Having taught 483 teachers took—courses at those in other professions, are of their children. Having taught universities during this sum-recipients of broad, sweeping for nearly ten years, I have mer and 50 more taught cours- generalizations which are poor- conversed at length with literes. At the secondary level, 287 ly considered by the people ally hundreds of perents. They we can explain what councils teachers took university and who advance them. Such state- have almost unanimously dedepartment courses and 112 ments tend to be barenful, monstrated their support of and taught courses.

destructive, and damageig to faith in teachers. I think "The comment that "board the morals of the majority of that I can safely say that

perience receives \$7,800 and a employment in these fields to On the whole, very little is public school teacher receives evoid the competition of priv-done in the way of publicly \$8,200. In the light of settle- ate business and to avoid any defending the victims of illpossible unemployment" is not considered criticism. Perhaps that "in SOME cases the reaeconomy, the suggestion that worthy of answer and is based teachers, doctors, lawyers, and sons for teaching are June. we "hold the line" is really not upon the sheerest ignorance. other professionals are too re- July and August." In SOME "The suggestion that the luctant at times to speak out cases this may be true. But "While the board has a res- Board of Education publish in their own defense. Still, what about the thousands of ponsibility to control and de- estimates, and hold public there are times when such de- teachers and principals who rive maximum benefit from meetings to hear objections fense becomes due.

the educational dollar, it also and answer questions is one Last week, in your newspa- along with millions of dollars has a most important responsi- which all public bodies, includ per, one of the lead stories in order to improve qualifihility that the quality of educaing councils, might follow. The
tion be consistent with the
Board does publish its budget
was passed by the Esquesing
the tion is made of them in the
and distributes this information
Council. One high official ofdemands of the ratepayers. The widely. The Halton Education fered comment on this resolution. It is regrettable concern of the ratepayers as News goes to every parent; the tion, calling it "a well written represented by some municipal minutes of the Board (includ. document, and a lot of sense." cognize and acknowledge this aspect of the teaching profes-

at budget time are not consis- every library, every council; Having spoken briefly over tent with their demand for bet-ter programs, improved facili-to hear objections as anyone the Esquesing Council, I gather ties and improved qualification who reads the newspapers that the purpose of this resoplaces, it is not as large. Coun- ing height, the volume of air of teachers during the remaind- should know. Councils might be lution is to arouse public coner of the year. In light of the advised to adopt the same pro- cern over the spending of the "The idea that Board of Ed- of education. I think that this leading and derogatory resoluucation should confer with mu- purpose is commendable. As a

clucation.

The Board particularly re
"The sents the attack on its staff and the same conferring with the public funds. Board on their budgets. As When the topic of teacher parent belief of the council much intercommunication as is salaries was dealt with in the members, most teachers are possible between public bodies resolution, I feel that the au-dedicated to their profession. is a good move in municipal go- thors got a bit carried away. We are proud of our profesvernment. However, if it is as To say the least, their choice sumed that this sugestion means of words was most unfortunthat either Board or Councils ate. Their attempts to hold bave any control over the other the salaries at the present level in any matter, then what is be- are admirable from a taxpay-

Both bodies are responsible dir. think that anyone who gives ectly to the electorate and have the matter serious thought been so for over a century in holds out much hope for success in that aim. The present this province. "The Halton County Board of inflationary trend in all areas aries. I feel that another view an increase is necessary. Num- teachers enter the profession Education is always prepared of our economy seems to preber one, in order to keep up for the holidays and for a safe- to receive and study construct. clude this.

ing proposed is a legal fiction, er's point of view, but I don't

The first point that must be with the ever rising cost of liv- guard against unemployment, ive proposals. It is prepared to In the same clause of the sit in consultation with any re-resolution the assertion ts teachers in this profession who the fact that many areas of la. In the present set up if a sponsible group to consider made that "in MANY cases are trying to make a living. If bour have negotiated such teacher wishes to surpass the measures which are in the in teachers and board employees the statistics are studied it will large increases, that teachers \$5,200 income bracket, courses terests of the students in the seek employment in these be found that over half of all are falling further behind on must be taken summer and win- County and in the interests of fields to avoid the competiter at a cost of \$120 a course, the ratpayers. It has demonstr- tion of private business and to in the lower two categories. My personal opinion with re- There goes the holidays along ated this willingness on numer- avoid any possible unemploy-This means that many of the gard to public school teachers with a good piece of the pover- ous occasions. The board can-ment." This statement is not, however, deal with attacks simply not true, and the mere flect too favourably upon the

presponsible statement in any November 4,

high school with the same ex- employees, in many cases, seek individuals to whom they refer- teachers in all areas of this

sacrifice their summer months. that our council fails to re-

To conclude, Mr. Editor, feel that the vast majority of the dedicated teachers in our area and our province have been sadly maligned by the Esquestaxpayers' money in the area animous support of such a mistion. I hope that both teachover the obvious faults in this document. Contrary to the ap-

We deeply resent irre- THE GEORGETOWN HERALD sponsible attacks against it. THURSDAY, NOV. 13th, 1969 Yours truly, PAGE 6 Doug Magwood, ..

### BRIDGE CLUB -Mrs. Gloria Coats and W.

Coats were north south winners and Mrs. M. Collier, Mrs. Nellie Goldham were east west winners at the Georgetown Du-126 Main N. - Actor an plicate bridge club on Tuesday,

Other winners were North

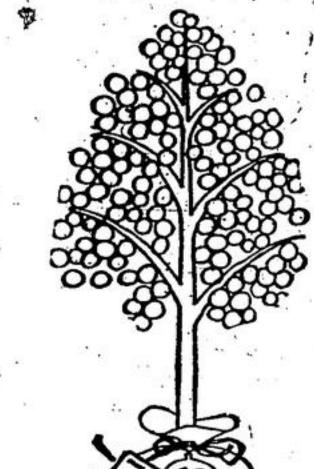
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# mitteee to the hilt, and if nec- At the present rate a public are some drastic changes many Need Kids' Shoes Too Teachers No Different,

R. R. 2. Georgetown! working 1212 hours a day! He reads that carpenters somewhere are apparently making \$14,000 a year with 6% holiday pay; electricians, plumbers, in fact, most tradesmen are receiving similar remuneration for thirty-six hours week. He thinks it is about time tradesmen were paid a fair wage and that our youngsters were encouraged to join the construction indu'ry to help build our country to its fullest potential.

He reads on that local farmers are selling their lands off Backed by Ratepayers well, why not? The farmers should be permitted to make as much as the land speculators for too long now.

costs. It is, after all, a vicious County.

and sees that there is not en-ployees of the Halton County ough in the bank to buy the School Board and the trustees kids shoes this week. In fact, should not merely be a request this month's pay has gone al- but a demand that this be efready. Oh well, he sighs, I'll fective with the first of Januget a raise this year to keep up ary, 1970. with the cost of living. But he reads on and comes across lengthy resolution sponsored by some knot-headed councillor. This idiot, who has been chosen to represent the people on council, tells him that his by Mr. Marshall should be bacwages must be frozen; that the ked up by all the areas of Halhard working school board members must cut their salar at the end of this year. ies in half; that the most important man in the community, town, for example, we had the principal of the school, three trustees on the public should be reduced to a pover-school board whose services ty-stricken student teacher trai- added up to a total of over 60 nee who must stop leading chil- years of service which was dren and revert to the good old rendered practically without days of beating the little any cost to the municipality

Yes, it's all a man needs - It's all a man needs after after leaving home at 6.30 a.m. coach the senior basketball has been bestowed upon them. team, then encourage, cajole, discuss and even argue to help the kids gain a better understanding of life; after school is

Urges Public School Teachers

Unite, Demand More Salary

then of course, there is a mee-(Continued on Page 15)

the public school teachers are the economic scale.

60 Maple Ave. East, essary take stronger action school teacher in this position

cerning teachers and their sal- There are several reasons why In regard to the note that

made is that there are many ing. Another reason concerns my reply is as follows:

teachers are earning between is as follows. After obtaining ty rate income. five and seven thousand dollars, their permanent certificate Believe it or not many people carried by the press against its fact of its inclusion in a reso-I see no reason why the tea- which comes after a minimum pick this profession because staff even though the proposing lution passed unanimously by chers shouldn't demand a sub of two years teaching, along they are interested in the citi- body claims these attacks to be an elected council does not restantial increase. There is a with many inspections, teachers zens of the future as well as constructive suggestions.

than has been used in the would be earning less than

strong need for the teachers to should be paid a wage which is the field of teaching. back up their negotiating com- capable of supporting a family. I believe that unless there excellent teachers are going to be forced out of the teaching profession and into more lucra-

> tive areas. I personally believe that it is time for all teachers especially public school teachers, unite and stand up and counted and change the lethto get to school at 7 a.m. to argic and listless image that

> > Teachers are not performing a babysitting service. They should be paid a salary that is commensurate with their res-

#### over get the chess club togethponsibility in the classroom, in er and laugh and joke with them for another hour or so; munity. the school, or in your com Yours sincerely, David McNally Wants Marshall Motion

31 Byron Street, board took over. Gentlemen: who have leeched off the public. The resolutions submitted by taxes to pay these exorbitant Councillor Ken Marshall at the salaries and it is high time to

He notes that stores are rais- Esquesing Township council end all this nonsense. ing their prices; he realizes meeting Monday night, Novem- If those affected are dissatisthat they alone cannot should ber 3rd should be backed up fied with the new raf. s. they er the responsibilities of rising by every resident of Halton can resign their positions.

His call for a drastic reduc-He looks at his own accounts tion in the amounts paid to em-

From what I have read of opposition from the southern part of the county to the high rates being paid, I feel sure that the reductions suggested ton County and made effective

We remember in George

Now we are sunk with high

Let's hear from the ratepayers and their groups on this issue.

Yours truly,

Ed A. Peters

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