

# Elementary school teachers okay contract

Halton County elementary school teachers will receive a 7.2 per cent salary increase this year. A committee representing the 1,300 teachers and the board's negotiating committee have been meeting since February.

Teachers with two years experience and a permanent contract will receive increments of \$600 while those teachers with less experience and no permanent contract will receive \$200 less.

The agreement makes allowances for the board to pay 66 and two thirds per cent of the OHSIP and OHSC and 33 and one third per cent of the extended health care and group insurance plan.

Elementary teachers' salaries range from \$5,500 for a teacher with no experience and at the lowest level of qualifications, to \$15,500 for a teacher with 14 years' experience and the highest level of qualifications.

Principals' salaries range from \$15,500 for a principal in a school with six to 13 rooms to \$20,000 for a school with more than 19 rooms.

The secondary school teachers in the county rejected a seven per cent increase recently and are still bargaining with the board.

A decision on Norval ratepayers' request to have their school left open and work done on the old school to turn it into a museum of some sort is expected from the Halton County Board of Education at a meeting in the near future.

In answer to questions from Esquering Trustee Bill Lawson, Assistant to the Director E. M. Lavender and the administration had been investigating and an engineering study had been completed. He told the Board a recommendation would be coming to the board soon.

### Detailed case

A ratepayers' group from Norval appeared before the board with a detailed case against closing the school. Norval elementary school was one of three envisaged as being closed prior to 1975.

When the delegation appeared before the Board April 8 the group asked that the school be expanded to include kindergarten and that a teacher for kindergarten be hired for half a day and used in other grades for the rest of the day.

## Sing National Anthem

Advocating a greater sense of national pride, Halton County Board of Education Trustee Dick Godin presented a resolution and had it successfully passed by the board recommending that the national anthem be sung at board sponsored public meetings held in the schools.

## Bragging Bodnar beat on track meet results

Only a sharp wit saved the Georgetown Trustee Ernie Bodnar from swallowing his words at Thursday night's meeting of the Halton County Board of Education. At least one student from the Georgetown High School competed in international wrestling.

Bodnar has made a point of it to keep informed of the success of various Georgetown clubs and individuals and make occasional reports to the board in a somewhat gloating fashion.

Capitalizing on an opportunity, Burlington Trustee Noel Cooper got wondering out loud at the Thursday meeting. He noted there seemed to be a wide margin in the points accumulated by the schools in the county at the recent track meet. He noted Nelson High School in Burlington had over 500 points while Georgetown had only 38. "I wonder if more equipment might help," he said in an obviously sarcastic manner.

"Our boys are all muscle bound," shot back the witty Georgetown trustee.

"The Georgetown boys ran all the way, and when they got to Burlington they were tired", director Jim Singleton added.

## Lawson opposes funds to outdoor recreation

In spite of reservations expressed by Esquering Trustee William Lawson, the Halton County Board of Education has agreed to provide \$2,500 so that the outdoor activity program in the schools can be expanded.

Mr. Lawson expressed fears the recommendation would not fill in any gap for a real community need. He felt there are agencies in the county such as girl guides and boy scouts that can fill the need.

### Favor leadership

"We're taking money from education and spending it on recreation," Lawson said. He said he would favor a plan to start a

youth leadership program that would turn out individuals who could relate what they had learned to people in clubs, scouts and girl guides.

He expressed a fear that the board's continual expansion might intrude on the community's challenge to do volunteer work in such groups as scouts and guides.

Superintendent of Program Ken Self said the present equipment on hand was being overtaxed and the board had been able to borrow from the Burlington recreation commission but couldn't expect to continue that policy as the goods were used across the county.

### Wider spectrum

He said the school reached a wider spectrum than the clubs and guides could hope to do because the schools have a captive audience. The outdoors activity program includes camping, fishing and other similar programs and is in operation all year long.

The board also agreed to introduce physical education options in Grade 13 at some schools on a pilot project basis, and provide \$1,000 to cover the cost of equipment for testing and text book material.

## Board briefs

### Boundary changes

At the meeting of Halton County Board of Education Thursday, the board:

—Approved boundary changes in the Georgetown area involving Harrison and George Kennedy Public School.

—Appointed Peter Billingsley as consultant of language arts effective Sept. 1.

—Accepted the auditor's report as presented.

—Approved for payment accounts for the month of April at \$3,549,783.

—Appointed E. D. Swift as an art consultant for a one year period.

—Learned dates for the committee to review priorities and expenditures had been set up. The committee will meet as a whole June 28, August 16, September 25, 26, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, 21, and Dec. 11. Meetings are to be held in the board's central office in Oakville until they moved to Burlington in July and then they will be held in the new office.

## Propose start Guelph dam

Immediate application for provincial approval to start work on two of the five dams proposed by the Grand River Conservation Authority will be made by the Authority. The executive committee authorized the move after reviewing a new grant formula announced recently by Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr.

The new formula provides a 100 per cent provincial contribution for construction costs and a minimum of 50 per cent grant on land acquisition costs. The Grand River Authority hopes to start on the Guelph and Woolwich dams this year.

The \$750,000 contributed this year by member municipalities will be used for land purchases for the Guelph dam, which in 1969 were estimated at \$4.5 million. The Guelph dam will be built on the Speed River outside Guelph.

70 per cent outback. While the Grand River Authority is exciting over the new formula for grants, the Halton Region Authority is upset by the announcement from the Department of Energy and Resources Management that capital budgets would be cut as much as 70 per cent this year. This would mean a cut from \$1,600,000 to \$429,983 in the Halton budget.

The announcement made it appear the Hilton Falls dam project for the area around the escarpment would be without a \$500,000 provincial grant. However, the Department has since qualified earlier statements about cuts by announcing they were open to suggestions if a project was deemed necessary.

The 38 Authorities in the province have requested grants totalling \$19 million but the treasury department has approved only \$9 million of the amount so far.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Worried about pollution

May 20, 1971  
Box 1064  
Acton, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

It is not too often I write a letter to newspapers so my sense of wording might not be in proper order. However I have been reading, hearing and seeing pollution as it slowly creeps upon us. The other day I went for a ride through our country side and the lack of respect shown to private and public property is a disgrace to mankind. I saw beer cartons, garbage, parts of machines etc. on the roadside, in streams etc. I only wish I had a truck with me in order to clean up the mess.

Yet mankind itself is hollering for something to be done, complaining to the government to get busy. We grown ups should realize that we are somewhat like children ourselves. If we're out in a car and I have seen it happen out their window goes, empty bottles, cigaret packages etc., the same thing we would forbid our children to do. How can we expect the children to do right if we don't set our own example?

Yet a lot of people don't realize that mankind itself is responsible for pollution itself. We are putting ourselves in danger by ignoring the pleas from our government to help stamp out pollution. Our government can only do so much but they need our help. We tend to complain about our government way too much. We should realize that they are only a small part of our world who we put in to guide and lead us. And they have constantly reminded us through the medium of radio, T. V., newspaper etc. The rest is up to us.

Here are a few things that one hears in answer to the plea for help.  
1. "Why should I worry over it. I'll be dead and gone before that happens so let others worry over it."  
I say hogwash to that. Yes, we might be

dead and buried by then. But is this a reason to let pollution get out of hand. What of the future generation of our children? Can or will they exist if pollution gets out of hand? This is a fine legacy to leave behind — that their own parents didn't care enough.  
2. "Heck, there's no need for me to get involved, they probably have too much help as it is."

I say what if each and every person thought this way. With each person thinking this, there in fact are only small groups such as schools, clubs etc. actually helping and most of all it's like the old saying "oh, that will never happen to us." And after all it's really not all that bad, or the government would step in.

To this kind of ignorance I say yes, it is that bad and will get worse if we don't stop it now. There's pollution in the air we breathe, our lands and rivers etc. How can we be so stupid not to see it. We can't go on being like an ostrich and hide our head in the sand thinking the danger will pass. We have to face the fact it is there and only we can make amends.

We the people are so selfish and unconcerned, just waiting for others to do our work for us. Why should we care if our future generation survives or not.

Well, I can care about the future of my children, their offspring etc. I would like to think they will see a cleaner world due to the efforts of their forefathers. So think about it when you go to toss away garbage etc. There are proper disposal units along the roadsides, on our street corners etc. They are put there for our use so let's use them before it's too late. Let's stop putting off tomorrow what we should do today and realize the danger we are putting ourselves into.

Let's stamp out pollution now, not 10 years from now. Thank you for reading my letter.

A Worried Mother  
Mrs. Landry.

## Native of Acton deputy minister

An article in the Ontario Traffic Safety bulletin announced the appointment of Acton native A. T. C. McNab as Deputy Minister of the planned new Department of Transportation and Communications.

Previous to his new appointment, Mr. McNab was Deputy Minister of the Dept. of Highways, a position he had held since July 1962, when he was promoted from Assistant Deputy Minister (Administration). Responsibilities of the Highway Department are merged with those of the Transport Department in the new Department of Transportation and Communications.

Started 1933  
Mr. McNab joined the Highway Department's Land Surveys Section in 1933, and was appointed Superintendent of the Engineering Audit Section in 1954. This became a dual position when he also assumed the responsibilities of the Senior Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister in 1958. In 1959 he was appointed Chief of Administration and Assistant to the Deputy Minister.

He is vice-chairman of the Ontario Civil Service Commission and is a member of the recently-formed Ontario Government Supply Board.

When the Public Service Act was amended in April, 1963, to establish the Ontario Joint Council, Mr. McNab was the first appointed senior government

representative for a three-year term of office.

Born in Acton  
Born at Acton, May 2, 1913, Mr.

McNab served overseas in the Second World War as a Lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

In 1967, he was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association. He is also a member of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto, the High Park Curling Club, the Lambton Golf and Country Club and the Ionic Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

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## Choraliers at Legion convention

Before 1500 people at the opening ceremonies of the provincial legion convention, Acton Legion Choraliers sang Sunday afternoon. Ted Hansen led them in Stout-Hearted Men and Battle Eve in the Glen Briar curing club for the opening of the 27th biennial convention of Legion branches.

Bob Angell and Gord James were Acton's delegates to the convention.

Lieutenant-Governor Ross MacDonald was guest speaker. The Choraliers later sang at Waterloo legion hall.

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