

# New teacher contract will cost \$3,500,000

Halton elementary and secondary school teachers were awarded an average 13.5 per cent increase. The Halton Board of Education ratified that agreement at a special meeting Thursday night at the Burlington Golf and Country Club.

The agreement is said to be about the third highest of the approximately 20 contracts settled in Ontario to date.

The agreement will see elementary school teachers' salary grid range from \$5,968 to \$19,250. Very few if any are paid the lowest level. According to a teachers' representative, most elementary teachers begin at

\$8,124 or better. Few at top. Only a handful of the elementary teachers receive the maximum of \$19,250. Those teachers have 14 years experience and top qualifications.

Elementary school principals earn from \$19,500 to \$22,250 and vice-principals receive a minimum of \$16,000 to a maximum of \$19,500.

Co-ordinators at both levels received considerable increases. Their salary range jumps from a low of \$19,500 and high of \$22,000 to a low of \$22,750 and a maximum of \$26,250. The minimum salaries for assistant co-

ordinators jump from \$18,500 to \$21,550 while maximums jump from \$20,000 to \$23,650. High school principals will earn from \$24,500 to \$28,000 while vice-principals will earn \$21,200 to \$23,650.

The agreement was reached after an intensive schedule of meetings at odd hours, according to the chairman of the negotiating committee trustee, Judy Alexander.

Four trustees opposed the settlement and voted against acceptance of the pact. Trustees Tony Goodyear, Bill Lawson, Dick Goodin and Jim

Cleland opposed the settlement. Lawson said he had to think about the segment of the community that was self-employed and could only earn more through increased productivity.

Goodyear said the 13.5 per cent increase was misleading, noting that many received more than that. He noted the cost to the board would be close to \$3,500,000 and would fan the flames of inflation.

Although the maximums noted in the Halton settlement are higher than some others, some of the others have their contracts pegged to the cost of living. That

means the salaries listed in other agreements could rise during the course of the year as the cost of living index rises.

Inflation Committee chairman Alexander said the settlement had been influenced by inflation and other similar settlements. She noted the increase would send the budget over the amount set but would still be within grant ceilings.

Several trustees noted the agreement represented substantial increases but pointed out the Halton Board demanded more of teachers than most boards in the

## Sign refused tire company

Georgetown Tire Sales Ltd. won't get the hanging sign they asked for. The administration committee of Halton Hills voted 2 to 1 to refuse the application.

Councillor Dick Howitt opposed the sign because he said he was opposed to hanging signs. Chairman Roy Booth said he would not be opposed if the sign was advertising the local company, but he claimed it was a sign advertising Michelin Tires. He said the sign contravened the sign bylaw.

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NOSOUND the weekend. Someone removed an intercom speaker from the lifeguard stand beside the pond.

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WHERE AND WHEN? Maurice Beaver, manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank on Mill St., talks with tellers Sharon Henderson, Barbara Edmundson, Jesse Ann Gibson and Brenda Bates, in their centennial setting near the front entrance. They're participating with enthusiasm in Centennial Days.

## Dates wrong

"The deans of merchants" in town, Bert Hinton and Ben Rachlin, were pictured in last week's paper starting off Centennial Days with a gentlemanly flourish. However, the figures involved were wrong.

Bert Hinton has been in business 44 years (not 30 as stated) having started in 1930. He's been all these years in the same spot, formerly Soper's store.

Ben Rachlin has been in business 43 years.

## Lawn party held at Manor

Mrs. D.G. Robertson On Saturday 20 members of the Acton Golden Age Club attended the lawn party at Halton Centennial Manor, in Milton. The local Lions Club very generously provided a bus, enabling many to go, who would not have transportation.

A splendid program was provided and several games added to the festivities. Many had the opportunity of renewing acquaintances with the residents.

This annual party is a very popular event.

## OK sound

Halton Regional Councillors may not have to shout to make themselves heard during meetings after all. Council agreed to have staff negotiate terms with a firm dealing in sound systems.

During their meeting Wednesday, members debated the accuracy of the official minutes for some time and some members chastized the clerk for not properly registering the actions of council.

Some claimed remembering that the earlier motion to obtain a system had been defeated. Others claimed to remember a motion was endorsed on a second vote at the last meeting.



MONDAY NIGHT the Lions' club executive was sworn in. In the back row, from the left; Ray Evelan one year director, Art Gordon two year director, Neil Miller one year director, Corey Van Muchenstein second vice-president, Don Murdy first vice-president, Don Marzo Lion Tamer, Vic Bristow two year director, Don Gordon president, and Jimmy Mitchell, treasurer.

## Let's talk about Horses

By Jennifer Barr Recently, we spent a weekend in Port Colborne on Lake Erie. The occasion was the judging of a horse show (I was the judge, Mac was the ring master) and we managed to combine work with pleasure.

Beautiful grounds attracted a horde of spectators and competitors (over 300 entries). The grass arena was ideal for all concerned, especially the judge. There's nothing worse than standing for six hours in a hot dusty dirt ring.

The first class, a conformation class at halter, terrified me. Judging the appearance of someone's pride and joy is like passing your opinion on a Beautiful baby contest. Into the ring marched 5,396,291 gorgeous identical hunters (or so it seemed to me) and we were

off and running. Fortunately no one appeared unhappy and I didn't get slugged all day. As the day wore on, it became increasingly apparent how important the quality of the jumps is to an English show. The jumps at Port Colborne were beautiful, brand new, freshly painted, but narrow and without wings or side pieces. Nine jumps were set in quite a small area making placing difficult. The first few classes were a shambles of refusals and runouts until the horses became accustomed to the jumps.

It's so important to have attractive, large, well-made jumps to be fair to competitors and encourage them to return.

Our wee trip enabled us to see one of the many foals we have bred and raised. The lady in question is now six and living in the lap of luxury. She has developed into a gorgeous show horse and is the pampered darling of a wealthy man and his daughter. She has her own tastefully decorated stable like a miniature cottage, two Shetland ponies of her own as companions; a floodlit, landscaped exercise paddock; and a whole room full of tack, equipment and clothing just for her.

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**NOTICE**  
**Garbage Collection**

Commencing the week of June 24th, 1974, the Works Department are changing their hours. It is requested that all ratepayers place their refuse on the streets prior to 7:30 A.M.

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