

# Teachers working without contracts

Halton's thousands of public and separate school students are back in class today (Wednesday) and while their teachers are working they don't have new contracts for the 1978-79 school year.

Negotiations between Halton Board of Education and its high school and elementary teachers are continuing as are talks between separate school teachers and the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Contracts for all three groups of teachers expired Thursday and since settlements haven't been reached provincial legislation requires the Ontario Educa-

tion Relations Commission appoint Fact-Finders to assist talks. Fact-Finders review the state of negotiations, both sides positions and makes recommendations.

If negotiations continue to lag after the Fact-Finder's report is reviewed by both sides it can be made public a month after it has been submitted. The possibility of Fact-Finder reports coming out while trustees are running for re-election is possible.

This is the first time Halton elementary and secondary public school teachers have started a new school year without a contract. Settlements were always reached

before school closed for the summer in June. However, working without a contract is nothing new for Halton's separate school teachers. Twice before they have started a school year without a contract and last year didn't reach a settlement for the 1977-78 school year until last spring.

Separate teachers came extremely close to striking last spring. This will be Halton public school teachers and boards first experience with a Fact-Finder as well but separate board and teachers are well acquainted with this aspect of negotiations. In 1974 a Fact-Finder was brought in and not

long after a settlement was reached. However last year talks limped along long after the Fact-Finders report was made public. Halton Board of Education's chief negotiator Trustee Bill Priestner said if the Education Relations Commission follows its previous track records Fact-Finders should be appointed in about two weeks.

## Bulletin—

The separate school teachers have settled

# "Housekeeping" changes made to regional plan

Protesting what they saw as a freeze on agricultural lands Halton Hills residents Peter Branch, Rod Pinkney, Pierre Pilote and Irvine Goddard made one more plea to Regional Planning Committee last week to loosen up farm land protection policies of the Regional Official Plan.

And Milton Councillor Jim Watson told the committee he will have to appeal the plan because the committee didn't change policies to make it impossible for rural settlements to hook into the water supply of a hamlet.

Although a number of changes were made in response to a submission by Mr. Branch, planning committee chairman Pat McLaughlin called these "housekeeping". He indicated the changes did not alter the intent of the plan.

Mr. Branch was pleased that more than half his suggestions had been accepted. Most of the changes were modifications in wording.

Regional councillors took another whack as well and this time Burlington Mayor Mary Munro and Councillor Ben Ciprietti were successful in having the housing densities table removed from the package altogether. At the previous meeting tables dealing with housing, employment and population were moved to an appendix separate from the plan.

Papin said both sides are "pretty close" and while a Fact-Finder may be appointed before there is a settlement negotiations are continuing. He said the possibility of a settlement before the end of the month is possible. Papin revealed wages and the pupil-teacher ratio are the outstanding issues.

Priestner said the board is moving slowly closer to a settlement with both groups of teachers but added "I'm not very encouraged at all". He said he had expected for some time the new school year would begin without settlements being reached. Priestner explained the

# Glad parents happy — 'no choice'

The founder of the Halton Renaissance Committee has responded to the findings of the Halton Board of Education survey indicating that 75 per cent of parents surveyed are moderately satisfied with the public school system, by observing that "probably three-quarters of the parents in China would express their

satisfaction with the education their children were receiving in the monolithic public school system of China too!"

In a letter to Rev. Gary Morton, chairman of the Halton Board, Rev. Ken Campbell congratulated the Board "on the extent to which your responsiveness to the

parental concerns which were communicated to you through Renaissance briefs has resulted in the improvement of the degree to which parents are approving of the quality of education their children are receiving in the Halton public schools. We applaud the Board's efforts to respond

# Dumping restrictions headache

Finding a place to dump old building materials continues to be a problem for area haulers, who are not permitted to dispose of the industrial garbage in the regional dump at Georgetown.

The difficulty continues four months after Halton region banned building materials, tires, and other items in an effort to lengthen the lifespan of the regional landfill sites.

For Ted Tyler, whose Acton transport firm is responsible for hauling wood and other materials from Beaver Lumber Co. and Ontario Pallet in Milton, the restrictions have caused a few headaches.

rectified, following telephone calls from Beaver Lumber Co. to the region.

Mr. Tyler was told by the region a "misunderstanding" had occurred, and that he could dispose of his three loads of wood at the garbage site.

According to region authorities, wood is permitted at the site and the only building material restriction is plaster board, bricks and other similar materials.

No alternative dump sites were listed by the region at the time of the resolution and that means local haulers must find their own dumping spot for the banned materials.

Last week, three Tyler Transport trucks stood idle for two days, while he waited to find some place to dump wood materials he had hauled from Beaver Lumber Co.

The restriction is likely to hit hard the small haulage firms, admitted Hubert Burke, a technical services engineer with the region, who added that larger firms could more readily find alternative spots for dumping.

Mr. Tyler stated he is concerned about the long term effects of the ban, since the region has offered no alternative.

"Garbage is becoming big business and very expensive for some companies," he said. As haulers travel further distances to unload garbage, the price will escalate, with the result that people will be encouraged to dump in the countryside and along the roadway.

"We have spent a lot of time educating people about the effects of polluting our countryside and now this is going to reverse the situation again," Tyler said of the region's rule.

He blamed part of the current problem on the fact that there is only one regional dump to service the three towns of Milton, Acton and Georgetown.

They should not have closed the Acton dump," he continued, adding that a creek seepage problem that led to the closure could have been rectified and the dump kept open.

OPP asked to investigate

The Ontario Provincial Police have been asked to investigate allegations that Halton police commission chairman William Hourigan interfered with charges laid in a case by Halton Regional Police recently. The request came from the Attorney General's office.

The investigation was called because of allegations of conflict of interest involving Mr. Hourigan, a Burlington lawyer.

# Eyes and ears for police

The general headquarters of Halton's Regional Police is getting more eyes and ears to watch the doors.

Halton Regional Police Commission gave conditional approval Thursday to the purchase of \$1,134 worth of close circuit TV and intercom equipment from AIDT Security Systems.

The equipment will be set up to watch the front and rear doors of the headquarters building at Oakville.

The purchase is conditional, pending ratification by the commission when it has enough members for a quorum. Georgetown's Glenn Magnuson was present as was Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett. The commission waited for longer than an hour for chairman William Hourigan, of Burlington, to arrive. He had not arrived when the commission went behind closed doors at about 4 p.m. Commission meetings start at 2 p.m.

All the commission's decisions of the day were made pending ratification. The other Burlington member of the commission, David Coons, is on vacation.

# Rev. Gillen dies Sunday



A former priest at St. Joseph's church, the Rev. Joseph Gillen died Sunday in Peel Memorial Hospital. Father Gillen retired when he left St. Joseph's in 1971 and lived in Brampton.

The funeral Mass will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Father Leo Speagle and some of Father Gillen's former parishioners here expect to attend. The burial will be in Hamilton.

Rev. Gillen

# Busing costs

It will cost Halton Board of Education just a little less than \$1 a day to bus North Halton students to and from public elementary schools this year. Busing to high schools will cost more than \$1 per student.

A report released Thursday shows the board will spend \$2,421.10 a day transporting 2,423 pupils by bus. The 72 bus routes will cover 1,980 miles a day.

The most busing takes place in Esquesing where 1,256 pupils will be transported to over eight schools at a cost of \$1,235.00 a day.

Four bus routes will take students to Glen Williams School at a daily cost of \$125.25. The Glen buses will travel 131 miles and carry 117 pupils.

An identical number of buses will take more students to Limehouse School but for the same daily cost as for Glen Williams. Limehouse buses will carry 146 pupils and cover 134 miles each day.

Heaviest busing is to Pineview School. Ten buses will travel 290 miles to take 380 children to the school at a daily cost of \$297.20.

Five buses will carry 161 pupils to and from Speyside School daily at a cost of

\$160.40. Speyside buses will travel 139 miles a day. There is heavy busing to the senior public school in Stewarttown also. Nine buses will travel 266 miles a day at a daily cost of \$321.25. Stewarttown has 235 students.

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**THIS IS INACCURATE!**

The Board's position is to maintain the current pupil-teacher ratio of 23.5:1

W. J. Priestner, Chairman Salary Committee Halton Board of Education

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**REQUIREMENTS**

- Single Girls 16 Years of Age and Over
- Wear Street Length Dress & Formal Evening Dress For Judging - Contestants to be at Presbyterian Church for judging at 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15th, in daytime street length dresses and to bring a long formal evening dress for formal dress judging.
- Must live in the area serviced by Acton and Rockwood Post Offices and/or attend Acton District High School.

—Entries accepted by members of the Miss Acton Fair Committee—

MISS ACTON FALL FAIR COMMITTEE 1978

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