

ONE HIGH SCHOOL PROBLEM SOLVES ANOTHER

Why not take surplus thundermugs — and run shuttle service for students along Delrex Blvd? — Peter Blakesley Mail Bag letter, October 7.

Ramautarsingh Tells Teachers The Profession Not Secured

"The teaching profession is no longer a secured profession," Tom Ramautarsingh, president of the Halton District 9 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, told about 90 new Halton County teachers last Tuesday.

About 60 new teachers were absent.

"We are facing times that we never thought of for one moment."

The government has placed ceilings on education which are affecting us, the enrolment in many schools has plunged downwards, there is an over-supply of teachers, the intention of government is to make teachers civil servants and the pupil-teacher ratio is still at 18.5 — and this includes non-classroom personnel such as principals, vice-principals, guidance teachers and librarians," he said.

"The handwriting is on the wall; to my mind we need the federation more than ever," he said.

"We must further our

professional growth and the growth of the students under our care."

ORIENTATION

Ramautarsingh spoke at an OSSTF orientation of new teachers in the General Wolfe High School cafeteria.

Throughout the evening federation officials entreated teachers to work through the OSSTF to further the profession.

"Teaching is a gray profession," said OSSTF General Secretary Dr. Donald Felker. "After the public has fully acknowledged the place of the teacher of being of signal importance in the community, the public forgets him."

He said a recent study of public attitudes regarding teachers showed the teacher fell below the traditional doctor-lawyer category and above librarian and chiropractor status.

NO CONTROL

"We are not self-governing," he said. "We have no professional control over entrance to our profession."

But he said the trend today is to give the teacher more autonomy in the classroom. "Now the teacher is a professional who is assuming the responsibility and accountability for the relationship in the classroom."

He emphasized teachers must strive to improve their profession's image outside the classroom.

AVOID "CYNICISM"

District 9 Past President Paul Martinovic told the new teachers to avoid "cynicism." He said it is an attitude that can be contagious to students.

County Assistant School Board Director E.S. Lavender told teachers, "You have come at the end of a decade of expansion of resources and of people."

"Ten years ago this kind of school for this kind of student didn't exist in Halton County. We are educating more and more children of more and more people for longer and longer," he said.

"MORALE CRISIS"

He said there is sometimes a "crisis of morale" when teachers begin to realize needed changes take a long time and require unavailable resources. He cautioned against succumbing to demoralization.

General Wolfe students prepared and served the banquet which consisted of roast beef, carrots and whipped potatoes

opped off with "school-made" cream horns.

Many of the students, all of whom are studying food service and preparation at the school, had worked all day preparing the banquet.

They were rewarded with a long, standing ovation from well-stuffed teachers.



TOM RAMAUTARSINGH

Dance Proceeds Will Aid Tinkerbell Nursery

Donations of \$200 from the Young People's Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton and \$347 from the Milton Legion branch were acknowledged at a meeting of North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded at Hornby ARC Workshop October 4.

The Legion cheque, proceeds of a dance, will be used to defray some of the expenses incurred in setting up the Tinkerbell preschool nursery. Mrs. Kulken, who heads this, reported five children attending. Two helpers and several volunteers are assisting, and the organization hopes to have more Milton volunteers to help in operating the nursery.

William Treahy, adult services chairman, expressed pleasure at the success of a September open house, when over 300 attended. Mrs. Isham, membership chairman, noted that trainees are making Christmas cards which will be on sale for the public.

A total membership in the association of 67 was reported by Mrs. L. Langedyk.

Executive meetings are open to the public, and an invitation was extended to anyone interested to attend the next meeting, the first Monday in November.

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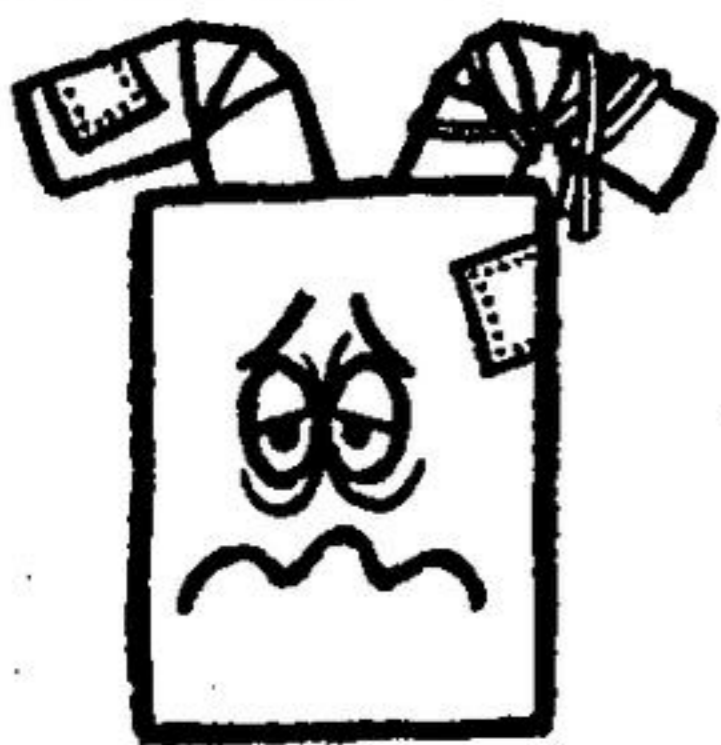
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NORTH HALTON REPORT

The week of October 3 - 9, saw officers of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at North Halton Detachment work a total of 1,653 1/2 hours and patrol 10,157 miles on area roads. There were 57 drivers charged for traffic violations and an additional 38

drivers received warnings. Fifty-seven persons were convicted in proceedings held in Provincial Court in Milton.

Officers were involved in the investigation of forty-six general occurrences. This number included 3 thefts, 5 occurrences of

break and entry, 4 trespassing complaints, 1 missing person complaint, 1 domestic investigation, 1 premise found insecure by men on patrol, 2 vehicles reported stolen and later recovered and 1 person was charged as a result of 1 investigation under the Liquor Control Act.

EIGHT HURT

Twenty-seven vehicles sustained \$14,785.00 damage as a result of 15 collisions. Eight people were injured in 6 of these collisions while the 9 remaining collisions resulted in property damage only. Ten drivers have been summoned to appear in Court as a result of being involved in these collisions and more charges are pending

following the apprehension of 2 hit and run drivers. Causes of these collisions have been attributed to: inattentive driving, failing to yield, improper passing and stopping on the roadway.

During the week Prov. Const. J.H.L. Redpath Detachment Accident Prevention Officer visited Norval Public School, Robert Little Public School Acton and Sunshine School speaking to 536 students about safety.

WORSE THAN WAR

World war II started 32 years ago. The worst air raid on land by the full force of the German Luftwaffe — at that time the greatest military striking force ever created — killed about 1400 people. North American drivers kill 1400 people very 8 or 9 days.

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