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"Satisfied and Relieved"

Supply Teachers Win Fight To Maintain Salary Rates

Supply teachers in Halton County won the battle to maintain their pay rates at the Halton County Board of Education meeting last Thursday night, but they may yet lose the war.

However the next battle, if there is one, probably won't come until next year, and about 50 supply teachers who packed the galleries for the discussion went home happy.

"At the moment I'm satisfied and greatly relieved," said Mrs. Margaret Cox, head of the 125-member Halton County elementary Substitute Teachers' Association.

"Not only did the board's decision retain the former rates of \$27.50 per day for elementary and \$35.50 for secondary teachers, but it also approved an amendment by Burlington trustee Fred Armitage raising elementary teachers with a university degree to the same rate as their secondary school colleagues.

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Mrs. Cox estimated the change

would affect about 25 or 30 of the approximately 150 elementary teachers.

But trustees also approved four recommendations from director of education Jim Singleton, one of which was that the supply teachers' per diem rate be freed from the traditional one-two hundredth of the basic annual salary. With 200 days in the school year, supply rates had until recently been calculated by dividing the basic full-time salary by 200.

Mrs. Cox said the teacher group will not accept a situation in which they fall behind the former relationship to the regular teachers' pay.

"If the minimum salary goes up we expect our salaries to go up too," she said. "We'll have to negotiate every year."

But Singleton explained after

Erin Advocate Sold to Former Brampton Editor

The sale of the Erin Advocate, founded in 1880, is announced by Charles W. Hull, third generation of the Hull family to publish the Ontario weekly newspaper. The purchaser is W. E. (Bill) Doole of Terra Cotta, long-time publisher of the weekly Brampton Conservator and its successor, the Brampton Daily Times. The Advocate change of ownership is effective July 1.

Mr. Hull, associated with the Advocate since his "printer's devil" days in 1942, will devote his full time to other business interests. During the years,

Charlie has turned his hand to every phase of the newspaper's operation, and is equally at home in front office or back shop. In news, advertising and accounting, his "Girl Friday" has been his wife, Freda.

Doole retired two years ago from the Thomson organization, which operated the Brampton newspaper, formerly a Charters publication, and has since been with the faculty of Journalism at the Oakville campus of Sheridan community college. There he organized and was supervising editor of the Sheridan Sun, the college's weekly newspaper.

"I just couldn't stay away from the weekly newspaper business — my first love," Bill said, "and I'm particularly fond of this part of Ontario. I hope to devote some spare time to conservation efforts and will continue as co-chairman of the Terra Cotta and District Preservation Committee."

During Bill's editorship the Brampton Conservator captured the Mason Trophy, emblematic of the best all-round weekly in the largest circulation group, and numerous other provincial and national newspaper awards. One year he won the Thomson Newspapers Award for his editorial on freedom of the press.

He began his career as a \$6-a-week copy boy on the Toronto Star, and has worked in various editorial capacities on the Star daily and weekly, the Vancouver Sun, and on Canadian Printer and Publisher.

The Advocate was founded by Sylvester Diltz on December 17, 1880. Successive owners were Harry Dewar, J. G. Mitchell and Malcolm Clark. The latter ran into financial difficulties and for a year Erin was without a newspaper.

In December 1894 Charlie's grandfather, Wellington, set up a new plant and revived the Advocate. Wellington Hull was one of the most active and versatile pioneer businessmen in the community. He served as magistrate, justice of the peace and insurance agent, built the village dam which still bears his name, and was identified with the construction of several homes and buildings. He owned a farm or two, and a butcher shop. But a newspaperman he was not, so he hired John Houston as editor-printer. Houston managed the Advocate until 1908 when he moved to Mio, Mich. James Gale



succeeded him and remained on the job until November, 1919.

Meanwhile, in April, 1907, Roy W. Hull, Charlie's father, commenced his career as a printer, and in March, 1920, took over the Advocate's ownership from his father. Roy, who still lives in Erin, retired as publisher on November 1, 1957, at which time son Charles succeeded him.

Corey Herrington, a member of the Advocate staff since 1965, is purchasing the commercial printing part of the Advocate's business and will be producing the weekly issue for the new publisher.

Mr. Herrington, who started his trade in Georgetown with the Herald, was with the Peel Gazette and Charters Publishing Co. in Brampton before going to Erin.

Since his father's death, he has continued to produce a national periodical, Feather Fancier, which the late Corey Herrington, Sr. founded. It serves breeders of fancy poultry, pigeons and other specialty lines.

Also on staff is George Ware, previously with the Acton Free Press, a printer and sports writer.

In 1966, the Advocate won an Ontario Weekly Newspapers award for the weekly showing the most improvement of the year.

The newspaper is presently produced in a well-equipped letterpress plant on Erin's Main Street. Plans are in the making to convert to the increasingly popular offset method of reproduction.

Mr. and Mrs. Doole, who have five children, three of them married, plan on moving from Terra Cotta to Erin at a later date.

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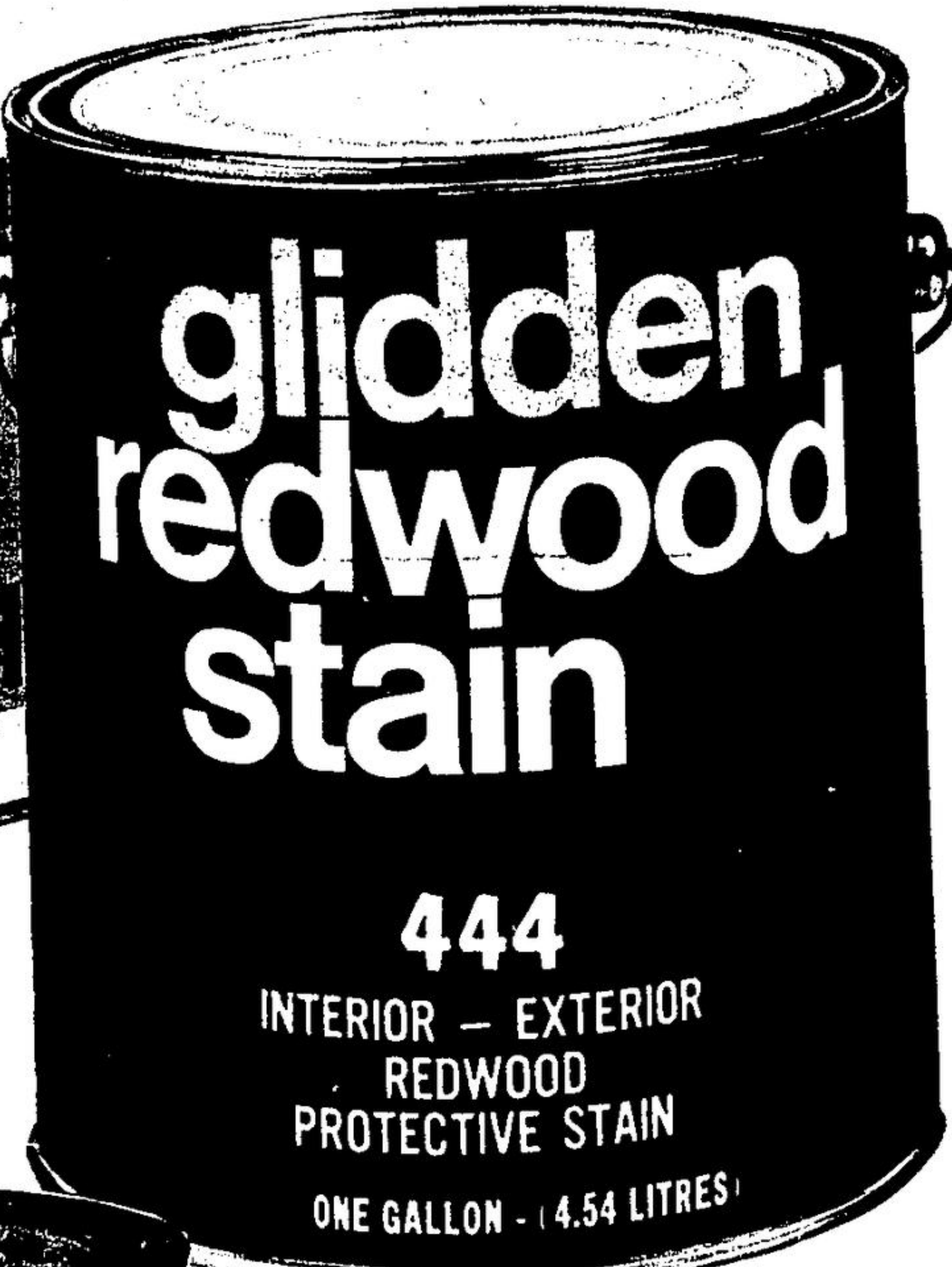
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Georgetown Red Cross Gets \$700 County Grant

Georgetown Red Cross will get a \$700 county grant for its homemakers' program in northern Halton. The Halton council administration committee approved the grant after the community services committee forwarded the grant request for a second look.

During budget deliberations in March, councillors approved a grant for the Red Cross because the organization had told them the 1971 grant of \$4,000 was a one-of-a-kind request.

NEED SUBSIDY
Red Cross spokesmen said the homemakers' program would have to fold without a subsidy. The \$700 grant is calculated on last year's grant.

The Red Cross program provides homemakers' services, where a parent has fallen ill or died suddenly. It is also used where people living alone leave hospital and need assistance to settle back into their homes.

SERVES NORTH
The Red Cross charges \$15 a day to those who can afford it and subsidizes others. Where the recipient of homemaker service is eligible for welfare, the county social and family services department pays the fees.

Last year when the Red Cross approached the county for a starter grant to establish the program in Georgetown the county persuaded the group to serve all of North Halton.

Three Seek To Defeat Ramautarsingh

Three challengers will compete against Georgetown high school teacher Tom Ramautarsingh Wednesday for the presidency of the Halton district of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Mrs. Kim Theford of Oakville's Thomas A. Blakelock school together with fellow Oakville teachers Dan McLean of White Oaks and Tom Patience of General Wolfe all are seeking to replace Ramautarsingh.

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