

Trustees sign new contract with teachers—but don't like it

Neither of Halton Hills' two trustees on the Halton Board of Education like the new agreement the board has signed with its 2,290 secondary and elementary school teachers but they both conceded that they had little choice but to sign it.

The new one year agreement gives the teachers a 7.3 percent overall increase which, when combined with increments, gives elementary teachers a total of 10.1 percent increase in wages and secondary school teachers a 10.6 percent increase.

The negotiators for both the board and the teachers federations involved—the Federation of Women Teachers' Association, the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation—have taken the stand that the actual wage increases—7.3 percent fall well within Anti-Inflation Board guidelines.

The agreement, unanimously supported by the teachers negotiating committee, was to have been presented to the secondary school teachers yesterday and to the elementary teachers Monday. Ratification was expected.

"We were shafted," bluntly commented Halton Hills Ward One and Two trustee Tom Watson. To retain control over management rights in the collective agreement with the

teachers—the first collective agreement negotiated under the terms of Bill 100—Lawson said the board was forced to sign the contract.

"There wasn't a thing we could do about the contract," he complained during a break in Thursday's meeting. Although he voted in favour of the terms of the agreement Watson said he had little choice.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar, representative of Wards 3 and 4, was equally unenthusiastic about the new contract. He commented that to force the issue over a one and one-half percent difference between the demands of the teacher and the position of the board would likely have led to a strike which, he added, "would prove little."

The terms of the new contract increase the starting salary for a new elementary school teacher from \$7,707 to \$8,261. Top salary of an elementary teacher has been raised from \$23,500 to \$25,350.

Starting wages for a new secondary school teacher in Halton has jumped from \$11,005 to \$11,850. Top salary range for secondary school teachers will now be \$25,350.

New items contained in the agreements are articles dealing with management rights, branch affiliate levy, federation officers leave and strike by other board employees.



THE ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST held in conjunction with Pioneer Days last week slurred his way to a runners-up position in the on Georgetown's Main Street, saw some very competitive gobbling of three-scoop banana splits. Halton Police Safety Officer Keith Woods ate his way to second place in the

Ice cream king

Nothing personal, but I would hate to sit across the dining room table from Chris Milne. Having seen his attack on a three-scoop banana split on a face-to-face basis, I can only cringe at the thought of what he would do with roast beef, peas and potatoes.

Chris is the grand champion ice cream eater in the first ever Old Time Ice Cream Eating Contest sponsored by Kentners Dairy Bar, Steen's Dairy and the Halton Hills Herald. He earned the title by slurping down his banana split in 22 seconds in the invitational portion of the contest. Equal to the time of Sam Holmes, the men's 18 years and over champion, Chris then had to gobble down an ice cream cone in 14 seconds just to make sure everyone knew he was the ice cream king.

Chris represented the downtown merchants in the invitational ice cream eating

contest, competing against a field that included Halton Police Safety Officer Keith Woods (the finished second) town councillor Ric Morrow (third, thanks to some assistance from his daughter), CHIC Radio representative Cindy MacDonald (fourth), Credit Valley Conservation Authority rep (reluctantly) Janet Coleman (fifth) and the Herald's fine representative myself (burp, sixth).

The other category winners were: 10 years and under, Carolyn Corbett, 2:39; girls 10 to 18, Roberta Burke, 1:09; women over 18, Kay D'Entremont, 2 minutes; boys under 10, Andreas Thunich, 1:30; boys 10 to 18, Jeff Richardson, 42 seconds; men over 18, Sam Holmes, 32 seconds.

Now that our first ice cream eating contest is over, a few thank-yous are due. First to Dave Kentner, the mastermind behind the whole project

as well as to Fred Steen of Steens Dairy in Erin, the supplier of all that good ice cream.

Also thanks to Russell Hunt of the North Halton Association for the Mental Retarded the recipients of the proceeds from the event, and to Ralph Fletcher, president of the Downtown Businessmen's Association.

There were plenty of prize donors including: Ken Milne, of Young's Pharmacy, Pete Pomeroy, of North Halton Sports, Gord Fendley of Fendley Florists, Jim Langedyke of Langcraft John Edgar of Canada Trust, and Mike Parr of Farris Hardware. Last but not least, a big thanks to all the judges and helpers who donated their time including Bill Henson, Bill Proulx, Donna Henahan, Lori Gregory, Laura Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Evans, Jane Peterson, and Sheri Everett.

If not site A or F what then?

Three hour debate on garbage dump site

If Halton Region council does not endorse site F in the Tremaine-Britannia Roads area for the site of the new regional landfill site the region's works committee is threatening to ask the province to turn over the responsibility of garbage disposal to each municipality in Halton.

Chairman of the region's works committee, Jack Rafitis, issued the warning at the peak of a heated three hours of hot debate and light comedy. At stake was whether or not any further work was to proceed on site F.

Over 45 area residents from the Tremaine-Britannia area were on hand for the afternoon's discussion on a proposal from the works committee that investigative drilling take place on the 400 acres in the Britannia-Tremaine area designated by M.M. Dillon Ltd. as a prime location for the garbage dump.

By a slim 12-11 vote regional councillors voted that proposal down.

While they've won a temporary reprieve the Tremaine-Britannia residents could not gain what they really wanted: final assurance from council that their area would not be used as the disposal area for the

region's garbage.

Frequently during the three hours of discussion the suggestion that council once and for all decide whether or not they would put the dump on site F was made but just as frequently it was avoided.

Council, instead, favoured awaiting the results of investigations that are going on at site A—the Burlington garbage dump—as to whether or not that site can be developed to be used to handle all Halton's garbage when the few remaining dumps closed over the next 17 months.

Rafitis warned council that the likelihood that site A could be used was slim, because of both geological and financial reasons.

"If A becomes deficient," said Rafitis, "and F is eliminated, we will have no alternatives. What will you do then?"

He also told council that the works committee will no longer attempt to make decisions on the future dump site; that will become regional council's decision to make, he said. All future information that will be coming from the region's consultants will be made directly to regional council which will then have to decide which actions to make.

Reports from M.M. Dillon were strongly attacked by Burlington councillor Mary Munroe and Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett. Calling it a "circus investigation" Councillor Munroe criticized the report for the many questions that it still has not answered. She claimed that the thousands of dollars spent on the report were wasted.

Mayor Barrett bluntly criticized the way the choice of site F is being "shoved down our throats."

"I don't know who's behind it and I don't know what's behind it, but I'm getting a little fed up with it." He asked the works committee to make sure that they were receiving a subjective report.

Milton councillors of course, led the opposition to site F and offered the strongest support for site A. Commented Councillor Marjorie Powys, "If this mountain of garbage is put up it will be a monument to this regional council's folly."

Milton Councillor Jim Watson told the council that this was an opportunity for it

take a big step forward in the growing problem of garbage disposal by looking beyond just burying garbage to finding alternative methods of waste disposal plus cutting down on refuse at its source.

On the vote about immediate drilling on site F Halton Hills councillors made a surprising split with Councillor Pat McKenzie and Mayor Tom Hill voting in favour and Councillors Ernie Sykes and Ric Morrow voting against it.

The surprising aspect was that Councillor Sykes, a member of the works committee, voted against the committee's recommendation. He told council that it would be "completely wrong" to take any prime agricultural land out of production.

"We must try to accommodate the problem using the capacity we have now until technology catches up with us and we have a feasible system of disposing of our garbage."

In the 12-11 vote his single vote proved to be a key one. Councillor Dick Howitt the second Halton Hills representative on the works committee, was not at the meeting.

Love on the Bruce Trail

The Bruce Trail has been a haven for hikers for almost ten years now. It has also been the subject of numerous studies, talks and films. But on Dominion Day, July 1 the trail will be the setting for a wedding ceremony.

When Katie Hayhurst and Dennis Kuch walk down the aisle it will be along the Bruce Trail near Georgetown. Katie and Dennis are members of the Bruce Trail Association, so for them the most natural setting for their ceremony was the outdoors. And what better place than along the Bruce Trail.

It was their love of the outdoors that led to their first meeting up in Algonquin Park. Katie and Dennis crossed trails on a Sierra Club outing in that park, and they have been taking together since.

Near the site of the wedding ceremony there's a rocky promontory unofficially dubbed "Lovers Leap" which may have to be renamed after July 1.

Neither Katie nor Dennis will reveal where they're going on their honeymoon, but they assure us it will not be on the Bruce Trail.

Public health nurses get nowhere on talks

In the midst of last week's lockout, Halton Board of Health members negotiated with local health nurses for the first time since January. No settlement.

"Nothing happened," said Loveday Tuck, chairman for the Local Number One (Georgetown) bargaining committee.

Although no consensus was reached after five and a half hours of discussion at the Holiday Inn, Burlington, last Tuesday board personnel administrator Dennis Camm felt that the meeting was "worthwhile."

"We re-established a relationship," he explained, "and constructively examined and considered our differences and compromised our respective positions."

"Bringing the bargaining into the newspaper is liable to jeopardize our accomplishments," he added.

Besides Camm, the Board of Health was represented by Dr. Chamberlain, Ernest Reed and David Coons. Mayor Tom Hill was unable to attend.

Present were nurses Loveday Tuck, Betty Mercer, Pat Harrison and ONA rep Kathy Moore.

These bargaining teams will meet again within 10 days estimated Camm, to negotiate on the issues of compulsory arbitration and budget increases.

Monday saw the public health unit nurses back to work, still without a contract.



SCHOOL'S OUT and to mark the occasion these youngsters shaped a school book and a gun out of grass. From left to right are Eddy Stanley of Joseph Gibbons School, who celebrates his eighth birthday today

(Tuesday), Danny King, 8, of Holy Cross; Kenny Stanley, 10, of Joseph Gibbons; Kurt Sequens, 12, of Joseph Gibbons and Carol King, 11, of Holy Cross.

Local police have best solve rate in Halton

Halton Regional headquarters in Georgetown and serving Halton Hills and urban Milton have a higher solve rate for crimes committed than the regional average for May.

According to figures released last week by the Halton Police Commission and by Floyd Schwantz, Superintendent in command of District One headquarters, the region's solve rate is 47.84 percent and the town's solve rate is 55 percent.

Included in the region's crime statistics are thefts, which Georgetown's Glenn Magnuson, chairman of the police commission, told his fellow commissioners had him "concerned."

"I'm particularly concerned with the great number of thefts under \$200," Magnuson said, adding that thefts accounted

for "over 35 percent" of cases for May.

There were 1,551 actual cases investigated by regional police in May of which 418 were for theft under \$200. Other theft related cases including robbery, theft over \$200, shoplifting, having stolen goods, break and enter and car stealing bring the total theft related incidents to 761.

Magnuson called upon Chief Ken Skerrett to report on crime in the first six months of this year as compared to the similar period in 1975.

Superintendent Floyd Schwantz of District One headquarters, in releasing the figures for Halton Hills and urban Milton, also commented on some of the highlights of the May crime statistics.

He said there were 98 actual cases related to theft but not including break and

enter. The solve rate for these crimes was 27 percent, which though not as high as the average total solve rate, "is still a good solve rate nationally," Superintendent Schwantz said.

If property owners marked their valuable goods so that they could later be identified, a higher solve rate for theft could be achieved, the superintendent added.

However, a lot of cases of theft involved juveniles who have no records, no fingerprints on file and whose crime activities leave few clues to go on, the superintendent said.

Another way crime can be fought, Schwantz noted, is by locking the door behind you when you leave. During May, police discovered on an average, two unlocked business or commercial enterprises each night of the month. There were 11 businesses

broken into, three residences and four institutions in May.

A truck, motorcycle and four automobiles were stolen, Schwantz noted.

"Take those keys out of the car and lock it," he said.

There were 31 bicycles stolen, 43 cases of theft under \$200, 10 fraudulent cheques and one fraudulent credit card during the month in theft crimes.

In drug related offences during May, 11 cases were reported and seven persons were charged for a clearance rate of 82 percent, Schwantz said.

The high solve rate for liquor offences, 90 percent, is because the police find the persons committing the offence, rather than having the public report and cause such offences to be investigated. In the month there were 40

offences found and 33 charges laid, Schwantz said.

He noted that 21 persons, mostly juveniles, were reported missing in May, and that that this was a consistent pattern. After a winter spent indoors with parents, "springtime causes a wanderlust in our youth," Schwantz said. The youths are "like young colts kicking."

Details of the missing persons are filed with CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) in Ottawa, Schwantz said.

Another complaint which surfaces in the spring, the superintendent said, concerns animals. He noted that in May there were 27 complaints about animals, only four of which were for livestock on the road. The majority of the balance were for dogs barking, after being released from winter spent indoors, he

said. After awhile, the complaints "taper off. People seem to get used to it," he said.

Willful damage to private and public property accounted for 59 cases.

Three charges were laid against offensive weapons, one of which was a firearm, Schwantz noted.

A total of 60 motor vehicle accidents in May resulted in one fatality, 24 personal injuries and 35 others injured as well as one bicyclist. Damages in 55 of the collisions were more than \$200.

There were 14 cases of hit and run on the roads in District One, Schwantz noted.

Police charged 31 with driving while impaired in May.

Police investigated a total of 1,416 incidents in May of which 1,340 were unfounded. Superintendent Schwantz said.