

Critical of teacher's salaries

'Increases are demoralizing'

To the editor of The Herald:

In these tough economic times it is indeed gratifying to see that our elected officials at the Halton Board of Education have seen fit to give the teachers a 9 per cent increase in salary plus increased benefits that will raise the education taxes paid by the Halton taxpayers by 13.6 per cent.

Perhaps board members salaries are somehow tied to teachers' awards?

When many of us in private industry have been asked to get by without any increase in salary (and others have had to take salary cuts and yet others have lost their jobs to lay-offs), is it wise for local government to spend money not yet collected on the under-privileged teachers?

Salary increases for increased productivity can be justified. However, I am not aware that the education system is providing either a better level

of education or educating more students than it has in the past. In fact, I believe the opposite to be true.

Salary increases given to some while others are doing their best to make ends meet on last year's salary levels or less have a very demoralizing effect. As it is the "why should I bust my gut to get something done" or "who cares" attitudes are far to prevalent in business today.

If elected officials are not in tune with the problems of those who elected them and continue to act irresponsibly it will not be long before the standard of living in this once great country goes right on down the toilet.

Any teacher who accepts this award will lose the respect of many members of the community who are willing to help try to fight the inflationary spiral. Teachers should give long hard thought to the example they will be setting both for their students and for other com-

munity members.

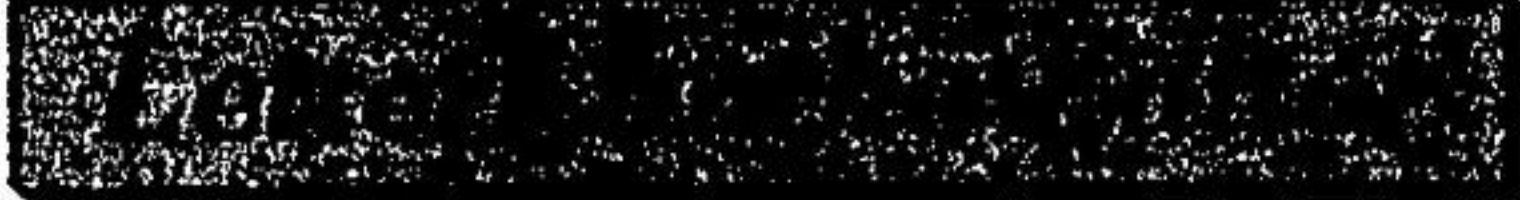
I, personally, am not going to set idly by and let this happen. It is time to draw the line now! I am going to do my bit to help local government fight

inflation by calculating my 1983 taxes from those of 1982 based on the increase in my salary for 1983.

I should like to take this opportunity to urge other

taxpayers with similar views to "send a message to City Hall" by taking this same action.

Yours sincerely,
Richard M. Berrie
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Burlington



A hearty thank you to our former editor

To the editor of The Herald:

Kindly permit me to say a "hearty thank you" to Paul Dorsey for the excellent and very high standard of work he has displayed over the past four years.

I have known Paul for his sincere and diligent efforts since his high school days at Georgetown High School. I have watched his growth, development and response to the needs of all citizens in Halton Hills.

His quiet and unassuming manner were a tower of strength. How can one forget the support he gave to the unparalleled and unprecedented but

most successful "I Love Georgetown" program.

I was happy to see that The Herald received an honorable mention for the Sept. 22, 1982 editorial written by Paul Dorsey.

I was very surprised to see Paul leave The Herald as its editor. He was doing an excellent job. Many citizens will miss him.

Paul, I know many citizens have appreciated your efforts and we want to express our sincere thanks and to wish you great success in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Ramautarainh, M.A. M.Ed.

School reunion

To the editor of The Herald:

South Grenville District High School in Prescott will be holding its 25th anniversary on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 1-3, and we would like to extend to residents

of this area who are former students or staff, an invitation to come back to SGDHS and spend the holiday weekend with their high school friends.

Beth Morris
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Prescott, Ont.

Hunter's education program

If you'd like to get a head start toward earning your hunter's licence, book now for a four-part hunter education program, March 7, 9, 11 and 13, at Cold Creek Conservation Area, near Bolton.

Lou Romhanyi will conduct the hunter safety course, where hunters will learn about proper gun handling, maintenance, new developments in firearms, gun regulations, sportsmanship and ballistics, through lectures and practical demonstrations.

Attendance at all four sessions makes hunters eligible to take the Ministry of Natural Resources

licence examination. Novice hunters must pass this Government examination before they can obtain their first licence.

Pre-registration is essential for the program, which runs from 7 to 10:30 p.m. weekday evenings and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. To reserve your space, phone 661-8600, extension 285. The course fee of \$30 must be paid in advance to the Metro Region Conservation Authority.

Located midway between Bolton and Nobleton, Cold Creek Conservation Area is 3 km north of the King Sideroad, on Concession Road 11.



HONORS NIGHT

It was a gala party and honors night for the Kinsmen service club of Georgetown. They were celebrating the club's 25th anniversary serving the community. Many people from the town were on hand to present their congratulations. Here, Councillor Finn Poulstrup presents a certificate of recognition on behalf of the town of Halton Hills to Kinsmen Brian Markham.

NHAMR requests canvassing support

The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded (NHAMR) is hoping the support they received from various service clubs throughout the year will continue during their annual fundraising drive in May.

During the week of May 15-21 NHAMR canvassers will be out in full force, hoping the strong support of the community will continue.

Mrs. Linda Parker, co-ordinator for the Georgetown area canvass, says that several service clubs, such as the Georgetown Kiwanis club and the Newfoundland club have made large donations.

There are a number of ways Mrs. Parker hopes that service clubs can help their fund-raising efforts.

Clubs could help with the number of canvassers and captains required, Mrs. Parker says. About 500 volunteers are needed to cover urban Georgetown and Acton, as well as Limehouse, Glen Williams and Hornby.

HOME VISITS
Each volunteer visits 15 to 20 households where they distribute flyers describing the association's work. A volunteer then invites householders to support the work by making a tax deductible donation.

Another way a service club could help the NHAMR would be to make a special donation to the association's activities or projects, Mrs. Parker says.

The NHAMR is willing to come and speak to club members in an effort to better explain mental retardation, she says. The invitation is an open one and the association will be glad to have a representative speak with a service club anytime during the year, Mrs. Parker says.

Mrs. Julie Conroy has been involved with the annual canvass for many years and this year she will be heading the campaign in Acton.

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