

Teacher salaries rise 4.3%

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

For the first time in the history of the Halton Board of Education, secondary school teachers and the Board reached a two-year agreement without the help of a mediator. The contract, ratified Oct. 23, calls for a 4.3 per cent increase in pay for both the 1986-87 and the 1987-88 school year.

were the major concerns of teachers, said Keith Rupka, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 9 - Halton. Teachers wanted a lower pupil teacher ratio (P.T.R.). By September 1988, the Halton P.T.R. will be close to the Ontario standard, Mr. Rupka said. Retroactive Sept. 1, 1986 teachers will be making an average of about \$41,500 annually, Mr. Rupka said.

The average vice-principal will be making \$55,000 to \$58,000, and the average principal will be making \$60,000 to \$65,000 for the 1986-87 year. There are 1,186 on the teaching staff of the Halton Board of Education.

1987-88, if necessary, to bring the P.T.R. to 15.67. That is close to the provincial standard. Mr. Rupka said. All of a teacher's O.H.I.P. will be paid by the Board as of Nov. 1, 1986. Before, 80 per cent of their O.H.I.P. was paid by the Board. Payments to teachers' dental plans increases from 95 to 100 per cent effective Sept. 1, 1987.

Librarian, recreation director fight to maintain lottery handout criteria

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

Volunteer organizations have been asked to protest Bill 38, which, if passed by the Ontario government, would decrease funding for culture and recreation.



Town Council, the Halton Hills Library Board and the Recreation and Parks Department are opposing the bill. Bill 38, if passed, would take lottery dollars away from culture and recreation projects and put them into the general tax fund. The money would be used for priorities in the health care sector, said Betsy Cornwell, chief librarian. There are six lotteries played in Ontario. Funds from four of the lotteries are used for the government's priority projects, such as health care. Funds from the other two lotteries, Lottario and Wintario, are designated for culture and recreation.

With money from lotteries the Halton Hills Public Libraries has purchased furniture, Canadian films, equipment and more, Ms. Cornwell said. The funds have helped

finance arenas, the boat house in Acton, ball diamonds, the cultural centre and much more, said Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks.

Mr. Shepard is the Halton-Burlington riding representative for the Parks and Recreation Federation of Ontario. He is spreading the word to volunteer organizations to protest Bill 38, he said. Betsy Cornwell is secretary for the Association of Library Boards of Ontario. That organization is also trying to create resistance to the bill, Ms. Cornwell said.

Their objective is to create enough resistance to prevent the bill getting to second reading. Ms. Cornwell would like to see the bill go to committee to seek public input. "The government may let Bill 38 die if they get enough flack from it," she said.

There is also concern about the distribution of lottery funds. From the six lotteries in Ontario, the government now has saved almost three quarters of \$1 billion, Ms. Cornwell said. Of that total, \$254 million is from the two lotteries dedicated to culture and recreation.

It has become more and more difficult to qualify for lottery revenues, Ms. Cornwell said. Before money is given it must be matched by the community and even then there are restrictions on what it can be used for, such as it must be used for material for natives or the handicapped, she said.

Ms. Cornwell hopes that if Bill 38 goes to committee the problems of distribution and the growing government lottery fund will be addressed. She suggested those concerned about Bill 38 write the Ontario Treasurer, Robert Nixon or the Premier, Monday night Town Council voted in favor of supporting a request from the Town of Onaping Falls to protest Bill 38.

Damage claims up 50%

By MARY-LIZ SHAW, Herald Special

Bruce Fraser, one of seven regional managers of the crop insurance plan in Ontario, manages the area between Walkerton and Bowmanville. According to Mr. Fraser, at least 50 per cent more claims have been filed this year for winter wheat, soybeans and white beans.

"This is the worst year since 1977," Mr. Fraser said. He said farmers are hoping the crop insurance plan can be improved to provide more coverage for lower premiums. Currently, the federal government pays half the cost of all premiums for various crops.

For example, farmers paid a \$8 insurance premium per bushel of soybeans this year and the federal government paid another \$6 to form the crop insurance fund, according to Mr. Amos.

Although Mr. Fraser said he feels separate funds for separate crops is a fair system, many farmers complain the fund is not equitable.

"Some farms consistently do better than others," Norm Higgar said. "If you could insure your property separately, you would not stand to lose as much if four of your properties do well and a fifth really bombs out," the Halton farmer said.

But Mr. Fraser said he would not like to see such a plan because it would be almost impossible to monitor.

"That would be an administrative disaster," Mr. Fraser said. "That is like having a fleet of cars in your driveway and you have insurance on only one of them."

The best possible solution according to Mr. Fraser is greater participation in the program. "Farmers are the greatest people in the world for wanting handouts," Mr. Fraser said. "But you and I as taxpayers end up paying for it."

Brick Lane top choice for Terra Cotta roadway

"Brick Lane" is the new name adopted by the town's general committee for the roadway from Terra Cotta to Esqueving Township between the Town Line and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

It's a modification of the names suggested by the Esqueving Historical Society. The Society recommended "Halton Brick Lane" or "Brickyard Lane" for the road between the towns of Caledon and Halton Hills in Lot 28.

According to Society president Mark Rowe, the road began as a laneway for the Townsend farm. In 1911, Edward Townsend sold the property to William Flavell and Robert Kennedy who began the Halton Brick Company.

The laneway was the access to the Halton Brickyard and was known locally as the Halton Lane. The company went out of business in 1934. Mr. L. Plant also ran a brick company here from 1914 until the 1920s, Mr. Rowe said.

"The important industry of brick-making out of our Terra Cotta cannot be overlooked and so we favour a name related to the industry as opposed to worthy tillers of the soil like the Townsends family," the Society president said.

Area resident Mrs. B. Picard who lives on the west side of the Town Line suggested "Dusty Lane", "Picard Hill" and "Glory Street" as names for consideration.

Lone objection to town complex zoning changes

By MAGGIE HANNAH, Herald Special

Only one person attended a public meeting to object to the town's rezoning of the site for the proposed municipal complex.

Trafalgar Road neighbor Donald Humberstone sent his lawyer to voice concerns about buffering his property from the proposed complex on Maple Avenue. He also has concerns about his right of way over the existing lane and his water service.

Monty Hyde said he felt the water and access issues could be worked out, but his client is very concerned the proposed nine metre buffer in the zoning bylaw will not protect the Humberstone home from noise at the new complex.

Mr. Hyde suggested the town zone a building envelope to hold the building and its associated parking and roadways. His client fears noise from heavy equipment either dealing with snowplowing or garbage handling since the town's buffer could be used as storage space, he said.

Roland Jonkers, the town's consultant, said his firm recommended retention of the natural area to the west of the proposed building site. The town was also advised to retain mature trees on the site along the existing laneway if possible.

Town planner Ian Keith said the 30-foot buffer would be quite adequate to protect the surrounding lands. More specific details on the actual site plan for the complex are not available yet. The town has not yet chosen an architect to design the building.

Mr. Keith said the land on Maple Avenue is zoned rural. The town is rezoning only 7.22 acres of the entire 29.7 acre parcel to community institutional to accommodate the proposed new town hall.

The site will obtain water from a main on Maple Avenue and will be on septic services until sanitary sewers are installed in the area some time in the future.

Comments on the rezoning may be made in writing to the town until Nov. 5. The town will make its final decision Nov. 10.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Campers' club out under stars each weekend

The Georgetown Fireflies camping club has made good use of the summer by camping almost every weekend.

In between those weekends, the Fireflies attended a pool and barbecue party at the home of Lois and Hilton Batchelor of Rockwood. Later in the summer, Denise and Bob Bolton from Guelph then invited the club over for a roasted pig barbecue.

A few members camped at St. Catharines for the grape and wine festival.

Sue and Derrick Bloomfield of Erin hosted a car rally, sending members through a maze of backroads. Marg and Ted Hewitt with the rally with Terri Gunning and Sean Cawley winning the booby prize for coming in late.

Joan and Murray Harrison of Acton opened their house to the Fireflies and friends for a good old game of euchre. The slight of hand ricks went to Audrey Hofdahl and Bill Anderson. Bottom of the deck ward went to Terri Gunning and Dave Hastings.

Closing off the season, some Fireflies attended the Octoberfest in Kitchener. The 1987 executive is as follows: President Evelyn and Herb Frederikson, Past President Sue and Derrick Bloomfield, Vice-President Mary and Larry Hornby, Secretary Joan and Murray Harrison, Treasurer Marg and Ted Hewitt, Program Committee Ellen and Dave Hastings, Sue Wilson and Mike Creary, Social Lois and Hilton Batchelor, Campsite Elsie and J.D. Hewitt, Publicity Jeanne and Gerry Getty.

Scouts drafted at army base

By JEAN LAYMAN, Herald Special

North Halton District Beavers, Cubs, leaders, parents and ten Scouts travelled by bus to the Canadian Forces Base, Borden, last Saturday.

The boys were there to visit the military museum which displayed First World War and Second World War medals, uniforms, guns, gas masks and many items of interest. Even a dental chair with old equipment was exhibited.

Members from the area came from Acton, Ballinacraig, Georgetown, Limehouse and Glen Williams.

The boys had a great time climbing on the various types of army tanks at Worthington Park. The park was named for Major-General F.F. Worthington, affectionately known to all ranks of the Royal Canadian Armored Corps as "Wor-thy".

The Canadian Forces Base is one big town. There is several hundred acres including schools, stores, chapels, shopping centres, shows and entertainment areas.

Face painting

Georgetown Globe Productions is once again putting its talents to use, for the painting of Halloween faces. This year Globe will be at the cultural centre between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at 9 Church St., Oct. 31. Only \$1 per face. Globe has all the colors and sparkles you can imagine. For \$1 they can transform your face into a spook, punker, witch or Dracula.

Bulldozer fire

A mechanical and electrical malfunction in the engine of a bulldozer started a fire at 7:09 p.m. Oct. 21. The fire was at 309 Armstrong Avenue and caused \$2,000 damage to the machine.

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