

## Catholic board ratifies contract

A contract in the making for almost a full year was finally settled at the Jan. 30 board meeting of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board.

The board ratified the agreement on Steve Balough's recommendation. Mr. Balough is the board's senior administrator. The Halton English Teachers Catholic Association ratified the agreement last week.

The board was relieved of several members for the ratification vote, due to conflict of interest, including the chair of the board, D.W. Schrenk.

Mr. Schrenk's wife is a teacher. He passed the chair position over to Halton Hills trustee Irene McCauley, who is the vice-chair.

Jarry Keyes, the teachers association's chief negotiator, said he was relieved to have the negotiations finished. He noted "getting the contract is only half the job - the other half is making sure you get what you ask for," Mr. Keyes added. He is also pleased the board has already started to implement the agreement. The new teachers that were asked for by Feb. 1 arrived on Feb. 1, he said.

He noted the board also went along with the agreement in bringing in at least six committees to look into various subjects, such as: sexual harassment, benefits, long-term disabilities and the organization of the school day.

The teachers will also be receiving pay raises to bring them up to par with their counterparts in the public board system if they are getting a lower pay now, Mr. Keyes said.

Mr. Keyes is now expecting to get back to the regular day to day operation of the association.

A new teacher with no prior experience will be getting a starting salary of \$28,231 and a teacher with 12 years of experience will have an upper salary limit of \$56,286, Mr. Keyes noted.

## Truck loads restricted

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to conduct his business. He presses old cars and then transports the steel to the mill, said Mr. Morette.

But Mr. Lalonde says the shale is imperative to his business. The major part of his business is selling the parts of relatively new cars that have been damaged. It is not selling recyclable steel, he said.

Mr. Lalonde uses a forklift to move the cars within the lot. But if the forklift hits a rut the valuable parts will be damaged, he explained. And people interested in buying parts won't walk into a lot that is muddy, added Mr. Lalonde.

Mr. Lalonde says he has done everything and more to meet the town's requirements concerning his type of business. He's building

a berm that surrounds the property. The town only requires a berm that runs two thirds up along each side of the property. And contrary to complaints by some residents, town bylaw enforcement officer, Bob Ustrzycki, confirmed there is nothing environmentally unsound about the property. Every public complaint about a potential infraction has been unfounded, he said.

Mr. Lalonde has also cleaned up two creeks that run through the property. They were full of batteries, gasoline and other pollutants, said Mr. Lalonde.

"Mr. Lalonde's business sets an example that other similar businesses could follow," said Mr. Ustrzycki.



Bill Winegard, left, MP for Guelph/Wellington and Minister of State (Science and Technology) recently presented Brenda Allen from Ballinafad with a Canada Scholarship at the University of Guelph. The scholarships are awarded to first-year students entering science and agricultural programs. Based on academic achievement, the scholarships provide students with \$2,000 annually, to a maximum of \$8,000 over four years. The University of Guelph had 102 Canada Scholarship recipients in 1989. (Photo courtesy University of Guelph, H. Rauscher)

## Halton wants hearings on Sunday openings

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opinion of the town councillors about the two businesses receiving an exemption.

"I can't speak for the councillors, but I support the exemption," said Coun. Bonnette. He stressed that the two stores along with the Olde Hide House help bring more tourists to the area. And this will in turn create more business for the other Acton tourist-oriented stores, he said.

While waiting for the Region's decision, Mr. Dawkins still plans to open the stores Sundays. "I haven't been convicted of anything yet," he said.

Mr. Dawkins' first court date is Feb. 19 in connection with the charges of opening Sundays.

When asked if he thinks he'll be convicted, Mr. Dawkins had no comment.

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