Catholic secondary teachers begin teaching fourth class as 'a show of good faith'

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Halton secondary school Catholic teachers began teaching their fourth assigned class, which they haven't been teaching since the school year began.

Joe Pece, president of the Halton Secondary Unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA), said Tuesday afternoon the teachers "haven't decided not to be on strike anymore, we've just decided to modify it as a show of good faith."

Pece said the high school teachers will continue to not participate in extra-curricular activities.

Pece said the Catholic secondary teachers have decided to teach the contentious fourth period (for one semester) to let the trustees know that a proposal the Halton unit of OECTA presented to the Halton Catholic District School Board Friday "is truly a bonafide offer." He added teaching the fourth period is a "gesture of goodwill" to the parents and students.

The proposal came after mediation talks with the board on Thursday and Friday.

Pece would not comment on the details of the proposal. The teachers have made a formal request to the board's negotiating team to recommend acceptance to the trustees.

"It does, in our opinion, find a resolution to the issues that are in dispute," said Pece.

Some of those issues include how many classes teachers will teach each year in a semestered system—six out of eight or seven out of eight classes, seniority clauses, class sizes, evaluation procedures for teachers, and the teachers' salary grid.

When asked if the teachers will revert to not teaching the fourth period if the board rejects the proposal Pece said they will have to look at their strategies and action plan if that happens. Pece said he wanted to hear back from the board on the proposal by the end of yesterday (Tuesday).

Chris Jewell, communications officer with the Halton Catholic District School Board, confirmed Tuesday the board did receive a proposal from the Halton unit of OECTA and it was to be considered by trustees at last night's (Tuesday's) board meeting.

Exhibitionist sought

Halton Police are looking for a man who was seen masturbating at the rear of Holy Cross School Friday near the Georgetown High School track.

Police report four female high school students saw the man laying near a chain link fence about noon masturbating. Police were called but when they arrived the man had already left.

He is described as a white male with a big build in his early 20s with dirty blonde hair. He was wearing dark clothes. Anyone with any information on the man is asked to call Detective Larry Brassard at 878-5511

ext. 2418.

Expensive bike stolen

Halton Police report an \$1,100 Schwinn BMX bike was stolen from outside of Gordon Alcott Arena sometime between 7:50 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday.

The bike, which was locked, is described as army green with 20-inch wheels.

POLICE BLOTTER

Faces drug charge

Halton Police charged a 22-year-old woman with possession of a controlled substance after she was seen smoking marijuana near a dumpster on Guelph St. at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Charged is Bethan Evans of Georgetown. She is to be in Milton court on November 9.

Aerostar van stolen

Halton Police report a 1994 green Ford Aerostar van, valued at \$11,000, was stolen from Park Lincoln Mercury sometime last Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Nine charges laid in truck blitz

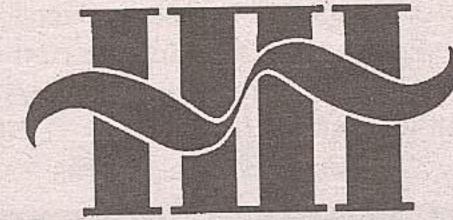
Wednesday conducted by the Ministry of Transportation and Halton Police resulted in nine charges being laid.

Const. Al Stennett of Halton Regional Police Service's Public Safety Unit said eight trucks were taken out of service as a result of the sixhour blitz.

Trucks were pulled in for inspection from Guelph St., Maple Ave. and the surrounding

area.

One trucking company was charged with failing to maintain the truck to standards resulting in a \$385 fine. Stennett said two charges were laid for not having Commercial Vehicle Operating Registry certificates (\$315 fine), two for expired annual safety inspector stickers (\$245 fine), two for having expired license validation stickers (\$105 fine), one for having improper tires (\$245 fine), and a driver was charged for driving while suspended.



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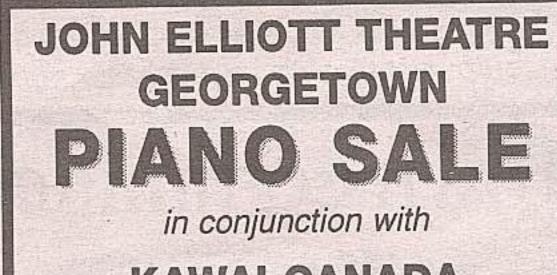
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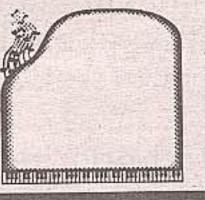
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