

School vandalism cost doubled in five years

Repair costs at Halton schools due to vandalism have climbed from \$48,000 in 1970 to \$102,000 so far this year. Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley told Halton Board of Education Thursday.

"Vandalism hasn't increased that much, when you take into account in the last five years, we have increased the number of facilities and inflation has pushed up repair costs," Lindley noted.

The previous week Lindley informed the board the two firms giving insurance coverage for Halton schools

were not going to renew their agreement with the board when it expires next month because of the cost of vandalism claims and two major fires in recent years at an Oakville school.

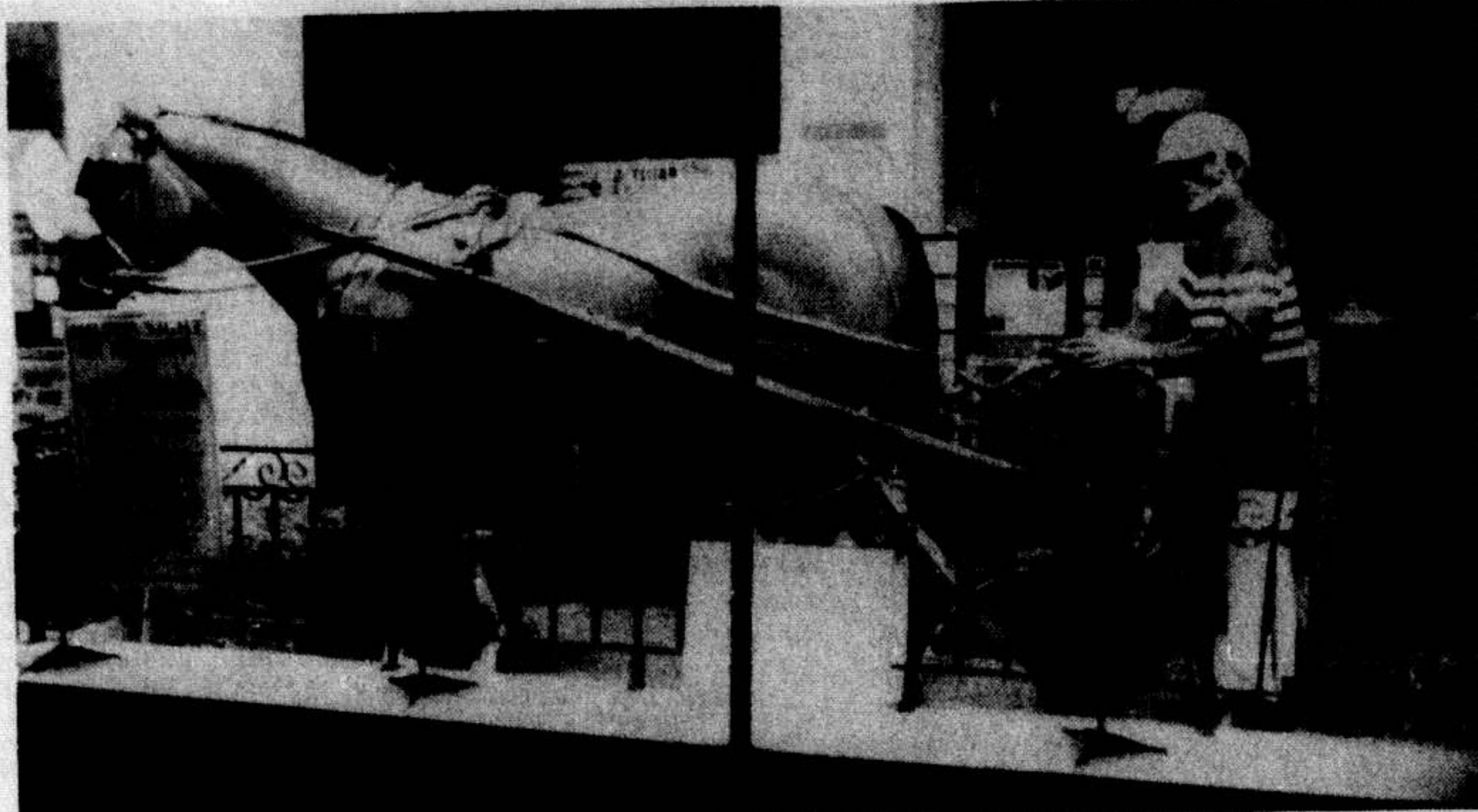
"I hope by next week I will have information for the board in respect to a new carrier for our insurance. We are trying to get coverage from a number of firms. The premiums will definitely be higher and in an indirect way taxes will increase," he warned.

He said his department hopes to have a report ready

by the beginning of next year for the board on possible uses of surveillance equipment.

"We are already using it in a few schools where we have been having recurring problems and it seems to be a deterrent," Lindley told the board. He noted surveillance equipment has also helped the board and police catch a number of vandals.

Lindley said surveillance equipment the board may be forced to install to get a new insurance carrier would include fire detection and break-and-enter alarms.



IT WAS MILTON NIGHT at Mohawk Raceway and the jockey club had a display promoting the event in the front window of Stedman's Store on Main St. for the past week. The model horse, sulky and driver backed up signs promoting the special evening at the track.

Board won't take stand Toronto teachers' strike

Halton Board of Education made it clear Thursday they aren't going to take a stand on the teacher strike in Toronto.

A bid by Trustee Richard Goodin to have a resolution passed urging teachers in Toronto get back on the job failed.

Goodin said there is an uneasy, unsettled situation in Ontario caused by teachers' refusal to fulfill their educational duties.

"By their repeated unpopular actions has caused a loss of confidence and respect, especially by parents and taxpayers," Goodin charged.

His motion said the board "deplors the situation, with its many detrimental, disgraceful and deteriorating effects and hereby recommends teachers go back to their respective duties without delay."

He noted the Metro Toronto Board of Education's offer to

the teachers is very generous. Trustee Ernie Bodnar said he would support the motion if he thought it would do any good but he said "a resolution from us won't help. It's just not that simple a problem."

Trustee Bill Priestner said the board shouldn't become involved in making statements about the Toronto strike because nobody is really sure of what the situation is in Metro.

"I'm not sure who is against who in Toronto. All I know is that everyone seems to be against wage and price restraints," Priestner stated.

Goodin said all the board needed to do is go back to the strikes in Ottawa, Windsor and York to see the effect the Toronto strike will have on Halton.

"The contracts in Halton and other parts of the province were based on strike settlements. It just goes on

and on. We are in a crisis situation and it is time to take a stand," he declared.

Goodin said teachers have to learn it is more satisfying to give by doing their jobs than to receive by making high wages.

The problem of strike settlements setting guidelines for all teacher negotiations was the point of his suggestion of locking out teachers in sympathy with the struck board, Bodnar explained.

He noted when negotiations are being conducted factors such as pupil-teacher ratios are ignored and money is the focus of attention.

"The teachers take the best out of every contract won through strike and put it all together for their contract objective. The strike in Toronto will come back to affect us," he warned.

Some trustees thought if Halton passed a motion of any kind it could be interpreted as interference with the actions taken by Metro Toronto boards and teachers. They were worried about dictating their ideas to others.

The resolution was defeated.

Obituary Winnifred Gray

Winnifred Elisabeth Gray died Nov. 19 at her home, 43 Victoria St., Milton. She was in her seventy-second year.

A resident of Milton since 1955, Mrs. Gray is survived by a daughter Mrs. Jacqueline Anderson and two grandchildren Charmaine Anderson and Karla Timbers of Milton.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren, the children of her daughters Bernice (Mrs. Sherwood Drysdale) of Hamilton; Myrna (Mrs. Anthony Farquar) of Toronto and Joy (Mrs. Robert Betteley) of Kitchener.

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She has two sisters, Margaret Johnston of Toronto and Sadie Farquar of Richmond Hill.
Rev. D. Wallace conducted the funeral service from McKersie Funeral Home Nov. 22. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Driver education fee may rise \$15

Inflation may force Halton Board of Education to raise fees for the driver education program for the second time in less than six months.

Superintendent of Instruction John Boich informed the board Thursday the Hamilton Automobile Club, which operates the driver training at almost half Halton schools where the program is offered, is raising its cost to the board to \$95 per student in January.

Boich said if the board policy of making the driver education program self sufficient is to continue, the cost per pupil should increase to \$85 at the start of next year.

At present the Hamilton Automobile Club charges the board \$80 for each student they teach and the board charges the pupils \$70.

Last August the board raised the driver training program fee from \$60 to \$70.

If the proposed increase is approved by the board then the cost of driver education for each pupil will have jumped \$30 since 1973.

Trustee Bill Priestner wondered if the board and Hamilton Automobile Club could raise their rates that much in light of wage and price restraints. He questioned the legality of the fee increase.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar reminded the board that prices can rise to reflect increased costs.

Trustee Bill Lawson noted the board won't be able to subsidize driver education for a number of years and was willing to support fee increases as long as parents wanted their children to learn to drive enough to pay the money. He suggested the board try to get some clarification on the legal position they are in as far as a fee increase is concerned.

The board was informed it would take a pupil over two years to recover the cost of the driver education program in reduced insurance premiums.

It was also noted at the meeting that some boards do subsidize the driver education program.

Boich told the board it costs Peel students \$75 for driver training, Hamilton pupils \$95 and in Metro Toronto students pay between \$75 to \$90.

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The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year, to ratify proposed changes to the Constitution (as a result of Provincial redistribution to reconstitute the Association as the Progressive Conservative Association for the Federal riding of Halton), to elect delegates for the February Federal leadership convention in Ottawa and to transact the regular business required for such meeting.

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Furnace on fire

Furnace problems called Milton Fire Department out to the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Kelso Wednesday. The furnace had overheated and some filters were burned, but there was little damage, firefighters report.

It was the only fire call of the past week.

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