

Supply teachers to fight pay cut

By VIC MacBOURNIE

Halton's supply teachers are gearing up for war against the Halton Board of Education after being warned their salaries may be cut.

It will be the third time in the 10-year history of the Halton Substitute Teachers' Association the organization has been forced to fight against salary cuts proposed by the board.

Although officials refused to disclose any information about the proposed changes in supply teachers' salaries until the issue is brought before the board in late February, the new proposal is expected to have a bigger impact on teachers with degrees than on those without degrees.

Supply teachers with degrees are currently earning almost \$100 daily and those teachers without degrees in the elementary system are earning almost \$70 daily.

A flat rate of approximately \$90 is paid to secondary school teachers.

Betty Dalgliesh, an Oakville supply teacher, said the association is not angry over the amount of money its members earn, which is one of the highest in the area. She says the teachers are angry over the proposed salary cutbacks.

There is very little the non-unionized teachers can do.

"They can do anything they want because we are not in the union," Ms. Dalgliesh said, adding the proposed salary cuts will have the greatest impact on women who make up the majority of supply teachers.

"It's just not fair that the board is centring on us," she said.

Supply teachers are already tied to the bottom of the pay scale in comparison to full-time teachers Ms. Dalgliesh said.

Those with degrees are earning a salary at the bottom of their pay grid no matter how much previous experience they may have, she explained.

Man hurt by rails

A 20-year-old Milton man is listed in satisfactory condition at Milton Hospital following an industrial accident Thursday. Halton Regional Police said Brian Grant, of 101 Millside Dr., was helping load metal rails when the accident occurred.

An employee at Industrial Task Force at 610 Harrop Dr., Mr. Grant apparently attempted to help balance a load of rails being lifted by a forklift, when three of the rails fell on top of him.

He was rushed to Milton District Hospital by ambulance.

Police said he suffered chest and back injuries.

New judge is sworn in

A group of approximately 275 people recently attended the swearing-in of James Henry Clarke as a judge of the County and District Courts at the Milton courthouse.

Judge Clarke, 50, formerly of the Cobourg law firm of Clarke, Stewart and Mitchell, replaces Judge J. K. Blair who retired Nov. 17.

Judge Clarke attended McGill University and graduated in law from Osgoode Hall Law School. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1960 and was named Queen's Counsel in 1976.

He acted as a part time Crown Attorney and as a prosecutor for the Department of Justice for the Cobourg area since 1970.

Judge Clarke took a sabbatical to spend a year working with Jean Vanier and the mentally handicapped in France and is author of "L'Arche Journal", a book based upon his experience in France.

He is married to Mary Elizabeth Clarke and is father of seven children.

Light update

Driving through the downtown's main intersection will take a little less time since traffic signals there were updated.

Signals at Main and Martin Sts. no longer accommodate pedestrians solely in the sequence. Beginning last Wednesday the lights indicate pedestrians cross with the traffic flow.

The change reduces the total sequence by 15 seconds, according to public works director John Matthews.

The previous system, which stopped traffic in all directions to allow pedestrians to cross, was not in line with Ministry of Transportation and Communication guidelines established several years ago.

Workers from Burlington, who specialize in traffic signals, altered the sequence as Milton does not employ people with this skill.

Mr. Matthews said this type of sharing represents the co-operation of municipal departments within Halton.

'Red' Storey gets roasting

Red Storey is going to get a heck of a roasting tomorrow night, and there's still a chance to get out and see it.

The former NHL referee is the centre of attention this year for the sixth annual Optimist Club Roast which is being held in the Optimist Club tomorrow night.

A great lineup of "roastors" have been assembled including Bill Friday, Bob Goldham, and the inimitable Dennis Hull. Tickets are \$20 each and that includes a great dinner and, of course, the roast.

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