

# Trustee queries high cost of conventions

The high cost of school conventions was queried Monday night by Trustee Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury during discussion of a report on a summer workshop at a meeting of York County Board of Education.

Mrs. Horton wondered how some 80 primary and junior teachers attending a workshop at Devins Public School in Aurora Aug. 18 to 22 could justify the expenses paid them.

A breakdown of the \$15,000 expended, showed that regular teachers attending the workshop received \$24 a day, while master teachers received \$48.

As the money was classified as being for expenses, Mrs. Horton wondered how, in a workshop conducted between the hours of 9 and 3, they could justify a sum as large as \$48 and not pay taxes.

Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham moved the report be received.

But Mrs. Horton suggested an amendment that the staff check with the department of national revenue in the future on the "appropriateness" of such expenses.

Chairman Donald Sim said that would be the same as telling the police you were going to do something illegal.

"How about an anonymous phone call?" suggested Mrs. Horton. The amendment was lost.

Vaughan Trustee Donald Cameron proposed the motion be amended to read that, in future, participants be reimbursed for expenses incurred only.

Markham Trustee Chris McMonagle said the teachers should be informed the department of revenue would be looking

into the matter, as the press was on hand and the matter would soon be made public.

Trustee Horton told The Liberal later "teachers could be embarrassed" if the department of revenue asked them to show receipts.

"I think teachers should declare them (expenses) as income," she said.

The motion to receive, incorporating the Cameron amendment, was then carried.

Another motion followed after Vice-chairman Craig Cribar of Newmarket told the meeting conventions and workshops were covered under board Policy 18.

As a result, it was moved the finance committee review Policy 18 "in light of the action just taken."



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The feminine touch is added to this military style camel coat with sash belt, all of wool blend from Elevation 3 at Simpsons, worn with knee-high brown leather boots from Dolan.

Wool is in in casuals for autumn. The young Ms. sage green coat ensemble of wool and cashmere is worn with a green printed blouse. Outfit by Cacherlee from The Village Shop. His English Crombie Conegal tweed suit in Norfolk styling with turtle neck comes from The Saxon Shop.

Model Nicole Schneider is ready to go off to school in style in this one-piece brown dress with gold sleeves and torso inserts — from Young Canada.

## Emphasis is on soft, slender shape

Fall fashions for '75 are the colors of autumn, and more wearable, more adaptable, than for many reasons, Jillian Roos told audiences at the three-days-of-fashion shows in the central court of Hillcrest Mall last week.

The emphasis is on the soft slender shape that lends itself beautifully to the layered look.

Start with a skirt, slim or bias cut. Add a blouse and vest or big chunky sweater, a long knitted scarf and hat — and you have the great look for fall.

Do the same thing with pants — they are still with us for the more relaxed casual look.

When dressing on a tight budget, mix and match what is already in the wardrobe, she advised, and economize. With the layered look, it is easy to do.

There is great interest this season in fabrics, soft wool and cashmere, the textured look of tweeds and corduroy, especially in coats.

It is a good year for coats, spectators noted, with many styles to choose from — flared and

belted, straight and narrow classic look, and many trimmed with the softness of fur.

Elegance has returned to fashion this season — the classic suit, tailored blazer, good looking dresses with wide cinched waistlines.

A myriad choice in jewelry, bags, shoes, boots, and the return of the hat gives ample opportunity for an interesting and varied wardrobe — fashions for today, available in the shops at Hillcrest Mall.

## Trustees rebuff Coburn's paper work motion

King Trustee Margaret Coburn's attempt to add to the "paper" work of York County Board of Education, was soundly rebuffed by her fellow members.

Mrs. Coburn's try came in the form of two motions. The first called for each trustee to be

issued with copies of all the area newspapers, other than the one in their own specific area, so that trustees would be "better informed" of what the papers were saying about them.

The second asked that a place be found on the agenda of future board

meetings for discussion of issues raised in the press.

The latter was apropos of a recent letter sent to The Liberal, in which Markham Trustee Chris McMonagle, took a few pot shots at her fellow trustees, implying their action often was limited to walking a treadmill.

In the matter of newspaper reports, board communications officer Margaret McLean at present supplies trustees with copies of stories, other than "routine."

However, Mrs. Coburn felt the selection shouldn't be limited solely to Mrs. McLean. There was also a time lag that way.

Trustee McMonagle said she felt the trustees could "buy their own papers out of their honorariums."

The next step would be to have the board subscribe to the Toronto Globe and Mail and Star; "maybe the Montreal Gazette."

Mrs. McMonagle said that, if the trustees felt it imperative they see every paper, they could do it just as easily by having them arrayed for perusal on a table at the board office.

Said Vice-Chairman Craig Cribar of Newmarket: "I already get one (newspaper) free and I think I'm grossly overcharged."

Trustee Donald Cousens of Markham, said it was "ridiculous to spend anymore time on this; Mrs. McMonagle

read" as it was, and opposed adding to the pile.

Vaughan Trustee Donald Cameron felt the trustees should have articles from all the papers in the county, while Doreen Quirk of Markham, said they were "inundated with things to

issues in the press, they could always write a letter to the editor.

Both motions were lost.

In May of this year there were 1,054 on welfare rolls.

In his report to the committee, Welfare Administrator Bilton MacDonald gave the region's total population for June as 192,750.

At the same time in 1974 it was 180,000. The number on welfare came to about one-half of one percent.

A breakdown of heads of families indicated 168 of those on welfare were employable, 214 unemployable.

There were 140 employable dependants and 356 unemployable. Forty single employable people were receiving welfare. Last year there were 22.

The number of single unemployables was down, however, from 176 last year to 168 this year for the month of June.

Others included in the report were foster children, nursing home patients, people in rest homes.

### Young farmers at night school

Night school courses for novice farmers in the York, Hamilton, London and Guelph areas are being offered by the University of Guelph beginning Monday.

All classes for the York and metro area will be held on location at the junction of Highways 400

and 401 for 10 consecutive weeks at 7:30 p.m. Fees are \$50 for an individual and \$75 for a couple.

Introductory programs begin Sept. 29 and 30; beef management Sept. 30; crop production Oct. 11; farmstead engineering Oct. 1 and reproduction Oct. 2.

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