

# School trustee is irked at teachers' impatience

AURORA — Two executive members of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation were taken to task by Trustee Donald Cameron of Vaughan, for not staying around long enough to be taken to task, at a meeting of York County Board of Education last week.

The members, who were not named, had attended the meeting to discuss the matter of pupil-teacher ratio in the schools.

two officials, had left.

Said Cameron: "I stayed so that I could talk to executive members of the OSSTF and they walked out. And, dammit, I'm mad about it."

Cameron said he felt the board had received a "negative" response from federation officials all along, and asked the teachers to "come our way for

awhile."

It couldn't be just one way, he said. Cameron then added: "I don't want any hard feelings, but I think I have to put it on the table."

The board plans to meet with the OSSTF executive in camera at a later date.



Sam Chapman ratio questioned

## Pupil-teacher ratio disputed

AURORA — In a letter to York County Board of Education, District 11 of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation last week expressed shock to hear that Education Director Sam Chapman had set an interim pupil-teacher ratio figure at 17.55 to 1.

According to the federation the present contracted figure is 17.15 to 1.

President Walter MacDonald said that if a contract figure wasn't set by September and the 17.15 figure restored, the board could be in violation of the law.

Part of the reason for the teachers' strike two years ago resulted from the board's refusal to negotiate the PTR, the letter said.



## Aboard the Patriot

Cadet Stewart Taplin of 219 Ruggles Ave., Richmond Hill, acts as quartermaster of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Patriot. He rings the ship's bell during weekly parade on Monday evenings at the corps' land-based ship on St. Mary's Anglican Church grounds.

## Naval cadets having weekend tag days

RICHMOND HILL — A weekend tag day and Sunday parade will be held by two local cadet groups in observance of Canada's annual Navy Week May 3-9.

Sponsored by the Navy League of Canada, the local groups are the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps for boys and girls aged 14-19, and the Navy League cadet Corps for boys 11-13.

Tag days will be held Thursday through Saturday, and on Sunday the cadets will parade from the HMCS York at the Toronto reserve base to the HMCS Haida.

Navy Week is observed across Canada each year to focus attention on maritime commercial and defence interests.

The week culminates with Battle of the Atlantic Sunday to honor Canadian sailors and airmen who gave their lives in World War II and subsequent campaigns.

There are 362 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet, Navy League Cadet and Navy League Wrenette Corps throughout the country, from coast to coast and as far north as Mayo in the Yukon.

## Block parents plan information meeting

RICHMOND HILL — Full information on the Block Parent program will be given residents of Walter Scott Public School area at a meeting May 12 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the

school.

The meeting has been arranged by the Richmond Hill Block Parent Organizing Committee and is open to all.

## Disabled form group

RICHMOND HILL — A group of disabled adults from southern York region met at York Central Hospital last week to elect an executive and choose a formal name for their group.

Officers of the group — known as Promoting the Realization of Opportunities for the Disabled (P.R.O.D.) — are: Ian Campbell, chairman; Tike Papas, vice-chairman; Mardi Anderson, alternate vice-chairman and secretary; Larry Fulbert, publicity manager; and Tony Harbert, treasurer.

Similar meetings will be held in other schools in the community as the committee proceeds with its program to organize school neighborhoods.

The purpose of these meetings is not only to inform the public, but also to recruit volunteers to help get it under way.

Needed are people for telephone work at home, for babysitting for those who are doing door to door canvassing, and anyone interested in ensuring there are havens easily accessible to young children in the neighborhood in an emergency.

Chairman for the local block parent organizing committee, Rosemary Culver of Church Street South, emphasizes the invitation to anyone to come to the meeting.

The block parent slogan, she says, is "You don't have to be a parent to be a block parent".

## School book called repugnant, trashy

GORMLEY — A Gormley father of three has written York County Board of Education asking that the book, *Nine Stories* by J. D. Salinger, be removed from the regional high school English curriculum.

Jack Hamilton, a staff sergeant with York Regional Police and lay minister with Newmarket Free Methodist Church, said he was repulsed to think the board would allow such a "repugnant book to be used by 14 and 15-year-olds."

"The swearing and profanity is offensive even to me, who has seen the

criminal side of life for 15 years as a police officer," Hamilton wrote Doug Allen, school board chairman.

He said he wouldn't allow his children, aged 9, 12 and 13, "to read such trash or be taught by a teacher to read it in the classroom."

It was against the law to use obscene or profane language in public, and children reading the stories would be encouraged to break the law, Hamilton said.

He is circulating a petition protesting use of the book, whose grammar is also atrocious, he said.

## Mileage costs legitimate?

AURORA — School Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora, who earlier complained that board employees were accumulating excessively high mileage totals, said this week that if the mileage claims are legitimate, then it was costing the board too much to keep people in their cars.

He said the report he had received after first complaining, contained a list of totals for the past two years, but did nothing to explain the high mileage levels.

For example, figures showed that one employee, although on vacation for two weeks, still managed to pile up 1,900 miles for the month, Weller said.

That should "start a bell ringing" with the one who has to authorize payment of such claims, Weller said.

His own calculations, based on the highest mileage figures, showed a total of 43,116 miles, which equalled 196 miles daily per person over a 220-day work year, the trustee said.

## Woman wins free rides

RICHMOND HILL — Margaret Parker of Lynett Crescent is the winner of a year's free rides on Richmond Hill's new transit system.

Hers was the name selected in a draw sponsored by the town as the new service began rolling this week.

She was one of some 700 local residents who entered the draw while buses were on display at Hillcrest mall and Richmond Heights plaza over the weekend.

The bus service is using three new Mercedes-Benz 19-seater buses purchased by the town at \$27,550 each.

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