

Secondary Schools

# Teachers and Board halfway to settling

Half the salary dispute between the York County Board of Education and its secondary teachers was solved Monday night

when trustees ratified a tentative agreement.

The other half could be wrapped up tomorrow (Thursday) when

## Board seeking home slowdown

York Region's Roman Catholic Separate School Board wants Vaughan and Markham to stall approval of all residential subdivision plans until the Education Ministry promises to build some badly needed schools in the two towns.

Rapidly growing subdivisions in both towns have created an influx of students and present school facilities are being taxed to the limit. Three Thornhill separate schools, St. Anthony's, St. Lukes and St. Michael's, are handling the overflow of children caused by a lack of schools in the south part of the region.

As a result, on the first day of school this year, those schools were operating at an average of 163 per cent of capacity.

The region's separate and public school boards both asked the province for new school funding several months ago but approvals have been slow in coming.

The separate board needs schools in the Glen Shields and Pine Valley areas of Vaughan as well as Markham's Milliken Mills (Risebrough). The public board lists new elementary facilities in Risebrough and German Mills, and a high school in Unionville, as its top priorities.

Roman Catholic board chairman Larry Pellicione told trustees last week that the Education Ministry has promised to announce to both boards a decision on the situation within the next week.

If the ministry report, begun early last summer, is delayed again, trustees warned they are prepared to again visit Queen's Park to make their demands heard.

Unionville Trustee Ernie Nyitrai urged minister Dr. Bette Stephenson to "get off her rear" and approve funding.

Some board members hesitated in asking the two municipalities to impose a freeze on new subdivision approvals.

Trustee Rita Zanatta said delaying new plans would eventually boost the costs of new homes.

Mr. Nyitrai noted the request was not meant to punish either developers or home buyers, but to

spur the government into action.

Chairman Pellicione said developers also want schools for families purchasing the homes they build.

"The developers are on our side. I've spoken to a few of them and they are willing to come down (to Queen's Park) with us," he said.

"They'd like to see the facilities built just as much as we do."

teachers meet at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School at Aurora to vote on the settlement. It will be administered by the executive of the local federation branch, District 11 OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation).

However, there are several questions about the sudden settlement, so far left unanswered. After a two-day closing of the high schools in September, the board and teachers agreed to send all outstanding monetary issues to binding arbitration. The arbitration hearings were supposed to start November 19.

Apparently, provincial mediator Harvey Ladd received a call from one

of the sides for a mediation session last Wednesday. Both groups deny they asked for the meeting and chief board negotiator Bill Monroe said the call came as a complete surprise to him.

It's obvious one of the negotiating teams has changed its position since the onus is not on the Education Relations Commission to initiate mediation sessions. If the teachers reject the contract, the arbitrator will continue to work toward a solution, said OSSTF officer Eric McLean. He declined to discuss details of the "tentative agreement" since the District Executive voted Monday not to make any public statements until the

teachers hold their vote tomorrow.

The board voted 13-3 in favor of the settlement with Norm Weller (Aurora), Jim Corcoran (Vaughan) and Bill Laird (Georgina) dissenting. The Ontario Labor Relations Board will begin hearings next Wednesday. The teachers are suing the school board for the loss of two days' pay in September. They claim the school closing constituted an illegal lockout but the YCBE says it was within its rights.

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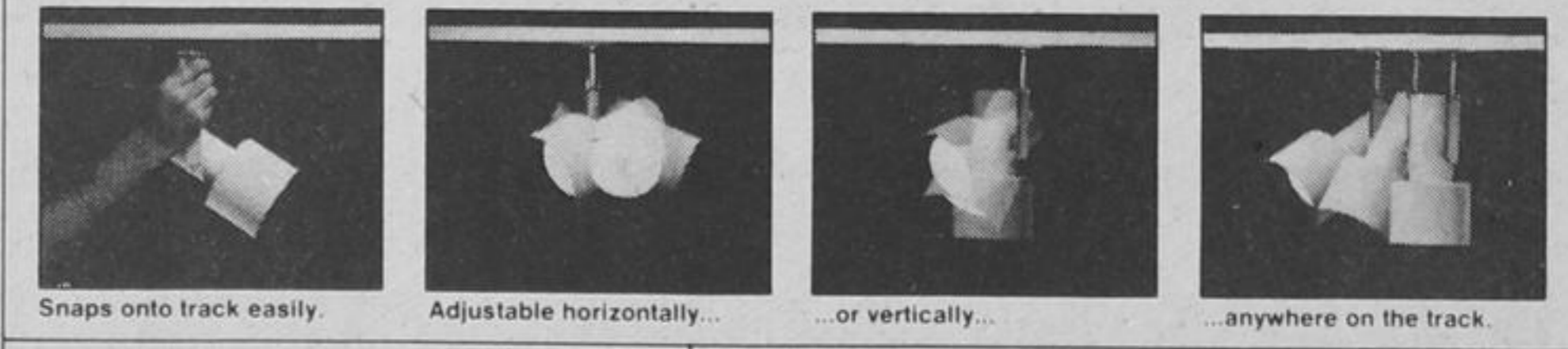
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The last day of filing of applications for revision of the list is November 9th, 1979. I shall attend at my office on the 1st day of November, 1979 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the revision of the list and shall continue to do so from day to day, except Saturday and Sunday, until all applications filed on or before November 9th, 1979 have been disposed of.

C.D. Weldon,  
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October 31, 1979

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### Wills topic of two-day library event

Have you ever wondered just what you have to do to make a will?

The Vaughan Public Library system may have just the program for you.

On Tuesday, November 6 and again on Wednesday the 7th, at the Maple Public Library, there will be a two-part program entitled "Making a Will".

It is open to the public, but the library staff would like pre-registration. To register, please call 832-1432.

The guest speaker both evenings will be Richmond Hill lawyer, David Rubin.

The sessions will be held in the evening from 8 to 10 p.m. and everyone is welcome to register.

### Christmas Bazaar in King

A "Country Christmas" Bazaar will be held this Saturday, November 3, at the King City United Church on Elizabeth Grove.

The event begins at 1 p.m. and continues for two hours.

Included will be a tea room, baking, delicatessen, gifts, sewing, knitting, candy, attic Treasures, plants, books, Christmas decorations, children's toys and refreshments.