

SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONCERN GROWING

The following article was submitted by one of our readers and is taken from the Times-News, August 17 edition: -

"By 1978 there will be a decrease of 135,485 pupils in the elementary schools of Ontario from the 1971 enrolment. This forecast of what is expected to transpire over the next five years was presented to the Federation of Women Teachers' Association annual meeting by the provincial president, Miss Isabel Ward this week.

Miss Ward told the 600 delegates that the declining is worrisome and that they are beginning to lose their relative economic position, which has been on a high plane in recent years when the demand for teachers annually exceeded the supply. Now salary negotiations are much more difficult, especially in view of the ceilings on educational expenditures imposed by the Ministry of Education.

What also has the teachers concerned is the fact that while lip service is paid to the importance of classroom teachers, they are and will be the first to be let go in an economy drive. Classes are being increased and more is expected of teachers at a time when there is little job security.

What should be of concern to the public is that there is little indication that the bureaucracy will be curtailed as enrolment decreases. Over the past few years, this aspect of education has snowballed to the extent that there are literally hundreds of big and little bureaucrats running the education systems throughout the province at staggering costs. The departments within departments and superintendents supervising superintendents, each with a staff of specialists in some field or other, are little empires that have become realities.

The past couple of decades have been a period of many gains for the teaching profession. Their special talents have been properly recognized and their salaries upgraded accordingly, and we would venture to say that the actual instruction carried out in school classrooms is only the tip of the iceberg in education costs.

If, as predicted, there will be 5,000 fewer teachers required in Ontario within five years, then the top-heavy administration end of the system should be pared accordingly. Taxpayers should demand it."

Forest fires burn faster uphill
than downhill.



THE LAKE SUPERIOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF

LAKE SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL

IN

SCHREIBER and TERRACE BAY

1. Students will report at their respective Campus at 8:45 a.m., D.S.T. on September 5th.
2. Students should bring a pen, pencil, a 3 ring binder and paper to school.
3. Each student is required to have a Dudley lock for his locker. These will be on sale on September 5th for \$1.25. Students who already have Dudley locks should bring them to school on this day.
4. The Student Council fee of \$1.50 will be collected on September 5th.
5. Text books for fifth year students will be on sale during the morning on the Schreiber Campus. Used text books may be purchased from former students.
6. Gym equipment will be on sale during the first week of school. Gym shoes are available from merchants within the Lake Superior Division, and should be purchased prior to September 7th.
7. Principals and Guidance personnel will be available on Campus beginning August 30th for students who have not yet indicated their choice of subject or wish to discuss particular problems.
8. Students and parents who have questions regarding educational matters should contact the Principal by telephoning 824-2555 or 825-3271.

