

Secondary School teachers Reach tentative salary agreement

YORK CTY. — At a February Marathon meeting of the York County Board of Education it has been announced that the board and secondary school teachers had reached tentative agreement on salary schedules.

The new schedule, yet to be ratified by teachers at large, puts York County teachers in all cases at par with Metro salary scales and in many instances slightly out in front.

Beginning teachers in Category 1 will start at \$6,800 in both Metro and York. Maximum for a teacher in this category is \$11,300 in Metro and \$11,200 in York and will be reached in 13 years, instead of 16 previously.

Category 2 teachers will start at \$7,200 in York County, compared to \$7,100 in Metro and will rise to a maximum of \$12,000 in 14 years instead of 18. Metro's maximum for this category is \$11,900.

Similarly, in Category 3, York County's minimum and maximum tops Metro's scale by \$100, starting at \$8,000 and rising to \$13,500 in 15 years instead of in 20 years as formerly.

For teachers in Category 4, York County's minimum has been set at \$8,600, bettering Metro by

\$200. Maximum for this category in the county is \$14,400, topping Metro by \$300. Maximum here will be reached after 16 years, instead of the former 22 years of service.

The new salary schedule represents an increase for secondary school teachers of approximately seven and one-half per cent.

Negotiations with elementary school teachers, vice-principals and principals are continuing, reported Trustee Ross Jolliffe, chairman of the board's salary negotiations committee.

On the basis of last year's salary schedules, plus normal increments, total bill for teachers' salaries this year will reach the \$17 million mark. To this will be added increases under the new salary schedule.

Master teachers to be engaged

YORK CTY. — Members of York County Bd. of Educ. accepted a staff recommendation at the Feb. 24 board meeting that 14 Master Teachers, 27 Associate Master Teachers and 12 Teaching Consultants be engaged for service in York County schools next fall.

Associate Master Teachers will teach some part of the time, to provide opportunities for teachers



Fire destroys Uxbridge store

Billows of black smoke pour out of Moore's Hardware Store, Main Street, Uxbridge, in a blaze Tuesday that caused an estimated \$75,000 damage. Brigades from Stouffville, Port Perry and Uxbridge were on the scene over three hours.

—Staff Photo

Horse team most popular

PICKERING TWP. — Even in today's mechanical age, there's still a place for the horse team and sleigh.

William Sakeris, owner and operator of Swiss Châlet Park near Greenwood, told a meeting of Pickering Township Planning Board that private parties show a wide preference for his pair of black Percherons over snowmobiles.

On receipt of a complaint from adjacent property owners, Harry and Thomas Newman, concerning a requested zone change, Mr. Sakeris said that night snowmobiling would be curtailed. In addition, snowmobile operations will be discontinued entirely in an area 650 feet long and 1,300 feet wide where the Park borders the Newman land.

The application to amend the zoning of the whole Park from agricultural to open space has been withdrawn by the owner. He requested that a partial area zoning be amended as a specific site to allow the leasing, selling and repairing of recreation vehicles. Planning

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Workman electrocuted Severed power line with wire cutters

UXBRIDGE — A coroners jury has ruled that the Jan. 24 death of Rudolph Roberts, 38, of Uxbridge, an electrician at Lasco Steel, was caused by "circumstances apparently due to accidental electrocution."

The jury decided that Mr. Roberts had not been negligent but rather, "unfamiliar" with the peculiarities of the electrical circuit he cut into with wire cutters.

In addition to incorporating technical safety recommendations from a safety engineer with the Ontario Dept. of Labor, the jury suggested that mats made of insulating material be placed in front of electrical panels.

Lloyd Graham, the safety engineer, estimated that 3500 volts passed through Mr. Roberts when he cut a wire to remove a meter.

Mr. Graham said that 110 volts have been known to kill people.

Crown Attorney Bruce Affleck who conducted the inquest suggested that as a layman he found Mr. Roberts' actions not those of a reasonably prudent man.

Mr. Graham, of the Dept. of Labor, said he found it "very strange" that Mr. Roberts would not de-energize the system. "Perhaps he didn't realize the voltage with which he was dealing," he commented, adding that the meters were just mounted in an instrument cabinet. He said the light wiring he cut into with nippers "might have misled him."

Mr. Graham, after a visit to the scene of the electrocution, issued a set of directives to Lasco Steel. They include the requirement that employees be properly instructed when required to work on electrical control equipment.

The company must inform employees of the hazards of working on extremely high voltage circuits. The company is also required to ensure that no worker remove, replace or install electrical equipment without either locking the circuit or using proper "hot line" tools. Control cabinets must be locked in future

to observe lessons. Their main concerns will be in-service teacher training, both individual and group and improvement in classroom organization.

Teaching consultants will fill a somewhat similar role and will assist teachers to improve their methods and standards through observation and discussion of lessons taught by the teacher consultant.

The consultants, as well as teaching as required by the superintendent, will also organize programs in particular areas and assist principals in budget preparation and ordering equipment and supplies.

Both Master Teachers and Teacher Consultants will also stimulate curriculum development by working closely with regular classroom teachers.

The board approved the hiring of 749 secondary school teachers for next year approximately 50 more than at present.

Figures for elementary school teachers required for next year have not yet been arrived at. There are at present, 1,128 elementary school teachers in the county.

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Parent conference

YORK CTY. — In an attempt to help make board members and the York County education system generally, less anonymous to the public, it is planned to hold a series of public parent conferences or seminars.

The Communications Committee reported at the February 24 meeting of the York County Board of Education that the first of these conferences would be held early in May.

General theme is to be "What Does York County Expect from its Schools?"

Experience gained at the first meeting will be used to plan future meetings next fall or winter. It is hoped that such conferences will provide "feedback" to board members from the community and help in the formulation of board policy.

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