

Another board hopeful

Business approach needed

STOUFFVILLE — Harry Bowes feels that this area needs "firm representation by a businessman" on the York County Board of Education.

He is one of the declared candidates in the election to succeed Colin Barrett. Election day is Monday, Nov. 10.

Mr. Bowes feels that a major issue at the board is keeping expenditures in line. Teacher salary increases are a major problem. Cuts in certain parts of the administration and the number of teachers could be affected, he feels.

The number of master teachers in the

region concerns him. There are 29 costing \$600,000 a year in salaries.

"They are necessary at the elementary level, but questionable at the secondary level," Mr. Bowes told The Tribune in an interview.

He feels that school bus operations are another major concern, but "all the complaints are different". They include — overcrowding, poor buses, poor drivers, "all sorts of complaints."

The Ross Report, on board re-structuring has been, "practically ignored". The third phases of the report on

job definitions is still to be presented. The report has suggested far-reaching changes in the administrative set-up of the YCBE.

"I will try to re-open the case," Mr. Bowes said, suggesting that the report should at least be examined.

Renovations to Summitview Public School loom as a major local issue in the election. In 1973 in addition to the school was third priority for the board, since then it has been given a lower priority Mr. Bowes stated.

He insists that an all-purpose room must be added and that \$30,000

worth of fireproofing of the stairwells must be completed.

"The school is basically sound" he said.

He claims that the board could help the Home and School Association in Ballantrae in building an adventure playground and could help provide such a facility at Summitview.

Communications is another problem. Mr. Bowes feels that person-to-person contact is essential and objects to regulations forbidding trustees from taking problems to principals.

But Mr. Bowes is not down on the system as a whole.

"They (students) are getting a broader education with the new system," he said.

He feels that discipline is "an important concern".

The credit system he termed good in that a student could receive a diploma "without being regimented". A core curriculum however must be included.

"This way it's flexible," he said. "As long as they keep a core of basic subjects."

The board is taking a positive step forward in appointing its negotiating committee early, not

leaving things to the last minute."

He feels that trustees must be "more like business people," in dealing with problems at the board level.

Many times, Mr. Bowes said, debate goes on for long periods on trivial matters, before a decision is reached.

He is a pharmacist, who is semi-retired and feels he can give full time to being a trustee. Mr. Bowes of Hawthorne Ave. in Stouffville, has been well-known for his activities in the Lions Club and the sports leagues in town.



Harry Bowes is one of three candidates for the Whitchurch-Stouffville seat on the York County Board of Education.

Board approves

debenture

AURORA — Approval of a debenture issue to cover York County Board of Education's share of construction costs of the new civic centre here was finalized last week.

Trustees approved an offer from A. E. Ames and Co. Ltd. for an 11 per cent 10-year debenture issue on the \$1.5 million board share of the \$1.8 million construction project.

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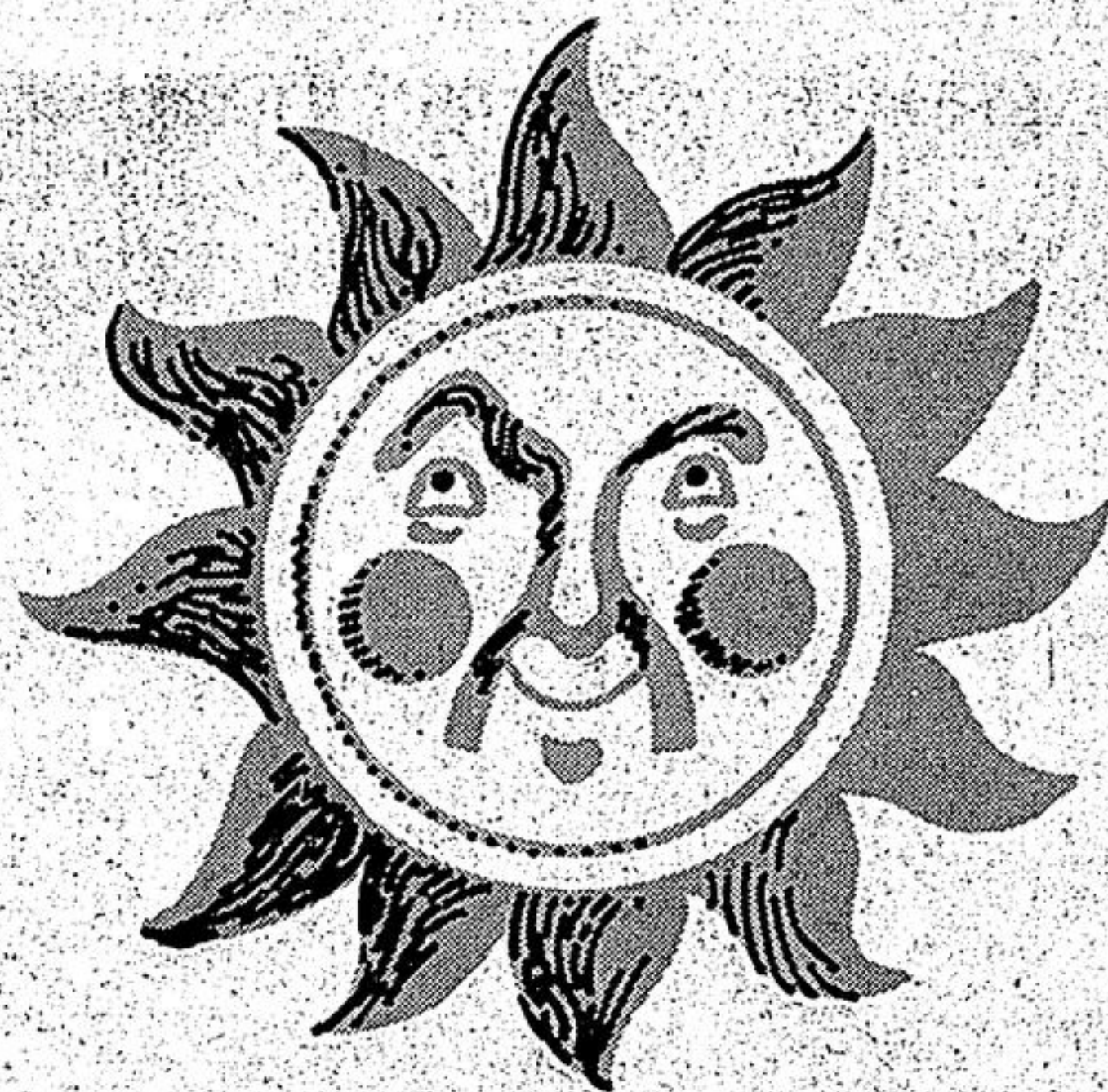
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