

Guidelines for negotiations

Professionals rejected by board

YORK CTY. — The York County Board of Education has turned down a motion that would commit trustees to hiring a professional negotiator or labor lawyer for contract talks.

The move came here last week as trustees debated a report from a committee formed to establish guidelines for negotiating procedures.

While the committee recommended hiring of a lawyer "if deemed necessary" by the board's negotiating team, Vaughan trustee Don Cameron termed the teachers' contract "much too large" to be negotiated by trustees who are "amateurs" in labor relations.

A motion introduced by the Vaughan trustee called on the board's

negotiating team to supervise any contract talks.

Under the Cameron motion, the actual negotiating would be done by a professional.

The motion gained support from Markham trustee Doreen Quirk who stressed that the province uses professional negotiators in its contract talks.

But fellow Markham trustee Chris McMonagle disagreed. "Last year we had a group of trustees who negotiated a contract and we didn't have any trouble," she said.

Hiring a negotiator would be passing the trustees role off to a professional, Mrs. McMonagle stressed.

Mr. Cameron's

motion was lost when only he and Mrs. Quirk supported the proposed amendment.

Later in the meeting, the Vaughan trustee gained support for a motion limiting membership on the board's negotiating team to trustees who do not hold membership in a teachers' federation.

"The non-federation members of the board must accept that responsibility," he explained.

While Newmarket representative and board vice-chairman Craig Cribar agreed, he said past experience has shown trustees are not accepting that responsibility.

When the chairman's committee asked for volunteers to form the

1976 negotiating team only three out of the board's 20 trustees replied, he reported.

The board's negotiating team will include five trustees plus two alternates, the director of education or his delegate and, at the discretion of the committee, a labor lawyer.

Staff members will be present as observers during the negotiations and meet in caucus with the negotiating team.

Staff responsibility will include assessing financial and operational implications of any proposed settlement or concession.

All agreements reached by the negotiating team will be ratified by a recorded vote during a public board meeting.

Region's post offices open

YORK REGION — All post offices are now operating again normally in York Region with limited inter-office service. Major offices in the area include, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Markham, Sutton and Oak Ridges.

A number of offices on the borders of this area are also operating, including Uxbridge, Clarendon and Willowdale. Pickering is giving internal service but not Scarborough. There is also service in Brampton, Oakville, and Burlington. This position changes from day to day as more and more inside workers join the back-to-work trend.

Firms or persons with mailings, large or small in any of these municipalities, can be assured of delivery by dropping off their mail at any of these particular points. In addition there is limited truck service between some of these offices. The national survey at the beginning of this week showed that one third of the post offices from coast to coast were now re-opened for business.

Youth convicted in break-in case

YORK REGION — A 17 year old Musselman's Lake youth was convicted on charges of theft and break and entry in Newmarket Court last week, after pleading guilty before Judge Ian Munro.

Mark Anthony Morrison was remanded for sentence until Nov. 28 for a pre-sentence report. His alleged accomplice, Joseph John Gage elected trial in County Court and waived evidence at a preliminary hearing.

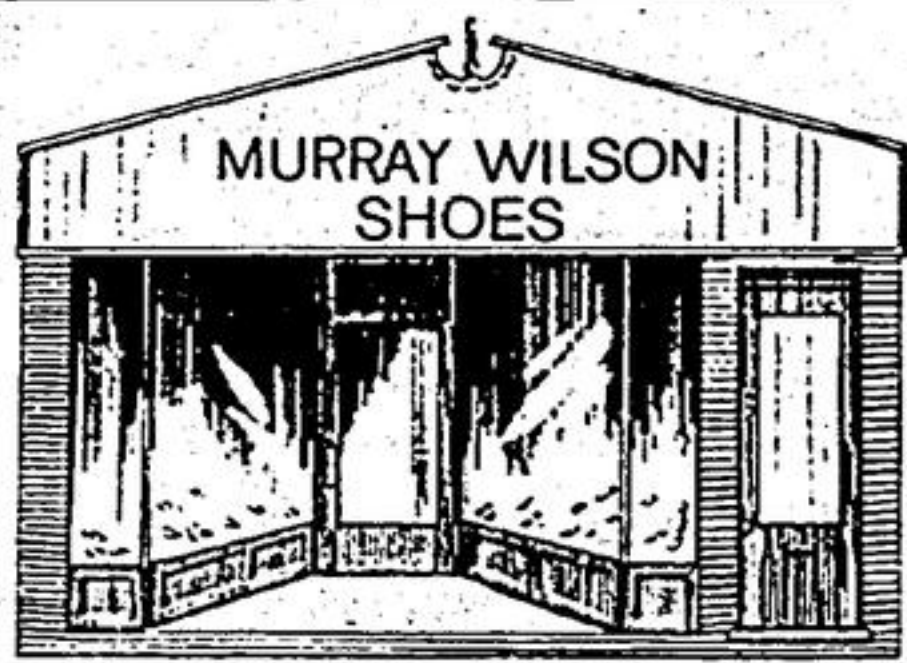
Police testimony revealed that Morrison accompanied by another youth, broke into several cottages in the Rest Nook Beach area of Musselman's Lake last March. The 17 year old youth also pleaded guilty to stealing a tape deck and tapes from a car at 14 Dublin Place, and to syphoning gas from vehicles parked in a Freight Line yard at Stouffville. Counsel for the youth asked the court for a pre-sentence report saying that the boy's mother knew little of his whereabouts involving his education.

This week's teen pic is somewhat different than the others in that it is a male. Doug Fesby of Stouffville has been starring with the Markham Waxers in the Tier Junior A circuit this season and has also seen action with the Toronto Marlies in the Major Junior A. He was a standout on the Stouffville midget team two years ago. — Ted Wilcox.



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