

EDUCATION TAX UP OVER 1979

DURHAM REGION — The increase in education taxes to Durham region residents will range from \$27 to \$42 per home, depending on the municipality. Budget-audit chairman David Sims, a Whitby trustee,

presented the figures to the Durham Board of Education, recently for approval. The budget totals \$94,364,530, for both elementary and secondary schools. About 43 per cent of this will be collected through

municipal levies. This year's figures represent an increase of \$9,303,185 over 1979.

Wages and benefits are 76 per cent of the total. Uxbridge township will levy \$2,136,996,

compared with \$243,398 last year.

The Board is allowing \$50,000 for the replacement of out-dated technical equipment where needed. This money is in addition to the regular allocations.

Increase in funds for supplies is 20 per cent, or \$600,000 above last year. It was suggested that \$40 per student be budgeted; up from \$9 per

pupil — at the elementary level. In the secondary block, the proposed increase is \$17.89 to \$124.89.

It is anticipated that maintenance will be up by \$511,000, along with \$50,000 needed for security systems. A \$30,000 engineering study of all fire alarms will also be undertaken.

The chairman noted that for

1979 it cost the Board \$1,161 to educate an elementary pupil, and \$1,858 for a secondary school student. In Metro Toronto, the figures are \$1,789 and \$1,430 respectively.

"This is evidence of sound financial management by the Durham Board," Sims said.

Provincial aid for this year is projected to be \$50,276,622, an eight per cent increase over 1979.

To minimize the effects of the new equalization assessment factors, the Province will provide an additional \$1,744,000 to reduce major discrepancies within the Region.

For Uxbridge ratepayers, the budget will mean \$30 more per home, and for Pickering residents it will be a \$40 increase; Ajax - \$39; Oshawa \$27; and Whitby \$43.

Claremont trustee

'Budget too lean'

DURHAM REGION — Claremont trustee Linda Carder feels this year's Board of Education budget is "far too lean".

Increases for the taxpayer in Pickering will be \$40 per household, or 12.35 per cent over 1979.

Carder, one of five trustees seeking more funds for the elementary school sector to "beef up inventories", said she was disappointed to find the budget increases marginal in that area.

She termed the document "conservative", and said that there are too many projects piling up that just can't be put off any longer.

"Many schools have to contend with leaky roofs which are slowly crumbling apart. These are things which should have been taken care of in previous years.

Mrs. Carder added that in the maintenance allotments there is \$141,000 for roof repairs, \$171,000 for window frames, and

\$60,000 for masonry. Conversion from oil to natural gas will be costly now, but will pay off in the long run, she explained.

She said that although Claremont Public will be receiving a 25 per cent increase over last year, due to inflation, the school will have to spend more for the same supplies.

"The bonus sounds like a substantial amount, but actually the school won't be any further ahead."

The Board will implement a new policy giving priority to schools with kindergarten to grade eight classes, with an effort to upgrade textbooks, libraries, and add science labs and music rooms, Mrs. Carder pointed out.

"While the public may scream about cutting frills, I don't think libraries, gymnasiums or video equipment can be called unnecessary. Any education system must keep up with the times, and these are effective teaching aids. Unfortunately, most children never

learn to use a resource centre properly."

There are no new programs planned for 1980, but the trustee said tuition fees for summer school and driver's education programs are up to offset charges to the ratepayers.

"Still, we're way under levy, and the people complain because we don't spend enough money. But I would really like to know how we can spend more, without having to raise more — which means asking the public for it."

Mrs. Carder said that despite the \$40 increase, it still costs less to educate a child in the Durham system than in Carleton, York, Metro and Halton.

Missing peacock returned

BROUGHAM — One of two peacocks that "flew the coop" last week near Brougham, is back home safe and sound.

Margaret Hewett, R.R. 1, Locust Hill, told The Tribune that the birds, one male and one female, "took off" shortly after their arrival.

The male, she said was found in a garage, north of Hwy. 7. The female, at last report was still free.

The owner said she had erected a six foot high fence to keep the peacocks confined, but they cleared the enclosure with ease. She felt sure they'd gone back from where they had come. However, when they didn't show up, she called in an ad.

The male, she said, was somewhat bedraggled and very hungry. His mate, she feels could be in the same general area.

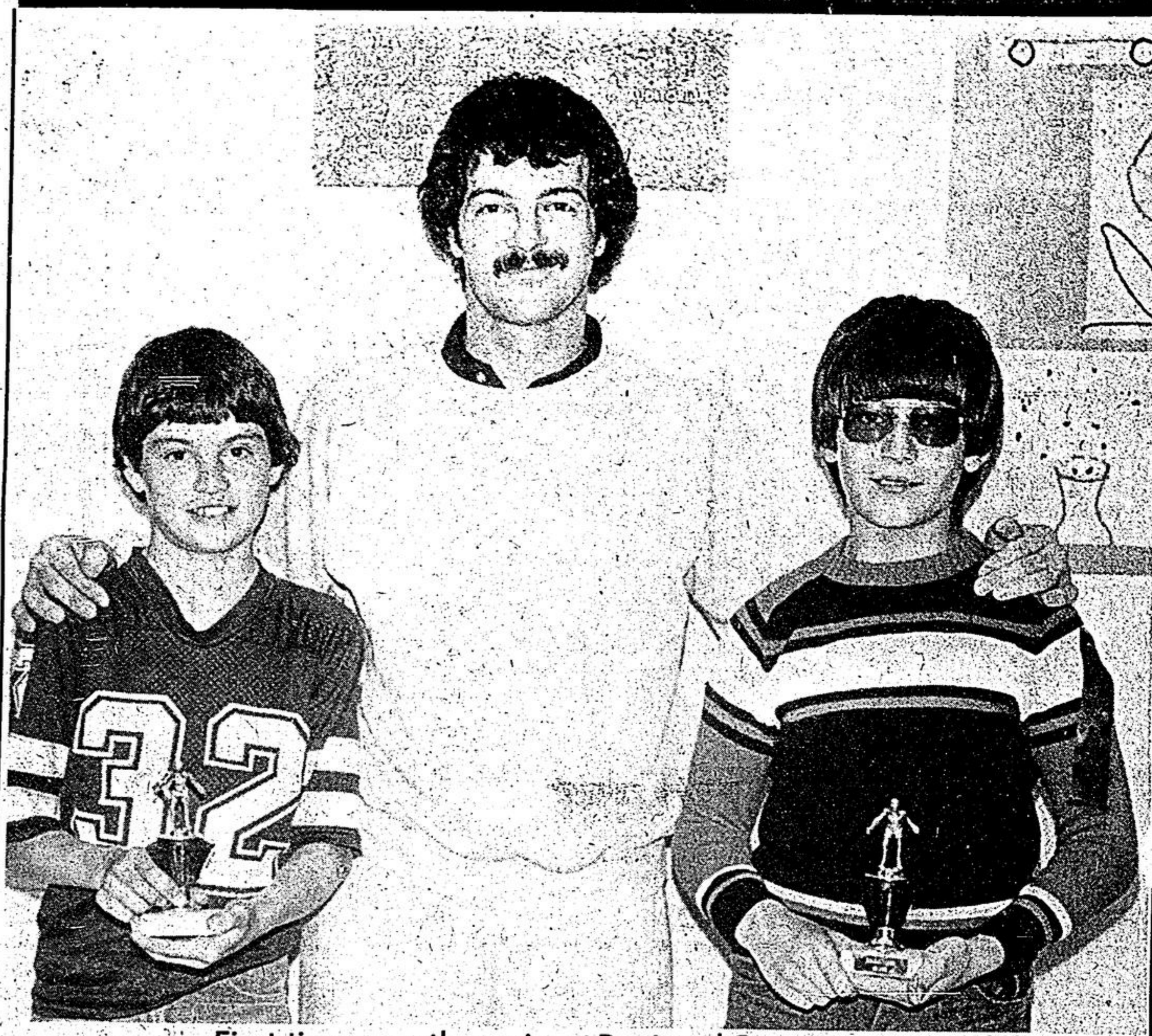
Anyone seeing a bird of this type is asked to call 683-4263.

Co-op fined

CLAREMONT — A Claremont company has been fined \$5,000 for the excretion of ammonia pollutants to Duffin's Creek.

Charges against United Co-operatives of Ontario were laid under the Fisheries Act of Canada when it was learned that about 1,000 brook trout died last spring.

A May 24 spill contained enough toxins to kill the fish within three hours, a leading biologist with the Ministry of the Environment testified.



First-time wrestlers win at Regional Competitions

This is the first year Goodwood Public has had a wrestling team—but already the competitors have brought honor to the school with their many wins. Twenty-two wrestlers from Goodwood participated in the Regional Championships at Port

Perry recently. Here, Coach Robert Byers poses with first place winners Curtis Hermann (right), 90 lb. class, and Cam Todd, 77 lb. division.

—JoAnn Thompson

Over \$70,000 unreported

Trucker evaded taxes

Donald F. Crawford, age 52, of Ajax started operating a trucking and haulage business many years ago as a sole proprietorship. In 1973 he incorporated the business under

the name of D.F. Crawford Enterprises Ltd. Mr. Crawford has at times operated a fleet of up to fourteen trucks.

The investigation disclosed that D.F. Crawford Enterprises Ltd. of Ajax failed to report sales amounting to \$39,389.99 from two customers in the United States, one located in the State of Michigan, the other in the State of Ohio. The corporation also did not report sales of \$18,111.84 from ten Canadian customers and insurance claims received for damaged trucks of \$14,417.08. The total unreported income by the corporation for the taxation

years 1975 and 1976 amounted to \$71,918.91.

During 1972, and 1973 when Donald F. Crawford operated as a sole proprietor he failed to report sales of \$56,596.63 of which \$41,088.51 was from one United States customer located in Ohio, the remainder from Canadian customers. He also did not report \$3,342.31 which he received for insurance claims for damaged trucks. In 1974 and 1975 Mr. Crawford did not report \$71,043.40 of funds which he appropriated from his corporation. The total unreported income by Mr. Crawford for the

taxation years 1972 to 1975 amounted to \$130,982.34.

The proceeds of these sales were either diverted to one or more of thirteen personal bank accounts maintained by Mr. Crawford and members of his family or in some instances Mr. Crawford negotiated cheques through third parties and received the cash.

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New plan for kindergarten

CLAREMONT — The idea of all-day kindergarten is not a new one — but the area trustee feels it could work effectively within the school system here.

Linda Carder explained that due to soaring busing costs, the proposal is feasible.

"Many of the Board's buses carry only six children at one time, which is expensive."

Under the plan, children would attend kindergarten all-day, three times a week, travelling with older students morning and night.

"This could eliminate the need for two-way radios because

the older children would be available in the event of an emergency," she noted.

The trustee said she supported the project fully when it was first introduced by a Transportation Task Force.

"Notwithstanding the financial advantages, preschoolers would benefit as well. Teachers agree that the prime learning time for the youngsters is in the morning, and this way, everyone would receive it."

Mrs. Carder will present the program to Claremont principal Stan Todd, and says she would like to see it working at Valley View in Greenwood also.

Allergy seminar

DURHAM REGION — The next meeting of the Durham North Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will be held May 14 at R.H. Cornish public school, Port Perry.

The speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Small, will discuss allergies and their effects on a child's ability to learn. The seminar begins at 8 p.m.



Ninety officials attend Umpires' Clinic in Stouffville

The Whitechurch-Stouffville Softball Association hosted a successful Umpires' Clinic, Saturday at the High School with a record 90 officials in attendance from as far distant as Mississauga, Peterborough, Oshawa and Brampton. Here, Sharon Sinclair

(seated), Provincial Umpire-in-Chief from Churchill near Barrie, points a new rule to (left to right) - Cordie Chong, Stouffville; Bev Graham, Oshawa; Neil Lafleur, Stouffville; Earl Rowe, Goodwood; Stan Todd, Goodwood and George Manak, Markham.

Jim Thomas