



This was the scene last Wednesday at 12 noon when workers at Douglas Aircraft in Malton went on strike. Both the strike and negotiations between Douglas and union officials continue. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

Trustees block rugger club's bid for facility

A request by the Mississauga-Oakville Crusader Rugger Club for permission to use the rear portion of the board of education's old deserted Britannia Road School as a change and shower room has been officially refused. Board trustees in fact moved to close all doors by refusing to let the club negotiate with the school's future student tenants.

The Britannia School sits on one of only two remaining original clergy reserves in Ontario. The land surrounding the one room school is leased to the Town of Mississauga for future park use and the school will become an early education museum built and operated by Streetsville Secondary School students.

The Crusader Rugger Club plays regular games within the Niagara Rugger Union (league) which is composed of teams in seven southern Ontario centres.

The Crusader's problem is a shortage of playing fields. John Hayes, vice president of the club, has appeared repeatedly before the board with plans for the reconstruction and use of the Britannia School—entirely at the club's expense.

In an extensive report the club surveyed damage to the structure and offered to foot the entire bill for putting it back into its old condition. In return the club requested a long term agreement to use the "clubhouse" facilities.

Hayes also requested that the club be given the sole responsibility for day to day management of the school, subject to board approval. The fenced field adjacent to the field would become a rugger field and parking facility.

The board instead approved a motion to deny the

club's requests and to grant full permission to Streetsville Secondary School students to restore the building as a pioneer school.

The one friend of the Crusaders on the board, Rudy Bos, then moved to at least allow the Streetsville Secondary staff and students to enter into negotiations with the club with the idea of sharing the unused annex structure.

Bos explained that the kids would not have to negotiate but they should be allowed to do so if they wished to share the building. The annex portion can be closed off entirely from the museum section of the school.

Art Cummins, superintendent of academic affairs, worried that approval of this motion could "put Streetsville Secondary in a difficult position, it may put the students in a pressure cooker."

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Judge calls testimony 'totally false', youth is convicted on theft charge

"This has got to be one of the worst cases of lying in the witness box I've ever seen," concluded crown attorney Leo McGuigan last week before a 19 year old Park Royal man was convicted of theft in Mississauga Provincial Court.

Kenneth Tweedale of Padstow Cres., pleaded not guilty to stealing the change-making machine from a Peel Taxi driven by Hohn Dair July 23.

Dair had been in and out of the Highway Coffee Bar, at 1714 Lakeshore Road East, all night and returned for coffee about 4:30 a.m. When he went out to his car to get some cigarettes he found that both the smokes and the change-maker containing \$12.90 were missing.

According to the testimony of both Dair and the night manager of the restaurant, Tweedale had also been in and out of the restaurant

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through the night.

He was broke just after midnight and couldn't pay the full amount of his bill. Later that morning after the theft he paid a \$1.40 cheque with six quarters he claimed his friend had given him.

Coincidentally both Tweedale and the friend were arrested later the same day in connection with a drug charge. While the two sat in their cells, police overheard their conversation about hiding the changer in the bushes behind the restaurant. A quick trip to the scene soon revealed the stolen articles.

Tweedale admitted his friend had wanted to steal the changer but denied that he had anything to do with it. "He tried to give it to me but I refused and when he dropped it he kicked it into

the bushes," he said.

His defence counsel argued all the evidence was circumstantial — that no solid evidence linked Tweedale to the money-changer. He called for the court to dismiss the charge because of the degree of doubt involved.

Judge Young disagreed and called Tweedale's testimony "totally false." He remanded the man in custody until Nov. 4 to await the preparation of a pre-sentence report on his background and personality.

A 25 year old Sylva Dr. man was convicted of theft over \$50 and possession of stolen property last week by Judge Young and remanded in custody until Oct. 28 to await a pre-sentence report.

Frank Ronald Wise scaled the fence surrounding the

Serson Park swimming pool on the night of June 28. After removing the screen Wise opened a window in the change building and stole a cash box containing \$25, an electronic amplifier, speakers, three yellow life guard jackets, some towels and a transistor radio.

Wise topped the caper off with a little vandalism — he threw three rolls of admission tickets into the swimming pool.

Wise made it through the summer without detection but on Sept. 22 police checked his car and found that the license plates had been stolen from a 1968 Toyota parked at the Herman Star service station on the South Service Road at Haig Blvd.

Police found Wise to be an uncooperative suspect. Everything stolen from the pool was recovered but the amplifier was slightly damaged.



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Malton residents form ratepayers association

As a result of protests about conditions of dwellings in the Morningstar Homes development in Malton, citizens will form the North Malton Ratepayers Association at a Nov. 4 meeting, resident Harold Story told The Times.

Residents, two weeks ago, picketed the office of

development realtor R. M. Lowe to protest the conditions of homes built by Pastoria Holdings and Silver Rose Developments.

Complaints ranged from sinking bathtubs to hollow basement floors.

A meeting with the developers and realtor Bob Lowe produced a promise

that the builders would hire a trouble-shooter to clean up complaints in the 500-home subdivision.

Storey said a meeting last week culminated in a contract, signed by Lowe and one of the developers — Pastoria Holdings, to rid all complaints within a three-month period.

Storey felt all troubles could not be rectified in the period but added residents would be satisfied if the developers "show good intent."

Peel Appeal pledges hit \$85,000

Pledges of \$85,000 have been made so far in the Peel County United Appeal according to T. A. Williams, Campaign Chairman. The total is 21.3 per cent of this year's target of \$400,000 and is 6 per cent ahead of last year's returns at this point.

Williams feels confident the objective can be reached by Nov. 12, the finishing date. The Residential Campaign began Monday and Williams hopes to see a significant increase in this week's returns.

A new feature this year was the Pacesetter Campaign which involved three companies, Douglas Aircraft Co. of Canada Ltd., American Motors (Canada) Ltd. and Purolator Products. The three companies exceeded their target by \$9,000.

Student, parent complaints are often ignored: trustee

Board of Education trustee John Hart implied last week that the board staff was often ignorant of the problems of many parents and students and frequently ignored their complaints.

Hart had presented a motion that the administration conduct a study of the time-tabling situation and "specifically do a survey as to how many students were adversely affected by timetabling and how long."

"Many representations have been made to me by parents on the difficulties of timetabling," Hart explained. He wanted to know just how widespread such problems were and whether they were justified.

Hart pointed out that in many cases children are

asked to commit themselves to courses nine months in advance and forget their commitments when the new school year rolls around.

Director of education, Archie Turner asked Hart if a simple request to the administration wouldn't have resulted in the same information. In other words didn't he trust the staff to handle such complaints and problems without resorting to the elected board?

Hart raised more than a few administrative tempers by replying that "there are indications that the administration is not aware of this sort of problem in schools — perhaps this is the type of thing that escapes you until it is brought up by many parents."

Vice-chairman Bill Kent insisted that the problem had not been substantiated but he did admit that timetabling itself was an administrative problem and a generalized study of the whole business might be beneficial.

Trustee Rudy Bos supported the administration's ability to handle problems. "I have had calls from parents that when referred to the principal of their school was cleared up."

Hart's motion was defeated — in effect a vote of confidence by the elected trustees for the administrative staff. However, an informal report on the "problem" will be made to Hart by senior staff.

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Port Credit council: let province provide radar

PORT CREDIT — Town council here has voted to support a motion by Meaford council, urging the provincial Attorney General's Department to pay for all municipal police radar equipment.

Councillor Ed Donner explained that in the old days each municipality contributed towards the cost of courts and as a result they received in return a portion of the traffic fines levied for breaking provincial statutes.

But now, he said, the entire cost of justice is borne by the province and when a local police officer writes out a

speeding ticket, the entire fine goes toward Queens Park.

Donner reasoned that since the province gets all the money they should be required to purchase the enforcement equipment. The only dissenting vote came from Deputy Reeve John Caldwell who thought radar traps failed to slow down the average motorist.

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