

Haldimand Board Within Limits

Haldimand Board of Education is now within spending ceilings established by the Ontario Department of Education.

R. B. King, business-administrator of the Board, told The Record today that Haldimand is operating within the guidelines set out by the department.

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Minister of Education William G. Davis has told the province's school boards that they will have to adhere to ceilings

established by the Department of Education by 1972.

At present, school boards are allowed to exceed the ceilings imposed by the Department for grant purposes, with over-expenditure being raised solely through local taxes. Under the new regulation the boards, by 1972, will have to keep their budgets within the ceilings established by the Department.

In a letter to school board chairmen last week, aimed at assisting school boards to speed the development of their 1971

budget, Mr. Davis stated that the ceiling on per pupil operating expenditures eligible for grant will be increased next year to \$545 per elementary school student from this year's \$500 per pupil ceiling. The per pupil secondary school ceiling will be increased to \$1,060 next year, compared to the current \$1,000.

The letter states most boards were able to keep their 1970 expenditures within the ceilings imposed this year and it is expected that they will be able to keep their 1971 expenditures within the new ceilings.

However, the letter warns that those boards who exceeded the Department ceilings this year are expected to reduce their over expenditures by half next year and that all boards will have to stay within the ceilings imposed in 1972.

"While the increases allowed in the ceilings of expenditure per pupil are considered to be realistic, they do at the same time impose strictures which will necessitate close and careful scrutiny of all proposed expenditures and, where it is found that these cannot be accommodated within the ceilings, it will be

necessary to make choices among the priorities that the board will have established as part of its overall planning for the future.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for every possible economy in the light of the economic pressures which prevail at the present time.

"There have been encouraging signs in quite a number of jurisdictions that the boards are conscious of this need and that they are making sincere and successful efforts to meet the problems involved.

"In some other jurisdictions it has not yet

been possible to achieve the degree of economy that all of us would wish. It is my sincere desire that we make substantial further progress along these lines in 1971," the letter stated.

Safety League Tips

A legal decision in Philadelphia has some frightening implications for careless motorists who are in the habit of leaving the keys in the ignition of a parked car. The Ontario Safety League says that a driver who did this eight years ago was found liable recently for damages caused by two men who stole the car and were involved in an accident.

The jury found the car owner "negligent" for failing to take the keys with him when he parked, and his employer was found liable also because the man had been using the car on a business matter. The trial's presiding judge called the case a "first" and said he found the verdict "justified" and "excellent law." There is to be an appeal.

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The good news comes from the Ontario Department of Transport that traffic fatalities for the first half of this year were 14.7 percent below the 1969 figure — 633 deaths, compared with 742 last year. The Ontario Safety League says there were 32,590 persons injured in traffic January — June 1970, which is also an improvement, being 5.1 percent below last year's figure.

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An engine block heater will assure immediate starts, whatever the weather next winter. The Ontario Safety League points out that quicker starts save on gasoline. Using a little hydro to keep your engine warm overnight also means less battery drain and less engine wear. If you have to park overnight in the open, even occasionally, be kind to your car — give it a block heater! A few dollars spent now may save you all sorts of trouble in times when mercury dips below zero.

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Drivers are reminded of the great danger of leaving children unattended in an automatic transmission car with the engine running, even if it is in park or neutral position. If the parking brake is not effectively engaged, a small child, imitating actions he has seen taken by his parents, can start the car moving towards almost certain collision.



Work crews and big earth moving machines are busy on Cayuga streets installing trunk sanitary sewer mains and individual services. The total sewage project including a pumping station and oxidation ditch will cost \$766,000. (Staff Photo)

HCC Happenings

began on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1970 when the 4-H Conservation Club held a meeting at the Youth Centre in Kohler. Our guest speaker was able to attend and our meeting commenced at 7 pm.

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