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Municipalities Seek Lower School Costs

Jarvis In Interleague

Hamilton's Big Four Fastball League will operate under a misnomer this summer. It will have only three teams.

After several weeks of discussion, clouded by rumors that the league would be folding, the Big Four this week announced that it has survived for at least another season despite the loss of two of last year's teams.

STONEY Creek Quigley's, prompted by the precarious climate of the Hamilton situation, had to make a choice between the Big Four and the New Niagara District league. At the time, the Big Four had only two entries and the Niagara league placed a deadline on entries. Quigley's did the only thing possible in the situation — joined the Niagara league.

That left the Big Four with only one team — Real McCoy's.

A last-ditch meeting last week brought Pyett's back into the fold and the addition of a new entry, Waxman and Son, the former Picton House team in the Industrial Fastball League.

Efforts to enlist a fourth team have failed, but a meeting of the league this week brought a decision to continue operating with the three-team format.

The life-sustaining factor will be continuation of an interlocking schedule with the Tri-county Fastball League.

"This will provide us with three nights of fastball each week at Victoria Park," secretary Arn Ferguson pointed out.

The Tri-county league boasts five teams this year — Dundas Merchants, Jarvis,

Mount Hope, Binbrook, and Fisherville. The Binbrook entry is the team that won the Ontario junior B championship last year.

Officials indicated that '69 was the theme of the efforts are still being made to recruit a fourth team for the Ontario Federation of Hamilton league and that the Agriculture last November. Big Four will accept these hopes were somewhat applications during the next week or two.



The aerial antics of one five week old kitten was ignored by other members of the family who seem more intent on looking for an escape route. Contact the "Record" office if you have a home for these excellent mousers. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

Protest Mobile Subdivision

Jarvis Town Council been consulted by Hydro voiced strong opposition to a 30-acre mobile unit which have been approved by the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

The subdivision will act strictly as a men's dormitory with no families allowed to live there.

A minimum of 100 units will be constructed by end-April or early-May.

The complex will have its own sewer and water supply and will be fed in a kitchen which is capable of serving over 2,000 meals per day.

Jarvis Reeve Ernest Craddock was quite confident that he would receive support in combating this action.

One Farm Organization

One farm organization in the Ontario Farmers' Union and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture decided that they could not get together.

Since then an independent committee has begun an aggressive drive toward this goal — one general farm organization for Ontario agriculture.

Campaign committees are being set up in each county to acquaint farmers with this new organization and the importance of getting out to vote.

A meeting is being held this week in Haldimand to choose a committee and begin work on this task. This campaign unfortunately comes at a rather busy season but when one considers that the future of farming in Ontario is at stake this is really inconsequential, said the committee.

The importance of getting a high percentage of voters out cannot be overemphasized.

CAYUGA — Officials of the Haldimand County board of education will be asked to explain what is considered an excessive increase in the mill rate at county council next Friday.

The latest chapter in a county-wide revolt over the 15.5 mill increase in a budget approved unanimously in March came yesterday during an emergency county council meeting.

Council voted to ask board officials to show taxpayers what they are paying for through the increased mill rate. Councillors felt the board itself should not be criticized, only its failure to appear in person before elected municipal representatives to explain reasons for the increase.

To date, four Haldimand municipalities — the townships of Moulton, Oneida, Seneca and Walpole — have rejected their share of the board's budget either entirely or partially.

Walpole Township a week ago voted to demand a \$40,000 reduction in its share of secondary school expenses and a \$30,000 cutback in elementary expenses. Walpole's share is \$336,262.88, up \$94,425.02 from last year.

The Other Three townships have sent their entire allotment back to the board for reconsideration. Provincial legislation appears to make payment mandatory, however.

The education budget is \$5,642,471, the first since county boards of education were established Jan. 1. Generally the revolt is considered more of an uprising against provincial legislation.

Here is a breakdown of the 1969 education increase in each municipality and respective council action:

CALEDONIA: An increase of about five mills on the new town assessment or about \$70 on a house assessed at \$17,000 to \$18,000. Council voted down a resolution to reject its share, but has requested county council to appeal to the department of education for additional education grants.

CANBORO: Mill rate increase has not yet been calculated. Figures indicate that its share has increased by \$25,519.98 from last year. Council is unhappy with the budget, but has not decided on any action.

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NORTH CAYUGA: An increase of about 15 mills, or a little over \$9,000 from last year. Figures show education will demand 62 per cent of total township taxes this year, five per cent above 1968. Council has sent a letter of protest to the Haldimand board.

CAYUGA: An eight-mill increase. Council defended the Haldimand board Monday night and agreed the provincial government should be responsible because

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DUNNVILLE: The town pays the largest share of any Haldimand municipality and this year its education mill rate will rise 12.6 mills.

Council meets Monday evening.

HAGERSVILLE: Reeve Lyle Furry said the village's share will mean an increase of about 14 mills. He said there is little doubt that the matter will be discussed in council Monday evening.

JARVIS: A 7.6-mill increase. Reeve Ernest Craddock said council is paying its share under protest.

MOULTON: An 18-mill increase. Township council has sent the budget back to the board.

ONEIDA: Its share is \$174,070, up about \$59,854 from last year. Ratepayers face an increase of 18.25 mills, or about \$54 on a house assessed at \$3,000.

RAINHAM: New figures show the education increase will now represent an

approximate 14 mills increase. Council has expressed disapproval, but has taken no action yet.

SENECA: Ratepayers here face a 19-mill hike and council Wednesday night voted to reject its entire share.

SHERBROOKE: The increase taxes by \$43 on a house and council will discuss it May 7.

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What is alarming most municipalities is the new formula by which equal yearly payments — on the first day of June, August, October and December — instead of the present system of one payment in December or whenever needed.

Canboro clerk Russell Johnson said the township's first installment of taxes will not be collected until July 5 so on June 1 it appears that council will have to borrow money to make the board's first payment.

There is fear that if the township has to borrow to meet the payment, it will lose its credit with its bank and will therefore have insufficient funds to finance township requirements.

Prior to the board's acceptance of the budget committee chairman Garfield Disher and secondary school costs rose because the North Cayuga retarded children's school was added to the budget and 1968 school surpluses will not be included until next year's budget.

Heavy building programs at Hagersville and Dunnville secondary schools resulted in debenture payments that are just being felt, he said.

Mr. Disher said a seven per cent inflationary rate, additional debenture payments increased transportation and plant maintenance costs and salaries boosted the elementary rate.

Pool Fund

Starts In May

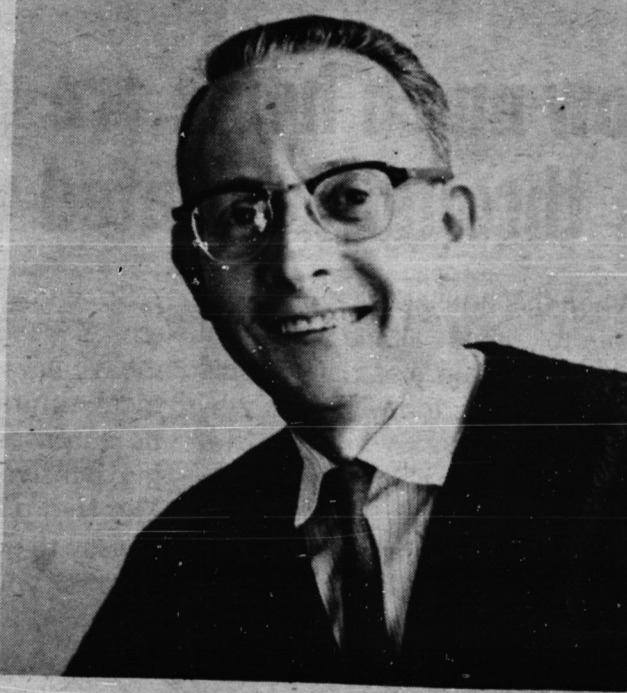
HAGERSVILLE — The Hagersville district Lions Club will begin a four-week public subscription May 2 to help finance its swimming pool.

Club officials announced recently that the \$60,000, 25-metre swimming pool will be located in the Hagersville community park to the east of the tennis courts and approximately 150 feet from Laidlaw Street. The club's fund raising committee met April 11, to set a goal.

The Park site was chosen despite fears that the proposed pool would result in excessive noise. "I don't think it will be a serious problem," said Norm Sinibaldi, Lions first vice president. "Its situated where it will be well away from residential places."



The West Haldimand General Hospital ambulance at the moment can only park in front of the \$20,000 garage. Minor work to the new structure must be completed before the garage may be used. It is expected the work will be finished in about a week. (Photo by Jim Mercer)



The President of the local Board of Trade, Jack Cooke, of Jarvis, was all smiles when he announced an election of officers will be held this week. He said the board has been inactive in the past and new blood might give it the push it needs. (Record Photo)