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Jack Payne, 16, of Jarvis, applies elbow grease to a window while his job is being checked by Smokey the dog that gets his kicks by watching the children on the street through the window. (Photo by Mercer)

On The Farm Front

Haldimand Hog Producers plan a Hog Quality Competition for 1969. Preliminary discussions suggest that the new Canada Index which replaces the previous Grade A, Grade B, etc., will be most useful in calculating winners.

Provincial Police

During the week of February 23 to March 1, 1969, officers of this detachment investigated a total of 8 accidents in Haldimand County. Two of these accidents were of a personal injury and caused injuries to 2 persons. This was an increase of 4 over the previous week. Officers patrolled a total of 5,850 miles, issued 32 Highway Traffic Act charges and 22 warnings to motorists during this period. As a result of 3 Liquor Control Act investigations, 4 persons have been charged. Two motorists were charged under the Criminal Code, one for Impaired Driving and one for Driving Under Suspension. In Provincial Judge's Court, Cayuga, on Thursday, February 27, 1969, 36 convictions were registered for this Detachment.

Judge To Make Inquiry

CAYUGA - Haldimand County Judge W. W. Leach has accepted an offer from Brantford to conduct an inquiry into the conduct of the city's welfare department. The Record learned Judge Leach hasn't yet set a date for the inquiry but will schedule it shortly. Brantford city council in

In a further effort to help producers improve quality, an announcement will be made soon by the Haldimand Hog Producers' Association about a plan to provide assistance in the purchase of premium boars. The intention of the directors is that a payment of one-half the provincial premium be made by the local Hog Producers for better than average boars. To meet this quality standard a boar would when tested probe .9 inches or less back fat and complete the test at 200 lbs. in 160 days or less. This will mean double checking on test information available in order to qualify for the special bonus. Details of both these quality programs will be mailed to hog producers who have registered with the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Board.

Preparations are underway for the 1969 Corn and Forage Show to be held at Kohler on Thursday, March 13th. Entries in the various hay, silage and corn classes will be received until 10:30 a.m. when judging commences.



This pavilion is part of the facilities at the Haldimand County Park, which the council decided to return instead of turning it over to the Big Creek Region Conservation Authority. (Record Photo)

Ontario Budget

Cigarette, Liquor Tax Up

Ontario residents will pay more for cigarettes, liquor, hotel and hotel accomodation, which was cancelled the exemption for gasoline taxes for gasoline used in boats and snowmobiles effective April 1. Here are the highlights of the budget: Cigarettes are up 2 cents for a pack of 20's and 2.5 cents for a pack of 25's, effective midnight Tuesday. Liquor, beer and wine is up 10 per cent from the previous five per cent sales tax. The new rate will be effective April 1. Proposed personal income tax and a capital gains tax within two years.

Five per cent sales tax on hotel and motel accomodation, which was previously exempt. Canceled the exemption for gasoline taxes for gasoline used in boats and snowmobiles effective April 1. Levied a five per cent sales tax on production machinery effective April 1, which was previously exempt. Raised the mining tax a flat 15 per cent on companies earning more than \$50,000 a year. The existing rate varied up to 12 per cent. Capitol tax doubled effective March 15, to one-tenth of one per cent; place of business tax repealed.

Province to take over reassessment of property to current values. Death and gift tax fields to be relinquished to Ottawa on the condition of federal rebates. A surplus is forecast for the budget of \$1,900,000 on revenues of \$2,998,400 and spending of \$2,996,500,000. Under the Austerity program the spending will only rise 7.5 per cent as compared to 45 the fescial years between 1967 and 1968. About 71 per cent of the increase in spending for the current year is because of the increase in the cost of education, the budget statement said.

Regular Bank In School

Hagersville - Students at the Hagersville Secondary School have set up their own bank. Only two other such banks have been setup in Ontario.

Principal Derek Bishop and R. A. Chisholm, supervisor of the school's commercial department, said the concept was based on a similar project at Westview Centennial School, Weston. The pair sought and got approval for the scheme from the school board after which the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce started first negotiations to install a branch. A branch of the bank manned by student volunteers, has now been opened as an experiment in bringing the community to the secondary school. Initially, the sub-branch will operate between noon and 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays - during the lunch break and the first afternoon class.

There are no age restrictions on customers. Mr. Chisholm, supervisor of the commercial extra-curricular activity department, said teachers are very keen on the idea and he has had numerous inquiries from the school board after the accounts transferred. TEACHERS SEE the rotation. At least four students - two tellers and two bookkeepers - staff the Hagersville branch vault. "They do everything themselves," said Hagersville branch manager C. F. Foster. Kay Bain, 17, a Grade 12 student, from R. R. 5, Hagersville, said that although she is not entering a banking career the experience has been rewarding.

"I was interested in getting some idea in how a bank operates. It gives me background and it has really been interesting," she said.