

# The Jarvis Record

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**\$60,000 NEEDED** — By July 1st, a swimming pool is scheduled to be in operation in Hagersville at the village park. The local Lions Club pledged \$10,000 of the needed \$60,000 the balance is being made by donations. Peter Hendriks, 18, left of Hagersville, makes his donation to Lions members Bill McClarty, centre, and Richard Anderson. (Photo by Jim Mercer).

## Nixon Assails Robarts

Robert Nixon — Liberal Leader of the opposition for the Province of Ontario — scored the Provincial Government led by Premier Robarts for lack of co-operation with The Federal and Municipal bodies, when he addressed the Annual meeting of the Norfolk Haldimand Liberal Association at a banquet in the Community Centre on Friday, night.

Speaking at Jarvis, near the site of the new Ontario Hydro Development east of Nanticoke and the Stelco purchase West of that village, he noted the announcement by Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough of Dofasco of options taken up in Elgin County.

He said the Provincial Government had responsibilities as to the location of these plants, which could have been developed adjacently making it cheaper for the Province, the Industries themselves, and particularly the municipalities involved, to provide oversized service, housing etc., to say nothing of the disruption of this beautiful part of the province of Ontario.

He found it very difficult to believe that Darcy McKeough knew nothing of the Dofasco plans until they were publicly released and also that he had nothing to say about the location. He scored the Robarts government on its opposition to medicare, now withdrawn up to a point, its Regional government plans which cut across the newly established school board areas, and the inflexible boundaries of these which have been autocratic in

their setting. He said Municipal elected bodies should be consulted on such drastic changes.

Each region has its own problems and change, while necessary, must be tailored to fit the location. The proposed Regional Government was definitely inconsistent with the needs and geographic content of the province.

He charged gross lack of co-operation both with the grass roots population and the federal government. How can Provincial Finance Minister McNaughton declare that Ontario, with one third of Canada's population and one half its wealth, state that we can run our own show, make our own goals and set our own provincial rates without regard to Canada as a whole? Can he then dare to criticize Quebec?

Mr. Nixon declared Liberals and others must be citizens of Canada first but hold their own rights. Canadians must work together from coast to coast and from the back concessions to the upper echelons. Quoting Joey Smallwood, born in an outpost of Newfoundland, he called for equality in opportunity, in Education, for all and stated planning is needed to achieve this equity.

"It must be made now and he workable up to at least the year 2,000. Democracy must embody change. It is needed and must be made with foresight."

He blamed Premier Robarts for forcing Education Minister Davis into the present untenable situation regarding educational taxation.

He scored Mr. McNaughton's statement on the Balanced Budget and accused the present government of incompetence, inefficiency and lack of study. Mr. Robarts has now decided to go into Medicare in order to cut down the cost. A Liberal Government would call for growth at all levels and not remain stated as Ontario's leadership has done throughout the past 20 years.

Mr. Nixon stressed the importance of the provincial government planning for the future of our province but felt that each municipality should be autonomous in developing its own region. On this point the Grit leader was very critical of the present provincial government and of the Ontario Municipal Board under Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough.

The criticism is the result of the Ontario Municipal Board's handling of the proposed plans of the Steel Company of Canada and Dominion Foundries and Steel Limited to expand their respective operations.

He stated, "If local officials could be involved in meaningful consultation with the experts" a more efficient and economical form of regional planning could be accomplished.

"As it stands now", said Mr. Nixon, "there is financial chaos from the decision by Premier John Robarts and Premier John Davis, to Minister Wm. Davis, to equalize the grant system across all countries."

## Committee Sponsor G.F.O.

The Haldimand Federation of Agriculture called a special meeting of invited farmers in the formation of the farm organization. The recently at the Rural Youth Centre, Rohler, to elect a local farmers, he contended, committee to sponsor an

Those elected at the meeting were: Otto Crone, president; Mrs. Allan Murray, secretary; Grant Temple, Jack Fisherville, challenged the Schilstra, Rowe Cowie, legality of the new election William Creighton, Victor claiming only a few of nearly Duncan, Jim Louks, Roy 2000 farmers had been Hagan, and Keith Wright as invited and all Haldimand committee men.

George Roynce of the OFA stressed the need for more

money being needed to present the farmer's case to parliament and to give better service to farmers in general, Mr. Roynce, however, was unable to state what additional benefits would come from the new farm organization not already provided by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

## Investigates Well Failures

WOODHOUSE — Council The report which contains recently received a report by several pages of analysis and the Ontario Water Resources conclusions was tabled for Commission into a succession further study. Reeve John of mysterious well failures Pow said its contents would which disrupted farm not be released until operations last summer. councillors have had a chance to read it.

## Donate \$7500 To Pool

As of Monday noon the Hagersville Lions Club Swimming pool fund was going very well with donations to date totalling over \$7500.

The fund-raising campaign was started last Friday, morning at ten a.m. when Reeve Lyle Furry of Hagersville turned the first sod in the \$60,000 community project. Reeve Furry donated \$500 for the first sod.

Also attending the ceremony was the Honourable James N. Allan, M.P.P. for Haldimand-Norfolk, and Richard Anderson, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, as well as the swimming pool board of the Hagersville Lions Club, which includes Caldwell Kett, Art

Fretz, Mike Maxwell, Ross Slote, Bill Hill, Bill Brooks, and Norm Sinibaleli. The members of the club are canvassing Hagersville, and surrounding areas either by phone or door-to-door in an effort to raise the \$50,000 needed to complete the pool. Donations may be made to any member of the Hagersville Lions Club or to either the Royal Bank or the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Hagersville.

The report has been in preparation since last October when council was urged to seek outside help to determine the cause of the dry-up. About seven township farmers complained that water supplies in their drilled wells had disappeared.

Some residents have blamed the well failures on gas drilling at several locations in the R.R. 1, area of the township, and others have blamed blasting at a nearby quarry.

Mrs. Douglas Porter or R.R. 1, Port Dover said the quarry has been operating for at least four years and the nearest gas well had been barely started when the water gave out. However, she could not say whether either was the cause.

Both the Porters and the Norfolk quarries were mentioned in the report.

Individual wells have occasionally dried up as the result of gas wells being drilled nearby. But last year's widespread failures were the worst ever.



**A HAPPENING**— A one year old Fushia plant, with more than 500 blooms, has been grown by florist Malen Wilkins, of Jarvis. He said its one of the largest he's ever seen and Mother's Day buyers will be unable to purchase it. The plant will be used for breed stock. (Photo by Jim Mercer)