

# The Jarvis Record

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## Feud Over 2 Bridges



This bridge was built to span artificial creek that has run for 100 years.

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READERS OF THE RECORD may have noted the reference to two bridges over the Nanticoke Creek on Con. 2. The item notes that in future there will be only one bridge. I quote "Work will begin this fall to replace the two structures over Nanticoke Creek. Estimated cost of the new bridge is \$80,000."

Those who have a yen for history may wonder about the existence of the two bridges. Here is the story dating back well over a century: David Wood, born in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1894, came to Canada in time to take part in the 1812-14 war.

He lived in the Niagara area until 1835 when war veterans were able to purchase land grants at a very nominal price of \$1 an acre.

That year Con. 3 was opened for settlement. David Wood purchased 1,200 acres bordering the Nanticoke sideroad as well as property on Con. 1 south to the lake. He first built a home on the site of the present Community Hall and began to make improvements.

He donated the Union Cemetery and the land adjoining for a school. He built the first church, which he declared open for use by any Protestant denomination.

Engaging in the lumber trade he built a wharf at the foot of Erie Street. He delivered cord wood and walnut on lake vessels by means of a "Lighter."

Prices on board ship were \$7 a thousand feet for walnut. Cordwood was \$1.25 per cord. He also built the

Nanticoke Dam and raceway and established a saw mill.

Later he moved out to some of his holdings on the west of Nanticoke side road where he built a dam, raceway and established a cloth mill and saw mill on Con. 3.

Next to his home, for which he made bricks from native clay, lived a neighbour, Mr. James Howey, whose farm was at the west of David Wood's.

The creek, as it raced along toward Nanticoke and Lake Erie, made a handy watering place for Howey's livestock.

A feud arose between Howey and Wood over the water rights. David Wood put a fence across to keep the cattle off his land.

Howey was a man who was not to be outdone, so he dug a ditch further up the creek and the water was diverted to his land.

This ditch got entirely out of hand and made its way down to Con. 2 and across the road, rejoining the former Nanticoke Creek a few yards across the next farm.

This caused the former dam and raceway to be entirely useless to run a mill. To offset this calamity Wood bought an acre and a quarter farther up the Creek and built a new dam and raceway at a cost of \$2,000, which was a large sum in those days.

Because of the feud for over 100 years, there have been two Creeks and two bridges on Con. 2. Who can estimate the cost of the second Bridge through the intervening years? The evil that men do lives after them.



This bridge spanned regular creek. (Photos by Jim Mercer)

## Jarvis Wins Ball Crown

DUNDAS — Behind the three-hit pitching of John Edwards, the Jarvis Merchants blanked Dundas 2-0 last night to capture the Tri-County Senior Fastball League championship.

The Merchants defeated lead-off hitter Joe Clark Mount Hope in the Tri-County semi-finals while Dundas eliminated Binbrook in their semi-final series.

Jarvis got the only run they would need when Edwards fired zeros at Dundas throughout the nine-inning contest.

## Jarvis Postmaster Slated To Retire

Mr. Stan Burditt, Postmaster of Jarvis, has been advised that on or about the twenty-fourth of Dec., he will be retired from the Post Office Department.

Mr. Burditt has served the Jarvis Area for almost 20 years. During his term of Office many changes have taken place. The present post office was built and the many facilities which have given better service to the townspeople and the rural area served by the Jarvis Post Office, was the greatest change.

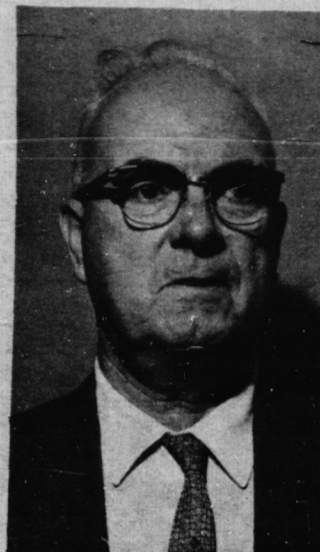
Although an extension until Aug. 1970 was requested, to complete 20 full years of services, Mr. Burditt was advised that the new regulations concerning retirement will not permit

authorization of an extension. The new postmaster, who has not yet been appointed, will be an employee from within the post office department. As soon as an appointment is made, this paper will be advised.

Mr. Burditt came to Jarvis in 1930 when he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Engineers. He served one year in Canada and five and one-half years overseas, returning home in Oct., 1946.

Since that time he worked at the British Knitwear in Simcoe as shipper until Aug. 1950, when he was appointed postmaster at Jarvis, where he has been a member of the village council for several years. Previous to his enlistment, he was a valued leader in the Boy Scout movement.

Mr. Burditt is well respected in this community and likes to think of everyone as a friend.



## Dump Trucks Must Be Tarped

CAYUGA The Cayuga detachment of the OPP is cracking down on dump truck operators who allow loose stone to spill from their trucks.

OPP Const. Carm Noble says police have had about a dozen complaints during the past month from drivers whose cars had been pelted by stone from heavy trucks. In some cases, windshields

have been broken.

Trucking in Haldimand is increasing this year in face of accelerated construction on highways and at Ontario Hydro's Nanticoke generating station.

The Highway Traffic Act provides a \$50 fine for convictions for insecure loads.

An amendment to the

HTA effective Sept. 1, introduced a tougher sliding scale of fines for overloading of commercial vehicles, and Const. Noble said police have found insecure loads often result from overloading.

The amendments establish a scale that could in extreme cases involve fines totalling thousands of dollars.

Section 56 of the act states: "No person shall operate or permit to be operated any commercial vehicle or trailer unless the load that such vehicle or trailer is carrying is firmly bound, sufficiently covered, or otherwise secured or loaded in such manner that no portion of the load may become dislodged."

## Fair Attendance Down

SIMCOE — Norfolk County Fair had a good attendance on children's day Tuesday despite rain and drizzle that fell most of the day.

Attendance was 25,965 compared with 28,762 last year. Gate receipts were also down totalling \$7,576 compared with \$8,234.

A record number of cars were parked this year. A total of 1,536 were parked compared with 1,273 last year.

Junior Atkinson of R.R. 2, Port Burwell, was crowned Ontario Tobacco King. This was the fourth time he won the crown.

He accumulated 72 points in the judging. Runner-up was Gaston Vanraies of R.R. 1, Aylmer with 43 points.

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## Leaves The Record

Mrs. R. J. (Marie) More, who has worked for The Record for eight years, has resigned to take over her regular duties as a house wife.

Mrs. More, while in the employ of The Record, ran the linotype machine, did the bookkeeping, acted as receptionist, answered the phone and did the mailing.

Mrs. More stated that after getting some rest she may be returning to the labor force sometime in the future.

## On The Farm Front

The recent Haldimand Holstein Sales gives some idea of the value that buyers place on production records. Cows with production records brought an average of \$60 more than those without.

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## Youth Killed In Crash

SIMCOE — A head-on collision killed a 19-year-old youth at the intersection of Highway 3 and Blue Line Road and Monday night the same intersection sent three persons to hospital.

Friday afternoon, David Watts of Port Colborne was killed when his car was in collision with an oncoming car. Andrew Zellem, 68, of R.R. 5 Waterford, and his wife, Mary, were taken to hospital with multiple bruises and lacerations following a similar accident.

The other driver, Ernest Labelle, 48, of Omer Avenue, Port Colborne, was treated at hospital for injuries and released.

## Want Better Police Protection

The Jarvis Board of Trade wants better police protection for the Village.

This was the decision at a meeting Monday of the board after several people went on the rampage on Main St. and caused damage to the buildings and furnishings of three businesses.

President Drew Williamson told The Record that two suggestions were made at the meeting.

"The board considered writing a letter to Attorney General Wishart.

"The second proposal was to make a recommendation to council," he said.

The final decision was to recommend to council it get in touch with Ontario Provincial Police and ask for more protection. If OPP could not give extra protection, council consider hiring a village policeman.

In a report from Howard Elliott it was learned the Big Creek Conservation Authority proposes to make a survey of Sandus Creek on the possibility of improvements and beautification measures.