

### Now Baby-Sitting Legislation?

OTTAWA (CP) — An Ottawa woman has presented a brief calling for baby-sitting legislation to Ontario Premier John Robarts.

Mrs. Ronny Loppe hopes the government will license all persons providing day care for infants and children who are not now covered under the Day Nurseries Act.

The brief is partly the result of a personal experience in 1967, when the Loppes left their 21-month-old daughter with a local baby-sitter while Mrs. Loppe was in Hospital giving birth to her second child.

The baby left home in excellent health and was returned eight days later with injuries requiring medical attention, although the couple had had interviews with the sitter and a reference from another parent who had used her services and found them satisfactory.

The Loppes reported the incident to the Ottawa Children's Aid Society and the police department, but were told there was not sufficient evidence to lay a criminal charge.

Since then, Mrs. Loppe has been studying the problem of private day care, examining existing legislation and interviewing Ottawa women who care for other people's children.

In her brief she cites this case related to her by a parent:

"An eight-month-old child was returned to its mother, covered with blisters from the waist down. The mother feels that while the child was in the care of the baby-sitter it received no exercise and was never allowed to sit up. The mother notified the city health department and was told there was nothing it could do, even though it acknowledged there had been previous complaints against that particular baby-sitter.

Another parent complained to Mrs. Loppe that her nine-month-old baby had gone without regular meals and milk, and that it was left crying for hours at a time while in the sitter's care. The sitter had also left the child and the home unattended for long periods of time and had taken food from the home. In this case, Mrs. Loppe said the child suffered malnutrition and dehydration, then contracted scarlet fever and was in hospital for three weeks.

Mrs. Loppe says many sitters do provide adequate and proper care for children in their charge, and that most would approve of a licensing system. She said they felt a licence would mean protection for themselves, as well as a good reference.

In asking for licensing legislation, she has recommended that a provincial agency be set up to operate under it in the same way children's aid societies work under the Child Welfare Act.

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## Two Conservation Authorities Propose Amalgamation

Two conservation authorities taking in parts of five counties will unite if a proposal by the Big Creek

and Otter Creek is accepted by the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management.

If approved it will start Jan. 1, 1971.

The municipalities in Haldimand under Big Creek are Hagersville, Jarvis, Cayuga N., Cayuga S., Oneida, Rainham and Walpole.

Most of the municipalities from both areas had representatives at the meeting with the exception of Port Dover and South Cayuga.

### Two New Features In This Issue

Two new features start with this week's issue of The Record.

Bill Smiley's column, which is well known throughout Canada, carries wit and a different outlook on every day topics.

You also will see that a comic strip has been added this week.

This is called the "Wheels" and should appeal to the young and old alike.

### Four Man Team In Out Search

A four-man detective team of plant scientists left this week for a two-month search in the Middle East for different types of oat plants.

The four Canada Department of Agriculture scientists are: Dr. Tibor Rajhathy, and oat cytogeneticist from the Ottawa Research Station; Dr. R. B. Baum, a taxonomist from the Plant Research Institute and Dr. George Fleischmann and Dr. John Martens, plant pathologists from the Winnipeg Research Station.

Temperatures will range in the high 70s Friday and Saturday dropping into the 60s on Sunday.

Lows will range from the upper 40s to the low 50s. Rain is expected late Saturday and Sunday, said the forecaster.

A. S. L. Barnes, director for the Department and F. J. Jackson, executive assistant of the branch, fielded questions at the meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Barnes was asked how the municipalities would be assessed if a municipality was a member of two authorities such as the Grand and Big Creek.

He replied the assessment would be figured out by the department. It would depend on how much of the municipality was situated in one authority or the other.

"A split of 60 percent to 40 percent is a common split", he said.

The members discussed what name would be used for the amalgamated area.

Suggestions were heard such as Big Otter, Big and Otter Creek.

One member jokingly suggested: "It otter be big."

The amalgamation resolution put by Albert Cornwall or Norwich North and seconded by Leo A. Stillwell of Middleton was passed with 27 voting favorable and seven opposed.

Big Creek covers an area of 751 square miles and Otter Creek 325.



F. J. Jackson (left), Executive Assistant of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management, shows area on map that will be covered by the amalgamation of two conservation authorities to Herman VanWesenebeck, Field Representative for Big Creek and A. S. L. Barnes, Director of the Department. (Staff Photo)

## Hagersville Market Rates Set

HAGERSVILLE — Fee schedules for the market place here have been set by the village council.

In the market shed a space will cost \$1.10 a week; \$26 a half year and \$50 a year. All fees are payable in advance.

Under the new schedule a single stall place on the market will cost 85 cents a week; \$19.50 for a half year and \$37 a year.

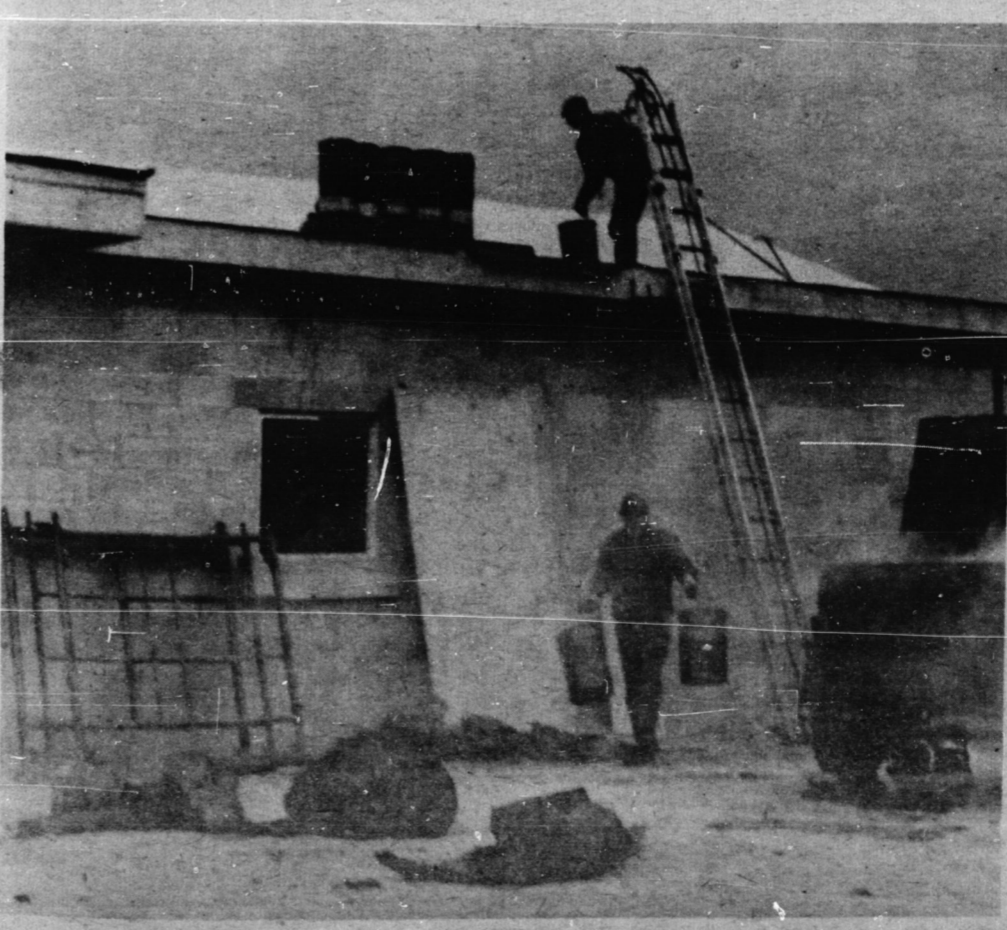
The fees will be collected by the market clerk, who in turn will issue an official receipt.

In other business council gave first and second reading of a bylaw that will require council to pass by resolution each licence that is issued in the municipality for a lottery.

Council okayed licence application for Branch 164

of the Canadian Legion, The Knights of Columbus and the Hagersville Lions Club.

Council also passed a bylaw for a \$10,000 expenditure for roads and streets during this year subject to the approval of the Ontario Department of Highways.



Workmen are shown putting tar on roof of new addition to the Jarvis Community Centre.

## Community Centre Progressing

Construction work on the Jarvis Community Centre has progressed on schedule.

This was the word today from President Alan Awde of the Jarvis Lions Club.

The club expects the renovations on the centre will cost about \$18,000.

Mr. Awde said outside work has been completed. The plumbers and electricians are completing their work inside the building now.

"We hope that the refreshment booth will be complete for the Victoria Day Parade.

"Work in the kitchen will be left until the demand for use of the building isn't as great as it is now.

"We hope to have the whole project complete by the latter part of summer", he said.



Council 609, Knights of Columbus presented a cheque, to pay for stretcher. (Left to right) Mrs. E. Webb, Director of Nursing, received it from Anthony Pierroz.

## Weekly Weather

Warmer for the next few days is the regional outlook of the Simcoe Weather Bureau.

A warming trend will start on Friday and continue through Saturday cooling slightly Sunday.

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