

Welch Sees Federal Election Fight On Issues

CAYUGA - All signs at the annual meeting of the Haldimand Progressive Conservative Association pointed towards an election this year.

Guest speaker, Robert Welch, provincial secretary for social development, told the 500 PCs that the federal election will be fought on issues, not personalities.

Association president Lyle Furry urged the

municipal organizations to have their annual meetings wrapped up by mid-May and asked party members to get down to the nuts and bolts of local organization.

Mr. Welch said it is "not going to be a matter of how well a man does a backflip from a diving board or how fast he can ski down a hill. We need a man of substance to get this country

back on the move again."

He said the provincial party will "stand to a man with Bob Stanfield and Bill Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand MP) to ensure the election of a Progressive Conservative government in Ottawa."

Speculation is centred on a late spring or fall election, despite disclaimers from Prime

Minister Pierre Trudeau.

In his prepared speech, Mr. Welch urged greater consultation and communication between the people and government.

He said the changes in the provincial government reorganization is "designed to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness of the government."

Mr. Welch said a government must be aware of the needs and wishes of the population it is governing. "A government has to have awareness in

order to anticipate changes and to plan the best programs that will be sensitive to the evolving needs of its people.

"I also believe the basic resolution to avoid difficulties in providing good government of the people lies in our ability to provide for and encourage the opportunities for meaningful dialogue between people and government. Critical to our success in government is the role of the elected member.

"More and more he will become dependent on the ability of the

elected member to be aware of the diverse views, wishes and needs of his constituents," he said.

Mr. Welch commented on the statements coming out of Ottawa as a result of U.S. President Richard Nixon's visit.

"A lot of people are encouraged by the remarks of true friendship made by the president," he said.

Mr. Nixon's speech in the House of Commons recognizes both the need for friendship between the two count-

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Jarvis Council Aims County's Regional Vote

Haldimand County's motion last month not to join with Norfolk in regional government was aired Tuesday night at Jarvis Council.

Coun. Klaas Druyff asked Reeve Dr. William Austin, council's representative on county council what "was in the minds of county councillors asking the government to restructure Haldimand?"

Reeve Austin said the original motion by Cayuga Reeve Ted Powell was to join with Norfolk on a two-tier system of regional government. "But this

was withdrawn when it was found that council was split about 13 to 6 against joining with Norfolk."

(Haldimand council then went on to vote on a new motion asking that the government phase in regional government for the area and for Haldimand to restructure itself.)

Coun. John Brintnell asked: "Isn't that rather like sitting on a fence?"

Reeve Austin replied that exploratory talks are being conducted in the county about restructuring it into three or four municipalities, but "inevitably

someone feels that his toes are getting stepped on."

Coun. Brintnell said the Doubles Club had had the mayor of Lincoln in Niagara Region to Jarvis to address the group on regional government and he said "it's not quite as bad as it's made out to be."

"The difficulty seems to lie with St. Catharines because it is not able to control the region. Basically the people in the region are quite happy about it.

"His suggestion for this region is that the area should be split into

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Nanticoke Making Steel By Late '70s—Griffith

Steel production at the Nanticoke site of the Steel Company of Canada Ltd. will probably start in the late 1970s, with construction beginning two to three years earlier, Stelco shareholders were told at the company's annual meeting this week.

H. M. Griffin, chairman and chief executive of Stelco, told the annual meeting the development plans for the Lake Erie site are proceeding, with the expectation of being in steel production by "the late 1970s."

The developing technology of steelmaking is a key factor in both the Hilton Works and the Lake Erie projects, he said.

Steelmaking capacity of Stelco's Hilton Works in Hamilton are about 5.5 million tons annually. It is expected this will rise to 6 million tons by 1974.

Studies are currently underway to determine how much beyond 6 million tons Hilton Works' capacity can be practically increased.

"Optimization of production at this site has obvious economic advantages over the development of a new steel complex on a greenfield site and will enable us to postpone the need for the latter as long as possible," he said.

Mr. Griffith said the company will expand its steel making operations for an integrated steel operation of major importance in (Alberta). The existing Stelco plant at Edmonton has a steelmaking capacity of about 125,000 tons a year.

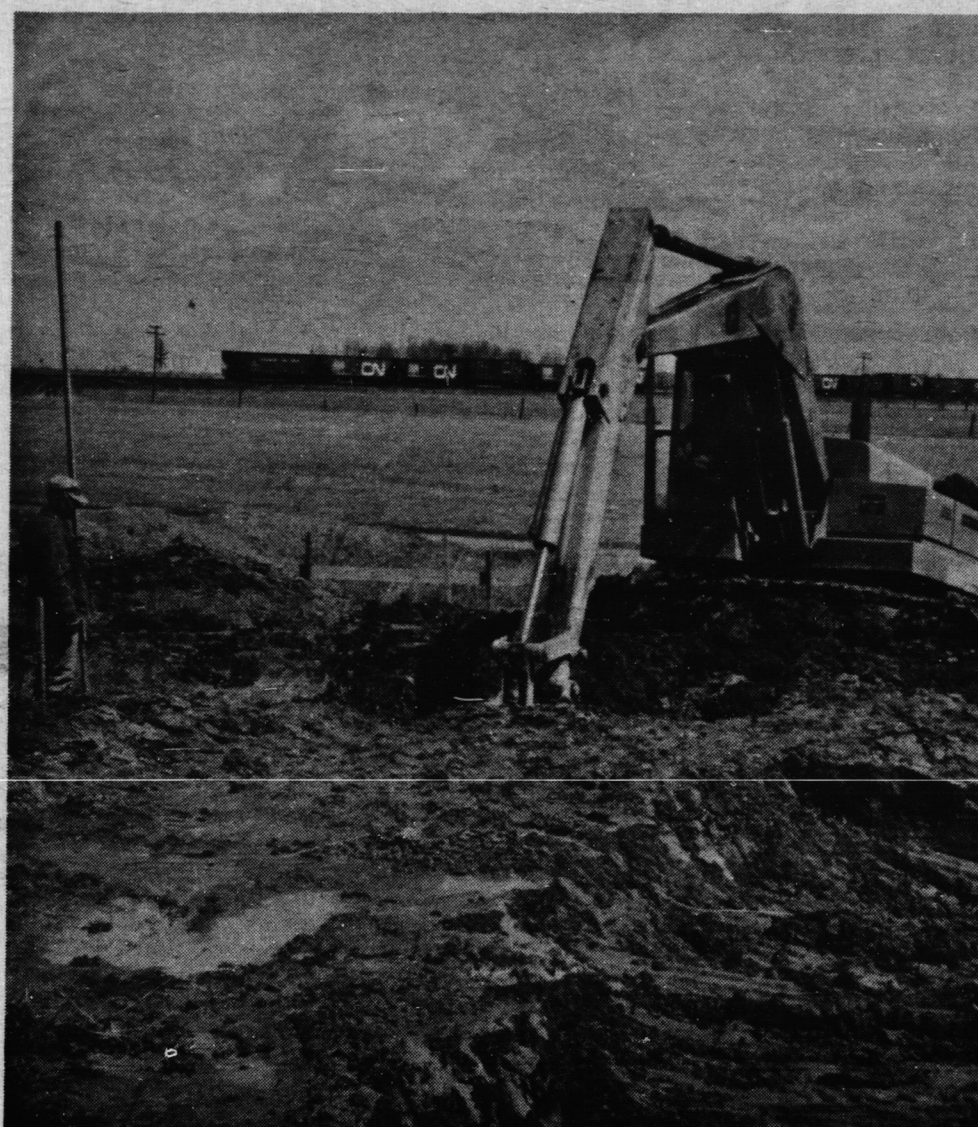
Mr. Griffith's statements about the development of the Lake Erie Project echo those of Alex Fisher, vice-president in

charge of the planning for the Nanticoke project, made earlier this year to a group of municipal officials in Simcoe.

Mr. Fisher said at that time the company expects that it could begin construction at the Nanticoke site "as early as 1975."

Stelco is currently involved in discussions regarding the filling in of 55 acres of water-lots in Hamilton Harbor in an effort to expand its Hilton Works.

Mr. Fisher was questioned at the Simcoe meeting about this aspect of its planning and what effect it would have on the development of the Nanticoke Project. He said at that time the Hamilton project was a long range project and should not interfere with the Nanticoke plans.



The foundation for the first custom-built home in the Explorer Inn Subdivision in Jarvis was excavated this week. The new home is being built for Dr. A. Lyons by Skraba Contracting. It is expected that 10 or 12 new houses will be constructed this season in the subdivision. (Staff Photo)

Jarvis May 22 Parade Almost Ended By DTC

Jarvis' annual Calithumpian Parade on Victoria Day nearly got detoured out of existence this year but for the refusal of Clerk Robert Lysch to back away from the Department of Transportation and Communication.

The village had applied to temporarily close Highways 3 and 6 during the parade, to be held May 22 this year. The clerk received a letter from the department stating the village could not close down the highways as they are main routes and there is no adequate detour for through traffic.

Mr. Lysch then called the department stating there was no way the parade could be held

without going on some part of both Highway 3 and 6 and that the department's decision would effectively end the parade.

"I told the department that the parade had been held annually since 1906 and that never before was it necessary to consider this anything but a temporary nuisance for the motoring public.

Mr. Lysch was asked to put his remarks in writing to the department again, and told council Tuesday he had not heard back on the matter as yet.

The parade is sponsored by the Jarvis Lions Club.

Since the parade begins at 1 p.m., councillors felt a complaint might have been lodged by the bus company as it passes through the village some time after 1 p.m.

Reeve Dr. William Austin said he had never had a complaint about the parade tying up traffic. Coun. Klaas Druyff said it most likely came from the bus company as "most other people know an alternate route around the town."

In other matters concerning the Victoria Day holiday, the Jarvis Lions Club was given permission to close Park and Jane Sts., and to set off fireworks at the park.