

## 12-Unit Apartment Gets Reluctant OK

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) Permission for the construction of a 12-unit apartment was received Monday night at Hagersville Council from the Department of the Environment.

The decision brought to an end a chapter in the swelling files of the proposed Menorca Gardens development that originally proposed the construction of 44 units but was blocked by the department because of the village's sewage

treatment facilities.

A week ago Tuesday, a special meeting was held at the council chambers to discuss the issue of the development with engineer J. R. McMurray, of the environment department and with the principal in the issue, Jerry Wannop. Solicitors for both the village and Mr. Wannop were also in attendance.

After an hour and a half meeting, Mr. Mc-

Murray agreed he would consider allowing 12 units on an "infilling" basis and send council a letter to that effect.

In his letter, read Monday night, Mr. McMurray said the department could agree to the 12 units, but that no other commitment on the property would be considered until the capacity at the sewage treatment plant can be increased.

Mr. Wannop's solic-

itor, John Nolan, of Hamilton attended the meeting and after the letter was read told council since the site plan for Menorca Gardens had been approved by the village's consulting engineers, Proctor and Redfern, that it was Mr. Wannop's intention to eventually build the 44 units.

"However, we are aware of the problems with the sewage and are prepared to build

(the development) in stages," he said.

Mr. Nolan also noted that according to law, which he cited from the Planning Act, the proposals conform to existing building by-laws and would not have to conform to changes in the building bylaws, which are now before council.

Mr. Nolan said his client is "content to go along with the advice of Mr. McMurray, but he doesn't

want to jeopardize the project in later years if and when the sewers are expanded."

Mr. Nolan said plans for the full development would be submitted to council, but that building permits for only 12 units would be sought.

"I'm hopeful that the sewers will be expanded. Hagersville is too progressive to stagnate. I'm sure something will be done in the

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## West Section Tenders Higher Than Estimated

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) There is a possibility construction of water and sewer mains may have to be delayed in the west section of the village.

Tenders for construction of the long-awaited project have been opened and the two bids were well above the estimated cost of the project.

A special meeting is being called in Toronto by the department of the environment Wednesday morning to discuss the tenders. Attending the meeting will be Deputy-Reeve Ross Slote and Coun. Nick Basili along with Haldimand - Norfolk

MPP James Allan.

The tenders received were for \$567,039, not including engineering fees, from Robert Simon, of Waterford and for \$741,299 from Framat Const.

The estimated cost had been for \$158,800 for the water lines and \$274,100 for the sewers for a total of \$432,900, which would include the engineering.

Deputy-Reeve Slote said he would not be surprised if the department would ask that tenders be resubmitted.

The municipal superintendent, Hans Jensen, will also attend the meeting.

The Hagersville

Planning Board had submitted its amendments to the village's zoning bylaws and recommended them for council's approval.

The planning board has recommended a public meeting be held to discuss the amendments and has been advised that after council has approved the amendments and copies have been circulated throughout the village, that a public meeting may then be held.

Pending the outcome of that meeting the final decision on the bylaws rests with the Ontario Municipal Board.

## Van De Ven Sentenced 1 Year

CAYUGA - Wilfred Van De Ven, the former administrator of the West Haldimand Hospital, in Hagersville, was sentenced last week to 12 months definite and 12 months indeterminate, on a charge of theft over \$50.

Van De Ven admitted to stealing close to \$23,000 from the hospital.

Cayuga provincial court Judge Marc Girard said he considered the sentence lenient.

"The business community should be put on notice that if they break their trust to the public they can expect to receive proper punishment," Judge Girard said, citing a judgement by Chief Justice Gale of the Ontario Supreme Court.

Judge Girard noted that although Van De Ven had not repaid the missing money, he had signed the necessary documents which

would enable the hospital to recover it in a civil court.

During Van De Ven's trial in June he was portrayed as a man who, protective of his wife and five children, tried to provide them with a lifestyle he could not afford.

Van De Ven was "a man caught too deep in the quicksand of easy credit," his lawyer John Bowlby, of Hamilton, told the court.

He was too weak to resist the blandishments and temptations of media advertising and stole in an act of desperation, Bowlby said.

"We then shout about punishment... rather than attacking a system which by creating false values is the real culprit," he said.

Victor Collins, Haldimand County Crown Attorney, attacked some of the favorable testimony given on

Van De Ven's behalf.

He said the witnesses included people "who may come up for their own sins in not being astute enough in the supervision of the people they hired."

During the trial the court learned the theft took place over a period of 15 months, starting in June 1970 when between \$22,413 and

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## Sidewalk Sale

Sidewalk Days returns to Hagersville this year and downtown merchants are working at making this event one of the best yet.

Starting on Friday and continuing throughout Saturday merchants will be turning out their stock onto the sidewalks allowing the customer to do some old fashioned bargain hunting.



With the exception of finishing touches, work on the new \$49,130 Reicheld Bridge over the Sandusk Creek on Conc. 4 Walpole Township, is all but complete. (Staff Photo)

## Postal Codes For Area Introduced By October

A postal code for the area of southwestern Ontario is expected to be introduced by October, according to an official release of the Canada Post Office. The Canadian system of postal codes was first introduced in 1971 in Ottawa and has since been extended to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

During the remainder of this year the areas of Eastern Ontario, Western Ontario, and Toronto will be placed on postal codes, with Eastern Quebec, Central Ontario, Northern Ontario, Western Quebec and Montreal scheduled for next year. The remainder of the country will be scheduled for postal code zoning after that.

The Canadian Postal Code, unlike the one used in the United States, is composed of two separate three-unit groups. The first group will always be a combination of three alpha numeric alpha characters. It will identify a forward sortation area in a city or in the country.

The second part of

the code is the local code and will always be a combination of three numeric alpha numeric characters. This part will identify a local delivery unit in a forward sortation area.

An illustration would be K2H 6V5.

Thus the postal code will describe the loc-

ation of the point of delivery for each item of mail addressed to post office customers in Canada.

The Post Office states that the reason for the postal code is the "contribution it can make towards mechanizing the sortation of letter mail."

## Walpole Cottagers Get Letter On Changes

Cottage owners along Walpole's lakefront have received a letter from the township office outlining proposed changes in a bylaw affecting their area.

Council has called a meeting of the cottage owners for next Friday at the Community Hall in Nanticoke at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes.

Council is reconsidering a bylaw to amend a zoning bylaw to delete the definition of summer cottage and to substitute 'resort cottage'.

The new definition would place the use as being a building used as an occasional resort for recreation, restor

relaxation by one family, but not occupied continuously or as a principal residence.

The reasoning behind the proposed changes, as explained by the letter, is that the township has found difficulty in enforcing the provisions of the bylaw in respect of summer cottages.

It has been recognized by the council that these buildings are used occasionally in the winter, as well as summer, since the advent of snowmobiles.

The Walpole Township Citizen's Action Association plans to protest the move at the Aug. 25 meeting.