

# Season's Greetings



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## County Council Blasts Wentworth Proposal

CAYUGA (Staff) Haldimand County Council Friday blasted a proposal that would cut a slice out of the county's northern edge and place it with the proposed Hamilton - Wentworth regional government area.

The attack on the proposal was led by Deputy - Reeve Robert Gordon, of Caledonia, whose municipality would be affected by the Hamilton - Wentworth plan.

Also included in the proposal are pieces of Oneida and Seneca townships.

The deputy-reeve said council had already given its decision on cutting up Haldimand in its submission to the Steele committee three years ago.

"We gave them a good answer... we want all of Haldimand. We want it retained as a unit," he said.

It is also proposed that the Hamilton - Wentworth region would be a single-tier system of regional government.

Deputy-Reeve Gordon said Wentworth would likely be protesting the single-tier propos-

al by "that dictatorial outfit in Toronto."

Reeve Lorna Miller, of Dunnville, made the motion to oppose the link up with part of Haldimand, saying the county had better send a letter of protest. "We don't want to let this go past," she said.

Deputy-Reeve Gordon said the proposal, as it stands, would lead to Hamilton dominating the regional area and "God knows, they have made more mistakes than would fill a book."

Frank Peart, reeve of Oneida, also expressed his concern. "If they start to dissect Haldimand, where will it stop? I would strongly urge we send a letter protesting this proposal."

It was also agreed that along with a letter to provincial treasurer Charles MacNaughton, See Page 5, Col. 3



The arrival of winter brings with it the newness of a landscape redone in the purest of white. And more important, it heralds the approach of the most festive of holidays - Christmas. It is a time for the reuniting

of families and friends. It is a time to look back on a year almost gone and a new year to come. Most important, it is a time to celebrate a birthday so special to the family of Man. Merry Christmas to all.

## Tax Rebate Plan Helping Municipalities Tax Collections

While the Ontario government's new tax rebate scheme no longer provides that helpful last minute cash for December Christmas shipping, it is helping municipalities bring in their current taxes.

### Lions Host Senior Citizens

The Jarvis Lions Club was host last week to a large gathering of 30 Jarvis senior citizens.

The special guests were introduced by Past President Bill Addison. A traditional Christmas dinner of turkey with all the trimmings was served.

Entertainment for the special evening was See Page 5, Col. 2

Instead of receiving a property tax rebate cheque as in the past four years, tenants and homeowners will be applying for tax credits when they file their 1972 income tax returns early in 1973.

The new plan, announced earlier this year, will work through the personal income tax system and be administered for Ontario by the Department of National Revenue.

The property tax credit will come as an income tax refund cheque or as a reduction in income tax.

However, to qualify for the new property tax credit, 1972 municipal taxes must be paid during 1972.

Jarvis Clerk Robert Lysch said the new scheme has not had any really noticeable effect, but noted it has helped to bring in "two

or three" back taxes.

Walpole Clerk Dave Wilson Sr., said that when the new plan "gets well enough known, it will help the municipalities 100 per cent."

However, he felt the new plan has not been sufficiently well explained by the government and he has re-

ceived a number of calls from township taxpayers questioning the tax bills.

In Hagersville, Clerk Art Roth said the new plan "seems to be working out."

The municipality has sent out a folder from the government ex-

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## Deer Slain In Hydro 'Sanctuary'

NANTICOKE - The ecological balance between man and animals is a state that could be described as one of mankind's more noble goals.

It happens too few times and when it does man can take pride in having achieved this difficult relationship.

Something that happens even less often is a balance between animals and industry. Even man sometimes

has trouble keeping in balance with industry.

But it happens. Sometimes. And this time it is happening at Nanticoke, between a herd of deer and Ontario Hydro. The Hydroplant and yards take up only part of its 800 acre fenced in property and early in its operation found itself with a small deer population on its 350 acres of vacant land.

The deer, during the course of time, have become adopted pets of the many who work at the plant generating station and Hydro has made a point of making sure the deer have salt blocks to lick and are fed with hay and alfalfa. Many residents in the area are also aware of the deer and take time out to bring children along the fence to view the semi-tame animals.

There is a certain pride among the workers at the plant in that the deer have found a compatible relationship with men and industry.

It is obvious the deer have taken to their fenced in sanctuary because on many occasions they travel outside the boundaries, either by walking around the fence at the lakeshore or by the simple expedient of

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## Six Killed In Car-Train Crash

CAYUGA - On Dec. 17 at 10.12 a.m. a car-train collision on County Road 32 just south of the junction of highways 3 and 56, claimed the lives of six persons.

Dead are Robert Copeland, 37, his wife, Johanne, 34 and two children, Susan 13 and Robert 10, all from Mississauga.

Also killed were Harold Connelley, 56, and his wife, Margaret 52, from Burlington.

The vehicle owned by Harold Connelley was southbound on the

county road, crossed over the Penn-Central crossing and was struck by an eastbound train as they straddled the C.N.R. crossing which is about 100 feet south of the Penn Central railway.

The crossing is not controlled by either the red flashing lights or

the extending gates which lower when a train is approaching.

This ties a record for the fourth time in Haldimand County that six people have lost their lives in single motor vehicle collisions and set a record for the number of persons killed in one vehicle.

This brings the total of 13 fatal collisions with 18 killed this year compared to 17 fatal collisions and 21 killed for the same time in 1971.

Doctor T.D. Marshall of Cayuga acted as Coroner. Const. T.C. Monforton investigated assisted by Cpl. H.F. McEwen, of Cayuga OPP detachment.

Officers investigated 18 other motor vehicle collisions resulting in injuries to three persons during the past week.