

Release Of Cabinet Report On Area 'Imminent'

Release of a Cabinet report on the two county area of Haldimand and Norfolk is "imminent", Eric Grove, assistant director of the Haldimand Norfolk Study said in an interview Thursday.

The report, which is expected to affect the development of the area for the next 20 years, has been

before the Ontario Cabinet since before the provincial election and Mr. Grove said he expects the report will be released possibly before the end of January.

Mr. Grove said the document will establish a broad range and long term land use strategy for the area. It will describe the characteristics of the land

forms in the two counties, outlining what is best suited for agriculture purposes and stating which lands must be retained now and in the future for agriculture. Other lands, not as well suited for agriculture, will also be described.

The report will also deal with the ecology of the land. Areas of valuable

resources that have the ability to regenerate the natural life of the area will be outlined.

The mineral wealth of the area will also be described, Mr. Grove said. Ninety per cent of Canada's gypsum comes from the quarries of Haldimand County and these strategic resources will also be included in the report.

The problems of servicing communities will be described along with the roles and functions of the communities in the study area.

The problems and demands of the shoreline of Haldimand and Norfolk will be discussed.

Mr. Grove said it is highly likely that the development of an industrial corridor along Lake Erie's shoreline will take place in the future.

"We are likely to see more major industries such as of the Stelco type locating along the Lake Erie shoreline. A pattern is already evolving with Hydro, Texaco, Stelco, Dofasco (in Elgin County) and Ford (at St. Thomas). This is a highly desirable area for industry."

"This latent bridge now being developed has as big a possibility of urbanization as the urbanization that has taken place from Oshawa to London."

"The lakeshore, however, is the key and we must have a balance of ecology, recreation, agriculture and industry," he said.

Mr. Grove emphasized the report is not a rigid set of instructions but a guideline for the development of the area for the next 20 years. He said

the cabinet has reviewed the report and has called for some further reports. He said the cabinet will again be looking at the report and will be giving it a yes or no answer.

"This is a critical decision," said Mr. Grove, "because it calls for a \$20 million to \$30 million expenditure without delay."

Of special interest in the report is the recommendation of a new city for the area.

Mr. Grove said if the new city idea is accepted, land will likely be acquired fairly soon as a safeguard for residents by preventing land speculation. "This could save future land owners as much as \$7,000 to \$8,000 a lot," Mr. Grove said.

Mr. Grove said there is "fear a new city will kill See Page 5, Col. 1



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Hagersville was only a few seconds out on the first baby of the New Year in Canada when Jason Vervaeke was born just a minute after midnight, Jan. 1. Jason, who weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces, is the first son of Richard Vervaeke, of R. R. 1 Hagersville and his wife Nancy. The couple were presented with an engraved cutlery set by Dr. R. G. Hyde, chairman of the board of directors at the Hospital, right. A gift from McColl-Watson Pharmacy Ltd., was presented by Mrs. Lynn Stewart, evening supervisor. (Staff Photo)

Hagersville OK's Testing Of Village's Water Supply

HAGERSVILLE — A water conditioning firm has been authorized by Hagersville council to obtain water samples from the town in order to determine

if the municipality's water may be conditioned by them.

Council, meeting last week, was informed by Allen Schaus, Hagersville

Three Dogs Reported Mauling Youngster

The village of Jarvis has issued a notice reminding residents who own dogs that their animals cannot be allowed to roam loose following an incident last week in which a young child was mauled by three dogs.

The child was protected by a heavy snowsuit and was not injured by the dogs. However, the animal control officer, James Davidson, of Simcoe, was called and an unsuccessful attempt was made to catch the three

animals. Two of the owners were notified of their animal's action.

The bylaw in Jarvis provides that dogs that run loose may be seized, sold or destroyed. It further states the owner may reclaim the dog within 48 hours of its capture upon payment of \$2. If the dog is not claimed it may be destroyed.

The bylaw further states that any dog owner who allows his animal to run loose is liable for a fine of \$50.

representative for Culligan Water Conditioners, that if the company was to bring in a recommendation as to how the local water supply might be conditioned, then the company in Chicago would require a detailed analysis of certain water samples.

Coun. Nick Basili, chairman of the water and sewer committee, outlined a letter from the department of epidemiology requesting a sample of Hagersville's water and council agreed to send a sample to Ottawa as soon as possible.

Council received formal notice from the Ontario Municipal Board confirming that Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. is to be assessed as a wholesale merchant under the Assessment Act. This means the business assessment is

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Clifford McBride Named New Councillor For Jarvis

Clifford J. McBride will be sworn in as Jarvis' new council member at council's next meeting Jan. 11.

Mr. McBride was chosen as the new council member to replace Ted Oldham who was forced into resignation from council because of a change of employment. Mr. Oldham was unable to attend three consecutive

meetings and under the municipal act had to resign.

Mr. McBride, a Jarvis native, is 39 years old and resides on Main St. S. He has been employed at Bill Henderson Chev Olds Ltd. for the past 20 years as a body and fender repair man.

Mr. McBride is active in Boy Scout work and is the group committee chairman. He is also on the board of managers for Knox Presbyterian Church.

He and his wife Ruby, have been married 19 years and they have three sons.

Postal Rate 8 Cents

OTTAWA — The domestic rate for a first class letter or postcard went up to eight cents on Jan. 1.

This is the second step of a two-stage rate increase for first class mail approved by Parliament last summer.

The new eight cent rate will apply to all mail weighing up to one ounce travelling to destinations in Canada.

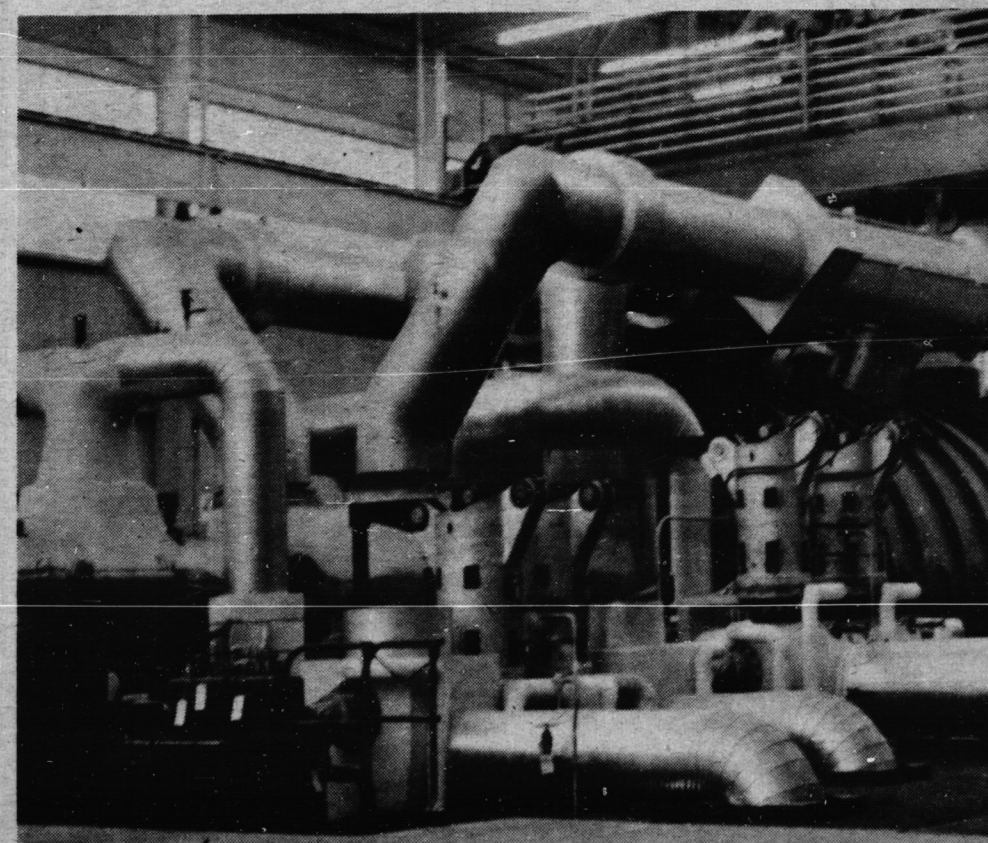
The rate for over one ounce to two ounces goes up to 14 cents; over two ounces to four ounces, 20 cents; over four ounces to eight ounces, 32 cents.

Concurrently, the surface letter mail rate to the United States, its territories and possessions (and to St. Pierre and Miquelon) also goes up to eight cents.

Other changes that came into effect on Jan. 1, 1972: The weight limit for domestic fourth class mail, and for parcel post to the United States is increased from 25 lbs. to 35 lbs.

The rates for mail going to Canadian Forces Post Offices are adjusted in accordance with the other changes mentioned above; please check with your local post office for details.

International rates do not change: Letter Mail See Page 5, Col. 4



Ontario Hydro's Nanticoke generating station is scheduled to turn its first power from one of the eight thermal generating units on Monday. Hydro had previously planned to have the generator in production in December, but last-minute testing and adjustments have delayed the program. The huge turbine unit, above, practically dwarfs workmen in the left foreground. (Staff Photo)