

Need For Co-ordinated Recreation Aired

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) The need for a co-ordinated plan of recreational facility uses was determined Monday night at a special meeting of council and the chairmen of the various appointed boards dealing with recreation.

Following the two and a half hour meeting it was decided to ask Dr. Foster Vernon, community education consultant, youth and recreation branch, Ministry of Community

and Social Services, to prepare several alternative proposals for the council.

Dr. Vernon was asked to attend the meeting to give direction to both council and the various recreation boards.

Coun. Norman Crawford traced the growth of the various recreation boards in the village and said it had now reached the point where the "existing boards must get together." Last year the village

drew near its maximum allowable grant for salaries for its part time recreation instructors, such as at the pool. The grant is based on population and cannot be enlarged. Maximum grant is \$5,000. This pays one-third of the salaries.

Coun. Crawford also noted that the "village is full of volunteers who do excellent work" and that the programs now being operated could not operate with-

out the volunteers. "At present there is no one saying there is nothing for our children to do," he said.

Dr. Vernon said it seemed to him that a decision would have to be made involving better utilization of existing facilities. He said there appeared to be sufficient activities but that a way out of the problem "could be a matter of co-ordinating all agencies and organizations."

The library board was represented at the meeting and raised

the point about the new Davidson Centre. Half of the centre is to be used by the library, with the other half being used by the Cubs, Scouts and Guides. There is also to be a drop in centre for the teenagers. The building is owned by the Anglican Church and is being renovated as a project of the Lions Club.

The question raised was how is the new building to be maintained? Who will be responsible for paying the upkeep on the build-

ing once the youth drop in centre folds in the fall when school starts?

"I can certainly see where a central committee would be an answer to running it."

Deputy Reeve Ross Slope noted that the ball diamond had never been fully developed nor had the arena building.

"My idea is to get this type of thing co-ordinated so that the second ball diamond is built and bleachers are put up and there are washroom facilities a-

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Homeowners Seek Answers From GRCA On Flood Lines

CAYUGA - A group of Cayuga property owners in an area designated by the Grand River Conservation Authority as a flood plain have banded together to oppose what they believe is a man-

ipulation of their property values.

At a meeting last week, the property owners drew up a list of questions they wish replied to, in writing, by the GRCA.

They ask what op-

tions a property owner has in the case of a fire and his home is destroyed.

They feel that the flood lines decrease the value of their homes and if that is the case, will the assessment be lowered accordingly.

The question of additions to their existing buildings is also posed.

In the event the GRCA does purchase the properties, the group is asking what size budget has been set aside by the provincial government and when would payment be

Triple Celebration At Museum Site

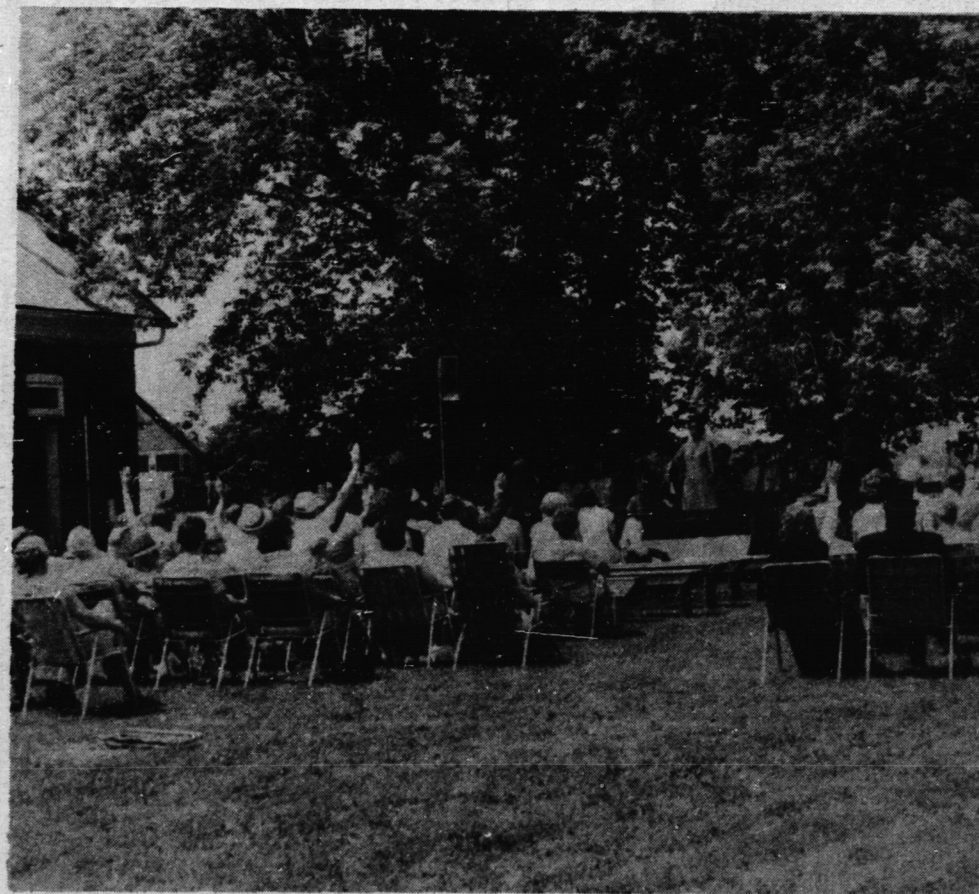
A triple celebration of anniversaries was held Sunday at the former McGaw's School, S.S. No. 2 Walpole, with approximately 100 in attendance, many of them former students.

The celebration re-

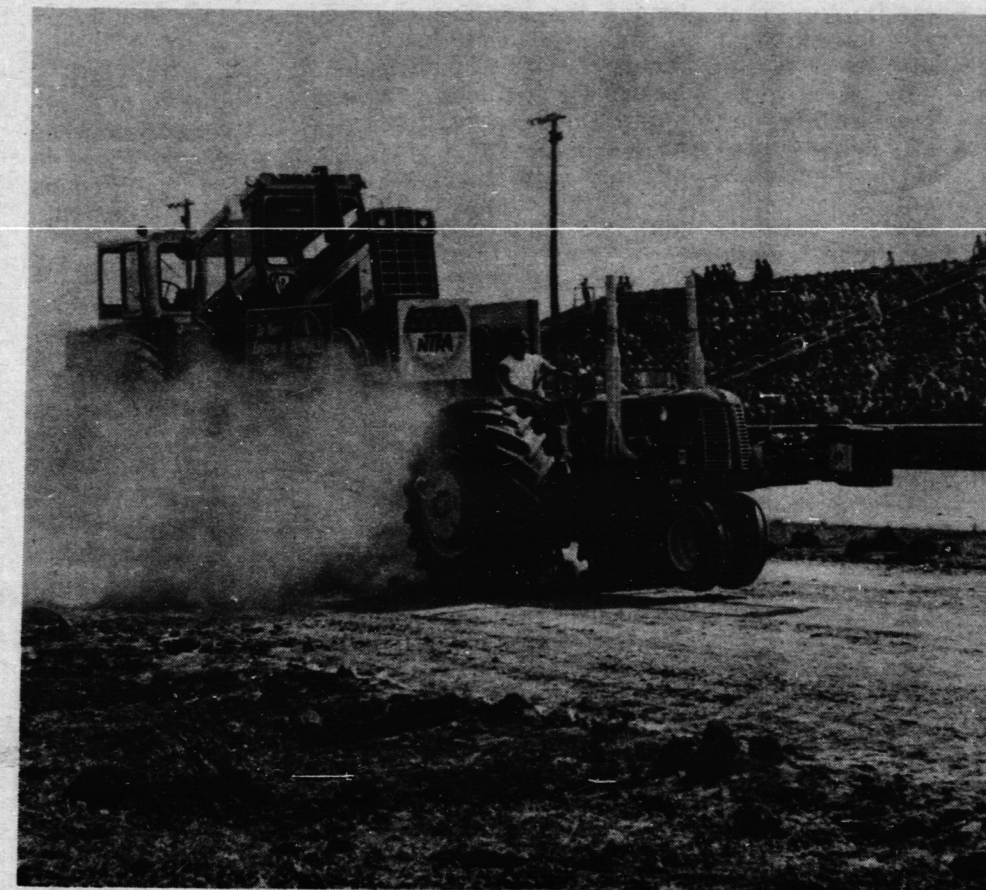
lated around the 100th anniversary of the school itself, the 75th anniversary of the Women's Institute, who were the primary movers in 1967 of covert-

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A portion of the approximately 100 people who turned out Sunday to attend the 100th anniversary of the former McGaw's School, S.S. 2 Walpole raise their hands in answer after being asked who were former students. The event also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Women's Institute and the fifth anniversary of the school as a museum. (Staff Photo)



Some 8,500 enthusiasts turned out at Cayuga Speedway this weekend to see Canada's first National Tractor Pullers Association sanctioned meet. Drivers and machines were on hand from across Canada and the U.S. to compete for the championship pull. One of the modified machines above, drags more than 38,000 pounds down the 250-foot strip. (Staff Photo)

Hagersville Man Tops Novice Tractor Pullers

NELLES CORNERS - A Hagersville man, Fred Mattice, captured the novice class win on Sunday at the Canadian championship tractor pulling contest held at Cayuga Speedway.

Mr. Mattice was in the 12,000 pound novice class, pulling 154.10 feet.

Some of the top pullers in Canada and the United States were there competing for more than \$6,000 in prize money.

It was the first Canadian Tractor Pullers' Association meet.

While the sport is relatively new to Canada, having been seen only once before at the International Plowing Match at Harewood Acres last fall, it has developed quite a following at country fairs in the United States during the past 10 years.

The idea is to see how far a tractor with a huge engine can pull a weight transfer mach-

ine before grinding to a halt.

The machines are divided into classes ranging from stock out of the field tractors to the giants with airplane engines or tank engines for power.

The loads range as high as 30,000 pounds.

In spite of the screaming engines straining to pull the loads, Bob Anderson, chairman of the CTPA says the sport is relatively safe.

"The machines are equipped with steel shrouding and deadman"

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Nicklin Returned As WTCAA President

SELKIRK - The first meeting of the new year of the Walpole Township Citizens Action Association was held Sunday July 9 in the Selkirk Community Hall.

The meeting was the second annual business meeting for the Association. Following the reading and adoption of the year end reports, the election of officers for this year took place and Howard Nicklin of R.R. 2, Nanticoke was

re-elected president. Other officers for 1972 are Howard Finlayson vice-president, John Ross - treasurer, Margaret Finlayson, secretary and Jacqueline Nicklin corresponding secretary.

The board of directors elected were Erich Doelle, Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert, Brian Kaufman, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Lawrek, Bill McGregor, Nancy

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