

## County To Meet With GRCA Over Flood Lines

CAYUGA (Staff) - A request by Cayuga Reeve Ted Powell for action by Haldimand county council regarding flood lines determined by the Grand River Conservation Authority generally fell on unsympathetic ears Friday.

It was, however, decided council would ask for representatives of the GRCA to be present at next month's meeting to discuss the issue with council.

Reeve Powell brought the issue to council's attention following a meeting of a group of Cayuga ratepayers who

live in the area designated a flood plain by the GRCA. The group has objected to the flood lines, claiming their property has been devalued as a result.

Houses situated within the flood lines would not be allowed to be rebuilt in the event of a fire, nor are any additions to be allowed.

Reeve Powell said some lots were purchased prior to the GRCA announcement and now the owners find they cannot build on them.

He said he could agree with the GRCA's plan as a "general

policy" but noted that it can cause "personal hardships."

With the implementation of the flood lines along the Grand River, Reeve Powell said it could be that towns along the river could find their zoning by-laws are meaningless.

"There has to be some modification (in the lines)," he said. "If not, then we have to go as a lobby to make sure the homeowners get adequate compensation."

Deputy-reeve Robert Gordon, of Caledonia, said the GRCA map designating the flood

lines in his town "takes in a third to a half of the town."

"We have had the experience of issuing a building permit to a contractor to develop a section of land only to have the GRCA turn it down. We withdrew the building permit and now we are being sued."

Caledonia Reeve David Peirson said Cayuga "should have known there is no way houses can be built on the bank of the river."

Reeve Powell said there are two lines in question. One is the recorded flood line and the other is a line the river might flood to "if" hurricane Hazel settled over the Grand River."

Reeve Powell said the village had installed sewer lines to the area with the hopes that development in the area

would help offset the costs. Now, no more building is to be allowed.

He explained the area had been surveyed by its engineer and the sewer lines placed in areas considered above flood level by the engineer and approved by Toronto.

Dr. Kenneth Mustard, deputy-reeve of Dunnville, said he felt it was "logical for the GRCA to set these lines. It will help (the towns along the river) to develop more logically, away from the river on high ground."

He said it appeared the "GRCA is taking a long range look at the restoration of the river."

"At times we can't look at the individual, but must look at the masses."

"The GRCA isn't telling them to sell their houses, just that they can no longer build there," he said.

Reeve Powell said that "with all due respect we can't be that hard on the individual. All the mass is, is a group of individuals."

Dr. William Austin reeve of Jarvis, said he had been in Grand Valley this spring during the floods there and said the people there "would have been money ahead if they had not been allowed to build along the river."

"Everything many of them had was ruined. It was a unusual situation, but this happens. It makes sense to stay on high ground."

"After seeing that, if I had owned land along the river I'd have soon-

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## Richardson Named Chief Toronto Region Planner

TORONTO - Nigel Richardson, director of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study, has been appointed as chief planner for the Toronto Centre Region, it was announced recently.

Mr. Richardson will continue as director of the study until its completion sometime in September when his duties will be taken over by A. N. Dunne. Mr. Dunne was named to the position on July 17.

Mr. Dunne's duties will be to provide co-

ordination between the various government departments and the public in Haldimand-Norfolk during the implementation of the recommendations of the study.

Mr. Richardson is still responsible for the local government review and for the planning study.

The planning study, which was the first phase in the two phase study of the two counties, has been completed and has been before the

Ontario Cabinet for some time.

It is understood the Cabinet review of the study has been completed and is awaiting final approval at the ministerial level, said a spokesman at Mr. Richardson's Toronto office.

The second phase, which is a review of the type of local government now existing and proposals for three alternatives under are-

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## Hot, Humid Weather Spurs Corn Growth—Best

CAYUGA - Two weeks of hot, humid weather conditions were a boon to Haldimand County farmers who have had less than a fair shake from the weatherman this season.

More than an inch of rainfall above the usual average of three inches in June, combined with cool temperatures, played havoc with haying operations.

Haldimand agricultural representative Ken Best told The Record this week, the hot spell that hung over most of southwestern Ontario until this week benefited most crops, especially corn.

"The corn crop is still a bit spotty, ranging from excellent to poor across the county, but is has done well this past couple of

weeks," said the ag. rep.

New seeding of grasses and legumes look good, according to Mr. Best. He noted that pastures, usually beginning to burn up in mid-summer heat waves, still are providing good grazing for livestock.

"This would indicate we have had more rain than usual in July as well as June although the statistics are not available for July as yet," said Mr. Best. Nearly all first-cutting hay is off this week and the department official predicted a good second-cutting for area farmers.

Wheat harvesting operations should be under way by this weekend. Apparently some farmers have indicated a problem

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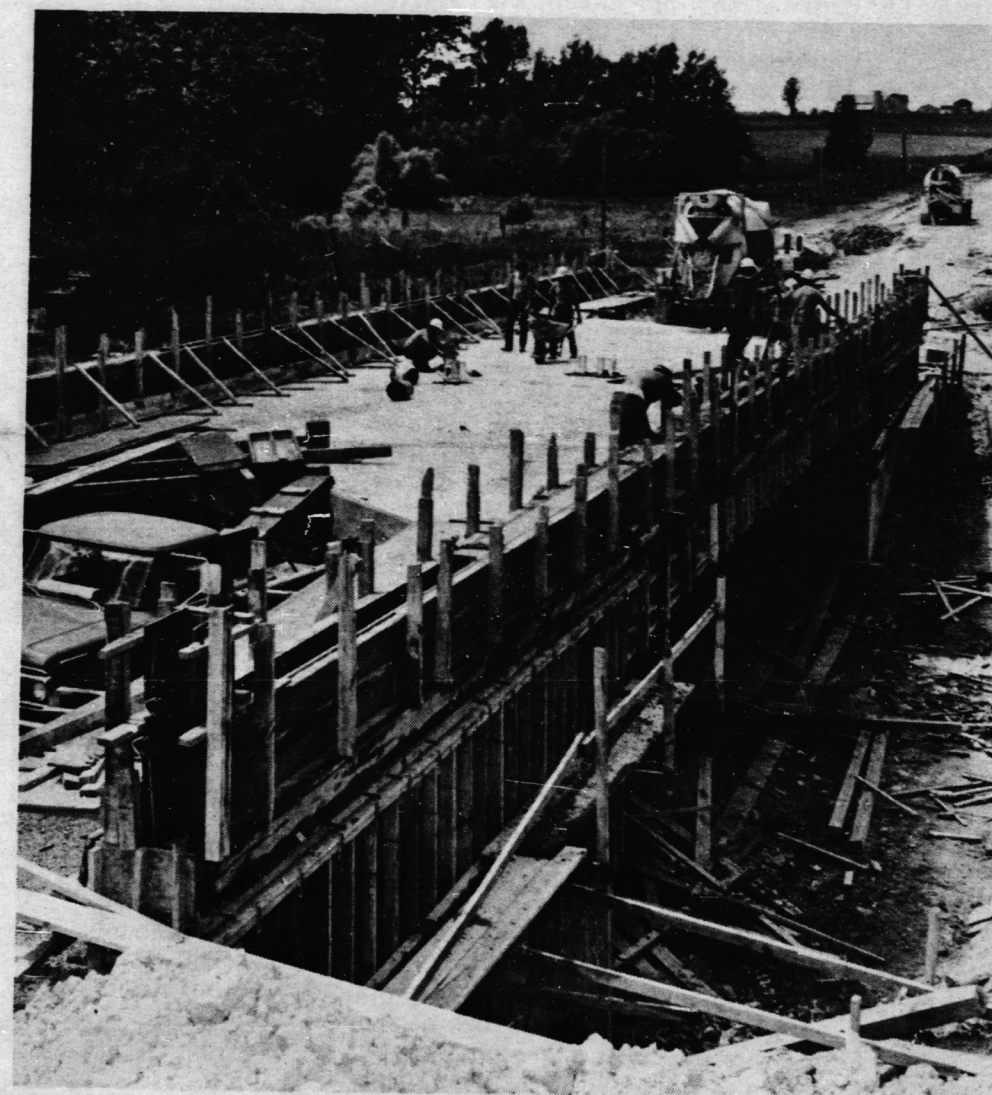
## Stanfield To Visit Friendship Weekend

SIMCOE - Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield will be in Simcoe during the Friendship Weekend, Aug. 4 and 5, it has been announced.

The "low-key" appearance of the Opposition leader will conclude a three-week tour

of southern Ontario. No major speeches are being expected. It is expected Mr. Stanfield will take in part of the festivities being planned as part of the Friendship Weekend.

Details of the itinerary have not been finalized.



Work is continuing on the Reichel Bridge over the Sandusky Creek on Conc. 4, Walpole Township. The \$49,130 contract price job is being done by Facca Construction Ltd., of Maidstone. Karl Weselan, of Simcoe, is the consulting engineer. The bridge is expected to be open for traffic about the end of August. (Staff Photo).

## Golden Horseshoe Society To Host Normoska Tour

This year, the Golden Horseshoe Society will again host to the Normoska Tour Club for the Civic Holiday Show, as well as to the Historical Automobile Federation.

Normoska, having the meaning in the words North Muskoka, is celebrating its 15th year as a Vintage Club. Having started in Orillia with only 35 members, the Club has now a membership of 75, under the Chairmanship of Norm Helmky.

When taking part in any one of their tours, the chairmansets up the weekend agenda for the participants and their families. The tour members will be arriving on Friday evening, Aug. 4 and will be making Golden Horseshoe City their 'home-away-from-home' for the busy weekend schedule.

Friday evening they will be attending the Cayuga Speedway, when they will be guests of Bob Slack, as well as

for a Sunday evening picnic. Sunday afternoon, the group will be guests of the Town of Simcoe. Before the Golden Horseshoe parade on Monday, Aug. 7, the tour will take in historic Dundurn Castle.

It is interesting to note that Gordon E. Smith, M.P.P. for Simcoe East, a past president of the Club, was the member who pressed for legislation to

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