

Stelco To Make 'Positive Statement' Today

A "positive statement" was expected today at the Norfolk Golf and Country Club from the Steel Company of Canada - Ltd., about its giant Lake Erie project at Nanticoke.

The Record learned Wednesday the steel making firm is intending to end years of waiting and speculation about its intentions at a press conference.

Alex Fisher, vice-president, facilities planning, engineering research, was expected to appear at the press conference to outline Stelco's plans.

Stelco's expected announcement, coupled with the appearance Thursday night of Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough to address the joint membership of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study may well mark Thursday, March 2, 1972 as a most historic date in the two-county area.

What Stelco is planning exactly for its 6,600 acres of land that straddles both the Haldimand and Norfolk county line in the townships

of Walpole and Woodhouse, was not known at press time.

Originally, the firm had announced it would proceed immediately with an 80-inch hot strip mill. However, in 1969 and 1970 the economy began its downward trend and Stelco pulled back on its plans to go ahead with the Lake Erie project.

Then in November the Record contacted Mr. Fisher who stated that Stelco was as definite as ever about going ahead with its project.

He said Stelco had been diverted from the project by the general state of the economy and an uncertain taxation climate.

In the meantime the company was "rounding out" its facilities at the Hilton Works in Hamilton. It had been hoped originally by the company to carry out the Hilton Works projects at the same time as the Nanticoke project.

Mr. Fisher said at that time the delay had given the company time to try and find

the most economical way possible to develop the Lake Erie project.

Stelco is also in the midst of new developments in the steel making process that will revolutionize the existing process which depends on blast furnaces and its attendant pollution.

Mr. Fisher said in November that once Stelco announces it is going ahead with its plans, "then the area can't help but go ahead."

Mr. Fisher also confirmed at that time that a speculated date to begin development in 1973 was substantially correct.

The Haldimand-Norfolk Study had been predicated on Stelco's intention to develop a steel making complex at Nanticoke. During the past two weeks the director of the study, Nigel Richardson has repeatedly told the public invited to the meetings, that Stelco was planning to go ahead with its project and was expected to make an announcement in the near future.



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Approximately 100 persons filled the Anglican Church hall in Jarvis last Thursday night for the First Jarvis Boy Scouts father and son banquet. The group here enjoys a sing-song before the evening's other events got underway. (Staff Photo)

Hagersville, Developer Clash Over Building Permit

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) An expired building permit and Hagersville council's reluctance to ignore an Ontario Water Resources Commission warning to curb further development in the

village has led to an awkward situation for both a developer and council.

Jerry Wannop, of Wentworth Construction, took out a building permit June 7, 1971,

and six months later, because there was no physical evidence of construction having begun, council terminated the building permit.

Mr. Wannop appeared before council in January, seeking to have the permit renewed. Council at that time said it would write the Ontario Water Resources Commission about the building and if it would be permitted.

The OWRC has warned council not to permit any further development at the present time as it will overload the

acted as Venture advisor. Head table guests were: Cliff McBride, president of the Group Committee; Venture advisor, Rev. E. Ramrattan; Scout Master, Robert Reeder; Cub Master, William Braham; Auxiliary pre-

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Father-Son Banquet Held

The 1st Jarvis Cubs and Scout troops held their father and son banquet of Feb. 24, in St. Paul's Parish Hall with some 100 persons in attendance.

Canon E.A. Brooks was presented, by Steve Payne, with a Venture Pen Set in appreciation of the years that he has

Municipal Government Changes 'For The Better'

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) Changes in municipal government can and will be made for the betterment of the entire area, Reeve John Kincaid said Monday night during Hagersville council.

Reeve Kincaid was commenting on the recent study sessions held by the director of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study, Nigel Richardson in which three alternatives to the present municipal system were suggested.

Reeve Kincaid informed council Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough would be in Cayuga on March

2 to address a meeting of all members of the two-county study.

"I think Mr. McKeough will probably suggest what the government has found out from the studies and I also think he is coming to get our opinions."

"This is a big and fantastic part of Ontario that is really moving. We have got to admit this: There is more challenge here than any other part of Ontario."

"I say as far as I'm concerned if a new system of municipal government can improve the way things are handled now, can

get us a new fire hall or find new ways of handling welfare and police, I'll go along with it."

"Other than that, I'd say we are handling ourselves very well."

"As far as putting the two counties together, other regions have found that initially it was more expensive. But look at the job the board of education is doing. It's tremendous now. The board is beginning to handle the problems collectively. If the two counties get into this, I can see the

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Regional Government Costs Questioned In Caledonia

CALEDONIA - The question of whether residents will have any real say in the formation of a regional government in Haldimand-Norfolk and how much it will cost remained following the last in a series of meetings held by the joint county study.

Nigel Richardson, director of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study, faced a hostile reaction to his interim study when he appeared here Thursday.

He insisted he would take into account in his final report to the government the views of the people expressed during his nine meetings in the two counties and the submissions he has called for by April 14.

The ultimate decision, however, will rest with the government, he said.

A plebiscite on the question of regional government is almost certainly out of the question, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough has ruled out referendums on the grounds the provincial government is elected to make decisions of this kind.

One of the main objections was M. C. Preiss, who said residents are wasting their time voicing their opinions because the province will do what it wants anyway.

"People are fed up with paying taxes and having no say in it," she said.

She attacked the province for equivocations, prevarications and plain lies.

Seneca Township Reeve Clayton O. Smith said if "ratepayers are going to have their fran-

chise lifted, democracy is going out the window."

He said he would never agree to any new system of government unless the local people had a full say in choosing it.

One man demanded to know how much the new form of government would take out of the pockets of local taxpayers to pay for the enlarged and better paid bureaucracies.

Mr. Richardson said he could see no reason

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Happy Ending To U.S. Pilot's Adventure Here

PORT DOVER - An American's adventure here last week ended happily when he was able to fly his single-engine plane home Friday after coming down on a road east of here Wednesday.

William Bowman, a 52-year-old businessman from Latrobe, Pa., was denied permission to land at several U.S. airports during a storm because of U.S. regulation.

A metallurgist from Latrobe, he spent several hours last Wednesday looking for a place to land when he ran into a storm front on a 35-minute flight from Latrobe to Franklin, Pa.

Mr. Bowman is a veteran pilot since after World War 2, but is not rated for instrument flying, although the plane was fully equipped.

Mr. Bowman finally

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