

## Friends N' Neighbors

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Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson have returned from a week's holiday spent in Daytona Beach and other Florida areas. While away they visited Mr. and Mrs. Stan Burditt, the former Jarvis postmaster.

Roy Doughty has returned to his home after spending some time in West Haldimand Hospital.

Ron De la Fosse has sold his home on Main St., N., and will be moving to Hagersville. Mrs. Elgin Jaques returned to Jarvis a week ago after holidaying in Florida, visiting for a month at Satellite Beach on the east coast.

Mrs. Effie Huffman has returned home after a lengthy stay in Hamilton at St.

Joseph's Hospital for an eye operation and later convalescing at the home of her son Ross Huffman.

Word was received by Mrs. Huffman of the sudden passing of Mrs. George Veigle of Saskatoon on Sunday March 12. She was predeceased by her husband on Feb. 28, 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson of St. Catharines with their children Jane and Paul, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson in Jarvis. Saturday was Paul's third birthday.

A miscellaneous shower was enjoyed at

### Obituaries

SYDHOLM - Ben, passed away March 15, 1972 in Overmark Finland, formerly of Jarvis. Left to mourn him is his family in Finland and Sweden, brothers Fred, of Ancaster, and Carl of Hamilton, also a sister Mary Christianson, of Hamilton. Funeral and interment in Finland.

Knelle - Francis Joseph at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Monday, March 13, 1972. Francis Joseph Knelle (Joe) of Logan St., St. Catharines, beloved husband of Jennie Alana Knelle, dear father of Leonard Francis Knelle, of Simcoe, brother of Ludwig Knelle, Toronto. Suzanne Hemmer, of Germany. Rested at Butler Funeral Home, St. Catharines, service at St. Alfred's Roman Catholic Church was held on Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment in Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Friends attending the funeral from Jarvis were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Montague and Mrs. Eugene Montague.

Continued good health and happiness for the couple is the wish of all their friends and family.

the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Austin on Monday evening in honor of Joyce Barr of Hagersville, and Dennis Craddock, whose wedding will take place in Knox Church Jarvis on April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schier, who went on a bus trip to Florida, have returned home.

Arvil Nie of South Walpole has returned to his home after spending a week in West Haldimand Hospital Hagersville.

The ladies of Knox Church, Jarvis are pleased to report a most successful St. Patrick's Supper on Friday, March 17.

Debora Taylor-Munro was home from Hamilton during the weekend.

Mrs. A. L. Belbeck spent Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harold Porritt in Simcoe.

Those from Jarvis Women's Institute who attended the West Haldimand Spring Conference held in Faith Centennial United Church Selkirk on Monday afternoon were Mrs. Robert Smuck, Mrs. Sumner Church, Mrs. Leonard Church, Mrs. Elgin Jaques, Mrs. Wallace Mitchell and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

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### Editorial Comment:

#### Norfolk Takes Initiative

It appears Norfolk is taking the initiative in the question of regional government.

What is happening is that Norfolk is taking Darcy McKeough seriously, as he should be taken in this issue, and gone ahead and started to form areas of similar interests in what would become the lower tier of a two-tier system of regional government.

Before Haldimand has even voted on whether or not it wishes to be part of a regional government with Norfolk, not that there is much left it can say in the matter, Norfolk is going ahead.

If Haldimand doesn't get going and take some of the initiative in the situation, what many of its elected members are predicting will happen, will indeed happen. Norfolk will dominate the region. And the only ones the people will be able to blame is the elected officials.

Five municipalities in Norfolk have taken the first step in forming a lower tier of a two-tier system - the west Norfolk municipalities of Middleton, North and South Walsingham and Houghton townships, along with the village of Port Rowan.

More recently, Port Dover and Woodhouse councils passed resolutions to include these two municipalities along with Jarvis and all or part of Walpole Township.

And earlier this week Simcoe council accepted a recommendation from the Simcoe and Suburban Planning Board and the Simcoe Planning Board outlining new boundaries for the town under a two-tier regional government.

These will form part of the submissions that study director Nigel Richardson has asked for by April 14, when he then begins his final report on restructuring local government.

Haldimand, in the meantime, is stalling for time. Last week, at county council, the issue of regional government was sidestepped because the warden felt, and probably correctly, that a motion to form a regional government with Norfolk would be defeated. Instead, the issue was set aside until March 23 so that members could view what was decided at a meeting Tuesday night of the joint study sub-committees.

That meeting decided on a system of regional government that would utilize two tiers - a lower or first tier of municipalities and an upper or second tier forming the regional council.

Thus the situation arises where the two counties have been told forcefully by Mr. McKeough to form a region, Norfolk county council has agreed to form a region, a sub-committee report has outlined the type of regional government desired, several municipalities in Norfolk are taking steps to form lower-tier units, but Haldimand has not even decided if it wants regional government or not.

April 14 is only 22 days away and a lot of work is going to have to be done between now and then if Haldimand wishes to attain a full position of authority and responsibility in the region.

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### 2-Tier System

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All county and municipal employees at the date of establishing the new government should be offered employment within the region at salaries and wages commensurate at the time.

As for the naming of the new lower tier units and the actual region, this is to be left up to the municipalities involved with the naming of the region a matter for further study.

The planning and development committee recommended the new region adopt as a basis for land use planning and planning organization the system utilized by the Region of York.

George Pleasance, of Simcoe, committee co-chairman said his committee had travelled both to the Niagara Region and the York Region to study the planning and found York's to be more closely aligned with the Haldimand - Norfolk area. He said York hired a planner and he organized the entire

### Gas Lines

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you shouldn't be able to pick and choose your customers," he said. "Where would we be if hydro and the telephone company pulled out to only service the large centres?" he asked.

### Budget

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Executive \$51,400 (\$43,130); Administration \$49,100 (\$40,083); Other \$29,500 (\$33,254); Protection to persons and property \$5,320 (\$4,632); Public welfare \$387,037 (\$278,496); High school debentures \$250,623 (\$249,773).

### School

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from non-resident students will account for about 4.5 per cent and miscellaneous about 1.8 per cent.

The apportionment in 1972 will be on the basis of provincially equalized assessment in total. In former years this was in combination with local assessment. Consequently, some municipalities may find their requisition in excess of the 1971 levy, he said.

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it was decided that it would not be mandatory for regional government to assume responsibility for water and sewage services until it was deemed feasible to do so.

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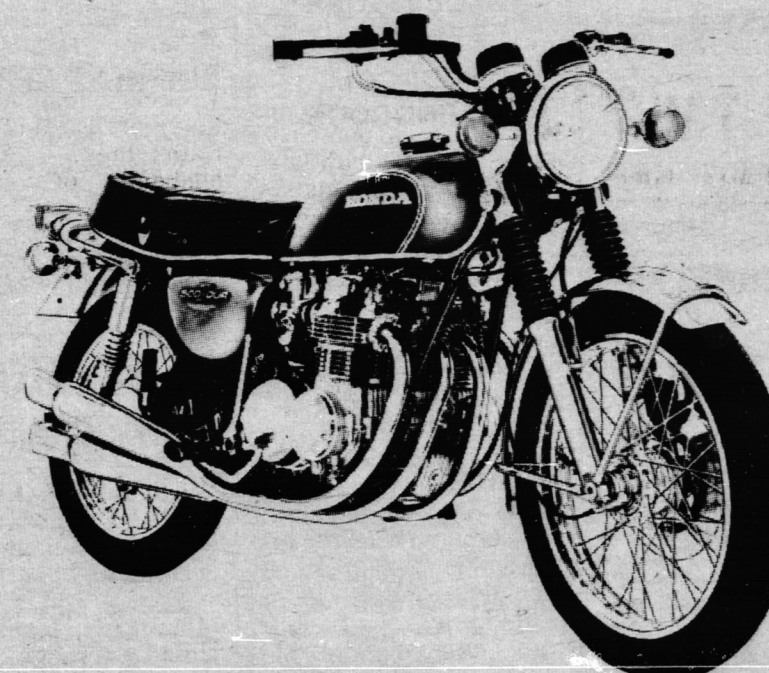
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