

# Energy Board Adjourns Gas Hearing To Feb. 1

CAYUGA - An Ontario Energy Board hearing into a proposal by Union Gas Company to discontinue service in portions of Haldimand County was adjourned last week until Feb. 1.

The Feb. 1 date was mutually agreed upon by both Union Gas representatives and lawyers representing

customers of the gas service.

L. G. O'Conner, of Chatham, lawyer for the gas company made the initial request for the adjournment. He said the company was not in a position to proceed with evidence as several witnesses were attending another hearing in Ottawa be-

fore the National Energy Board.

The case in Ottawa involves a bid by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines to increase its rates.

Consumers were represented by lawyers G. Donald Chambers, of Dunnville and Edward McCarthy of Hagersville.

Mr. Chambers was representing 31 con-

sumers, 18 of whom did not agree to discontinue the service and 13 who had agreed, but have since changed their minds.

Mr. Chambers also appealed to the board for a postponement, claiming more time was needed to gather evidence.

The Feb 1 date was reached after Ken Bousfield, of R. R. 1 Jarvis, representing himself, reminded officials a hearing in the spring would interfere with farm work.

Board chairman A. B. Jackson, of Toronto, noted that there might be cause for further adjournments, which had not been anticipated.

Mr. Chambers also asked if the board would provide "expert engineering and accounting assistance," which he said his clients could not afford. He said the bill could run in the area of \$1,000.

Robin Scott, lawyer for the energy board, said the lieutenant-governor can appoint individuals to assist the board in any capacity on any matter before it.

The board reserved the decision on the matter as it requires final approval by the cabinet and the board needs time to determine what recommendation it would make to the cabinet.

Chairman of the Rainham committee, Jim Edmunsen, an Ontario Provincial Police constable, challenged statements that all gas users were notified of the hearing.

He said he had never officially been notified of any hearing and further that repeated requests to talk to the gas company had been ignored.

He said his wife had been approached by the gas company in July to terminate the service. He said he was not at home at the time and she had signed the agreement. He said he had been

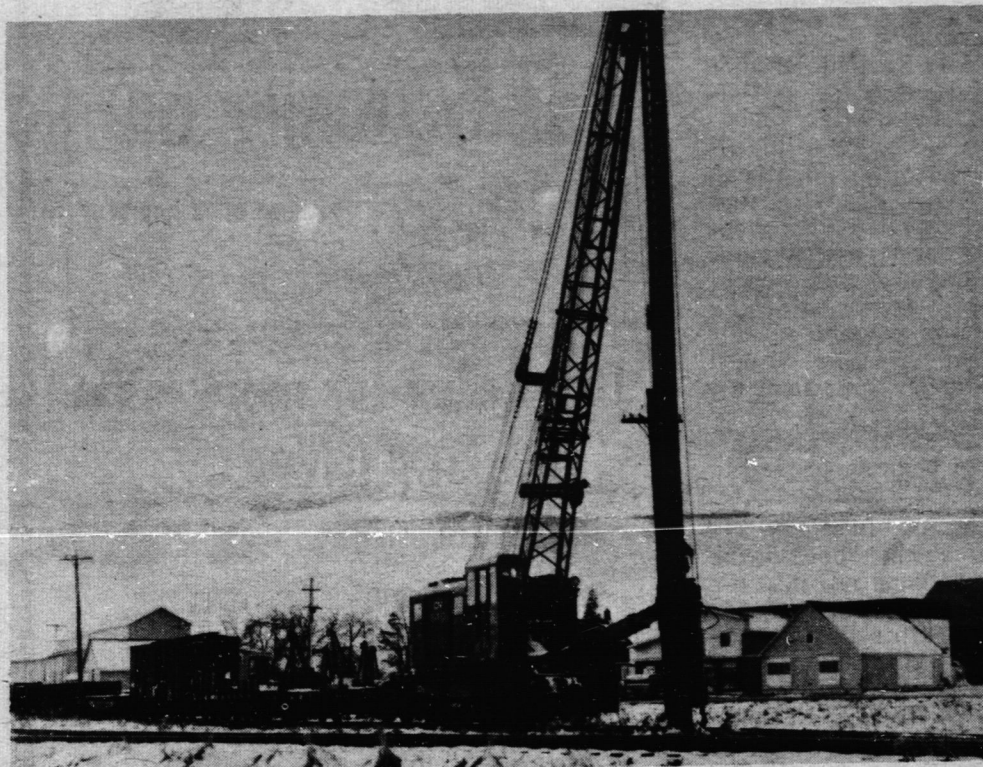
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Canadian National Railway crews have been working on repairs to a bridge at Garnet for the past two weeks. However, a slight delay in the work has occurred due to a pile driver that broke when bed rock was struck 20 feet in the ground. About a dozen men are involved in the repair work, which is expected "to take some time," a CN spokesman said. (Staff Photo)

## Advice Sought On Hiring County Plumbing Inspector

CAYUGA (Staff) - Local municipal councils will be asked for comments on whether the county should hire a plumbing inspector as suggested to county council by Dr. H. H.

Washburn, Haldimand-Norfolk director of health.

Dr. Washburn's letter, along with a letter from the Ministry of the Environment noting the importance of

having a plumbing inspector, was read to Haldimand councillors on Friday.

It was also noted that the plumbing code of Ontario details the various methods of plumbing installation and testing and inspection. These steps are to be taken and completed before a building is used or the plumbing used.

Deputy Reeve Dr. Kenneth Mustard noted that in Dunnville there are two to four inspections made of the plumbing in each new building constructed. He said the town's foreman has taken training in plumbing inspection and acts as the inspector.

He said that one person as a county inspector could not likely

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## Egg Marketing Plan Farm Victory—Hill

The interprovincial agreement to organize nation-wide egg marketing is a landmark victory for farmers, says Gordon Hill, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

"There has been too much regionalism. All farmers across Canada lose when one province overproduces, and dumps the surplus on to another."

Hill claims the national approach to mar-

keting will give farmers needed income stability, and guarantee consumers a constant supply of eggs in the future. "It will weld farmers in unity across the province."

Agriculture Minister H.A. Olson signed the supply-management agreement on Nov. 20. When the national agency starts operating, it will give each province a quota based

## Haldimand Council Sets \$1,000 Fund For Gas Issue

CAYUGA (Staff) - Haldimand County Council Friday voted to expend funds to a total of \$1,000 in the proposal of the Union Gas Company to discontinue certain gas lines in the county.

A special committee of council will administer the fund.

Council was informed Friday that an Ontario Energy Board hearing into the Union Gas proposal was postponed on Thursday until Feb. 1.

The proposal by the gas company would affect some 950 customers in the county. However, the hearing scheduled for last Thursday would only involve about 260 customers in the Dunn and Rainham township areas. The two townships have formed committees to fight the issue before the energy board.

Both the townships and the gas company sought the adjournment of the hearing until February.

Reeve Keith Richardson, of Dunn Township, reported to council on the hearing. He said the township committees had recommended the board hire a consulting engineer and an accountant to check the Union Gas figures. He said the board recommended this in order to have "another professional opinion other than that of the gas company's."

Reeve Blake Gloyd, of Rainham Township, was also at the hearing and was invited to take a tour of the areas where abandonment is proposed, and has taken place.

Reeve Gloyd said he felt there could be another two or three postponements before the case finally gets to a complete hearing.

Reeve Richardson noted that any further adjournments, however, would likely be short ones.

He also noted only those who are directly affected by the discontinuance of gas can make a presentation to the energy board.

He said the money the county had set aside in the matter (\$400) might now be better spent in the support of the two township committees now before the board.

It was noted that donations are coming in to the committees to the extent of \$400 or \$500.

Reeve Richardson said the township itself

had not contributed any money since "a good many of the township residents don't use gas."

Reeve Ted Powell, of Cayuga, said the \$400 was set aside to help cover the cost of representing the county as a whole at the hearing, but noted that the county could not make a presentation.

He said if the money was given to the township committees, it would appear that the county is giving grants to private ratepayers. "This opens a whole new ball game," he said.

Reeve Richardson

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## Hagersville Holds Remembrance Service

HAGERSVILLE-More than half a century ago, Laurence Binyon wrote in his ode to the fallen in the First World War "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them".

These words of Binyon were used to open the Remembrance Day Memorial Service on Sunday Nov. 12 at Branch 164 Canadian Legion, Hagersville. Chaplain of the Legion, Rev. A. Thomson, M.B.E., spoke briefly at the Memorial Room, at the 2:45 p.m. ceremony.

Following these words and prayer, Life Member of Branch 164, Brock Matice placed the Memorial Wreath. The parade then departed for the Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in the Hagersville Park, Alma St. S. under directions of Omar Phillips, who acted as Parade Marshal.

The 3 p.m. service at the Cenotaph, began with the prayer of invocation by Father J. Rymakers. Rev.

Martin Rule of the United Church, read the scripture lesson, as taken from John's Gospel, Chapter 15, verses 5-17.

Rev. Donald Eustace of the Hagersville Anglican Church, led in a prayer of remembrance, concluding with the Lord's prayer.

The address was given by Rev. C. L. Warriner of the Pentecostal Church, who referred to all periods of time, there have been wars, and rumors of war. He said to-day we remember both, the great cost of armament and of lives in World War I and World War 2 and even to-day after 27 years we as a nation are still struggling for, wanting, and praying for peace.

But with all the Peace Conferences held amongst all Nations, it is still an uneasy and fearful world.

Rev. Warriner closed by stating that "Christ also paid the price of giving his life for

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