

Non Farm Wage Increases Hit Farm Input Costs

"Ontario beef producers are prepared to keep an orderly supply of cattle moving to market to provide the consumer with high quality beef" said Stewart

Brown, Shedden, Ontario, President of the Ontario Beef Improvement Association at a Directors' Meeting of the Association last week.

Hearing Resumes Today

Cross examination of Union Gas officials and consultants before the Ontario Energy Board will continue this morning at 10 a.m. in Cayuga courthouse.

The Board's hearing of Union Gas Ltd.'s application to discontinue natural gas service to 235 Haldimand County representatives resumed Monday after a month adjournment.

Don Chambers, a Dunnville lawyer representing 77 consumers opposing the application, and Bronte Malek, an individual acting respondent, had their first opportunity to question the highly technical information

given at the March meeting.

Mr. Chambers told the Record he will complete the examination of Union Gas testimony Thursday and then call upon his own witnesses. He expects the hearing will run into Friday.

At the March meeting, the Committees for the Retention of Natural Gas Services were represented by Mr. Chambers and lawyer Ed McCarthy of Hagersville.

However, Mr. McCarthy has retired from the case because the Committees found that they did not have sufficient funds to keep two

There is no intentional hold back of cattle from the market by beef producers. "We are exposing as many cattle to the marketing system as it will absorb at current prices. Uncertainty in the beef processing and merchandizing system caused partly by groups advocating a boycott of beef and to a greater degree by the psychologically charged atmosphere in the public media has resulted in reduced demand by the system and fewer cattle being purchased by packing plants."

The beef processing and merchandizing system is an extremely efficient one and one which simply reflects back through the beef system to the producer the volume of beef which consumers are willing to purchase at any given price. "This determination by individual consumers which is

Accepts \$1,200 Fire Raise

Walpole Council accepted a \$1,200 hike in the basic stand-by rate for fire protection from the Hagersville Fire Department Friday night. However, they suggested a maximum limit should be set on the fee for a fire call.

At a joint meeting held in Hagersville March 8 to discuss the Mutual Fire Agreement, which terminated April 1, Hagersville deputy-reeve Norm Crawford

proposed the stand-by fee be increased from \$300 per year to \$1,500

In addition, he recommended that contributing municipalities pay the Volunteer Fire Department \$100 per hour while attending the fire instead of the flat rate of \$150 per fire provided under the old agreement.

Walpole Township, Oneida Township, New Credit of the Mississauga and the Village

of Hagersville are serviced by the Hagersville Volunteer Fire Department.

Walpole Council suggested the hourly rate should be limited to a maximum of \$500 a fire because the \$100 an hour rate could be very costly.

If municipalities cannot reach an agreement on a maximum for a fire call, it was suggested a rate which would

Celebrates 92 With Sunshine Club



Mrs. Effie Ziegler Huffman celebrated her 92nd birthday with members of the Jarvis Senior Citizens' Sunshine Club Thursday. (Staff Photo)

The Jarvis Senior Citizens' Sunshine Club celebrated the birthday of its eldest member with flowers and a beautifully decorated cake last Thursday afternoon at the L.O.O.F. Hall.

The guest of honour for the Club's first birthday party was Mrs. Effie Huffman, who was observing her 92nd.

Mrs. Huffman was born April 3, 1881 at Nelles Corners and attended the Decesville school, 1 1/2 miles walk from her farm home.

Sir John A. Macdonald was the political giant of the day, three passenger trains a day ran from Hamilton to

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'Rhymes And Rambles' Sold From Coast To Coast

"They tell the tallest stories That their old heads can devise"

They all know how to stretch the truth, And sometimes they stretch the lies."

The tall tales, true stories and straight talking of popular old time writer, Doug Murray, is giving the Cayuga area recognition in every province across the nation . . . and some of the states.

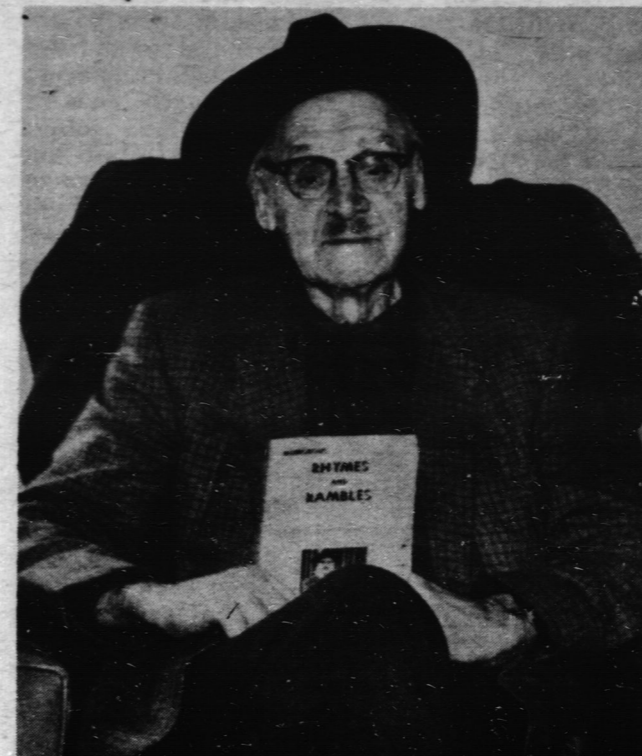
"Rhymes and Rambles," a book form collection of Doug's humorous country styled writings, is becoming increasingly popular with "absolute strangers who like the style" in both Canada and the U.S.

Doug told the Record Thursday he only has 300 books of his second printing left and has prospects of coming back to Jarvis for his third publication in the near future.

"It's nice to pay a compliment, When someone treats you nice, For a compliment is something, That is given without price."

"Everybody is a little egotistical . . . I never had recognition of any count." So naturally, having a book published makes me feel important, Doug said.

The good response to his book has justified that feeling - even though Doug, himself, considers a lot of his poetry pure nonsense. He never wrote it with the intention of making it available to the public - other than through his weekly column situated in the front page of the Haldimand Advocate. However, his nephew, Dr.



Doug Murray

Murray Young, encouraged the book collection.

As "Rhymes and Rambles" grew in popularity, Hamilton, London and Toronto papers featured the writer and compliments began to

flow in for the 75 year old country gent.

One elderly Kingston high school teacher wrote a friend thanking them for the gift of poetry and said:

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Review Jarvis Budget

Jarvis Council decided Tuesday night to leave 1973's tax levy "pretty close to last year's."

Council reviewed the tentative budget prepared by clerk Bob Lysch and made no adjustments except to take out \$10,000 allotted for a village storage building. Funds for financing this project will be taken out of the village's accumulated surplus rather than '73 taxes.

This building is to provide a workshop and storage area for village trucks.

Reeve William Austin

said the mill rate for '73 would be 17.03 as compared to 16.8 in '72.

The biggest increase in the village budget was a \$9,000 hike for education. Jarvis contributed \$50,742 towards education last year and are required to contribute \$59,921 this year. The jump is due to an increased village assessment.

The Haldimand County required rate apportionment is down from last year's \$19,420 to \$17,205.

Also at council: The village was notified that their library

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Patsy Druyff Crowned Queen



Patsy Druyff of Jarvis was crowned queen at Hagersville Secondary Schools' "At Home" Friday night. Sandra Hyde, Wendy Emslie, Becky Snowden and Charlene Meehan were runners up. Kathryn Duxbury, 1971-72's school queen crowned Patsy. Pictured here are Becky, Sandra, Kathryn, Patsy, Wendy and Charlene. In the 1954-55 school year, Patsy's aunt, Mary Curley also won the title. (Staff Photo)