

Union Says Gas Customers In Some Rural Areas Are Subsidized

The cost of gas for rural customers on eight lines in Haldimand County is heavily subsidized by other Union Gas customers, the Ontario Energy Board was told last week.

Union Gas Ltd. is seeking approval from the Board to discontinue service to 235 Walpole, Dunn, Rainham and South Cayuga township customers. They claim the lines are uneconomic and need replacement.

Lawyer Don Chambers of Dunnville represents 77 customers who oppose the application. Mr. Chambers, Robin Scott, legal representative for the Board and Bronte

Malek, a Hamilton cottage owner, cross examined Union Gas officials last Thursday and Friday.

Henry Arndt, assistant to the president on regulatory affairs for Union Gas, testified Thursday that the break even point for the company is \$98 based on a customer using 92,000 cubic feet a year.

He further explained Friday that this was not a proper analysis because it only included the cost of gas and customer cost.

For a more realistic picture, he said cost of facilities, cost of line replacement, taxes and depreciation must be taken into account.

The revenue then required from the area covering these eight lines would be four to six times the actual revenue, he said.

Mr. Arndt calculated a rate designed to show customer cost if they were paying their own way. These rural customers would have to be

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Centenarian Celebrates Birthday

A plaque from Prime Minister Trudeau, a telegram from Queen Elizabeth, a plaque from Premier William Davis and numerous birthday cards were sent to one elderly gentleman in the West Haldimand General Hospital this week.

Charles Duncan, a First World War veteran and former Cayuga police constable, celebrated his 100th birthday on Monday.

Mr. Duncan told the Record he was born on a farm in Seneca township and attended No. 11 public school. He went overseas during the First World War and then became a policeman for Cayuga.

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Dairymen Need Raise

A 1972 Niagara dairy herd analysis (including Haldimand) shows that dairy farmers needed their recent 60 cent per hundred weight increase.

At a milk information meeting held in Kohler last Wednesday night, area agriculture representative Ken Best gave approximately 100 Haldimand County dairy farmers the results of a survey compiled by Ray Martin and Harold Bentley.

farmer (69 farms used) in the Niagara analysis is left with nothing, but those in the top 25 per cent had a \$7,158 income.

A comparison of the average and top 25 per cent gave the former a total investment of \$161,827 and the latter \$165,607.

The 14 farms in the top 25 per cent recorded an average gross farm income of \$45,546. Gross farm expenses

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Charles Duncan, a former Cayuga policeman and janitor at the Cayuga Secondary School, celebrated his 100th birthday at the West Haldimand General Hospital Monday. (Staff Photo)

Governments Need Vocal Women Says Ada Pritchard

Governments need more women with "seeing eye and biting tongue" to promote the good things Canada has to offer, Ada Pritchard told 210 women last Wednesday in Kohler. Speaking at the annual Daffodil Luncheon, sponsored by the women's committee of the Haldimand Federation of Agriculture, the retired MLA urged women to take an active part in public life.

"I'm not saying women are better than men, but they do have a different point of view and, politics 'does take someone who can be very vocal.'"

Mrs. Pritchard spoke with the "liberated woman's" voice of experience and responsibility linked closely with the achievement of becoming the first woman ever to be elected to the government side of the house in Ontario. She says she just became involved in politics because she's a "very ornery woman who got annoyed with the way things were done."

A resident of Hamilton, Mrs. Pritchard participated in an inspection tour of the old Macassa Lodge, a home for the aged. In a room crowded with 24 women, she turned back the bed sheets and said, "I wouldn't put a cat on it." Two years later, a new lodge was built.

She was so annoyed after this incident that she declared her intention of running for alderman. "I ran and I was defeated, which only made me more determined to win." The next time around, she had 100 women and her husband knocking on every door in Ward 3. She won. "Politics to me is life, political life is life itself. If you're not interested in life, you're not interested in politics, Mrs. Pritchard told the women. Because, it is our elected



Ada Pritchard

members who formulate the policies governing our lives - taxes, education, old age security etc.

"It annoys me so few women offer themselves for public life," she

said. "It lies in your hands to change the things you don't like."

However, Mrs. Pritchard did find at least one advantage to being

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Union Gas Says Lines Patrolled Regularly

Union Gas personnel patrolled eight gas lines in Walpole, Dunn, South Cayuga and Rainham townships on a regular basis, the Ontario Energy Board was told last Thursday.

Union Gas Ltd. is seeking approval from the Board to discontinue service to 235 customers on these lines because they say the lines are uneconomic and need replacement.

Donald Ingram, superintendent of the Brantford Division of Union Gas, said the Heath leak survey conducted on the lines was the first independent study undertaken. However, he said, W. D. Howard, manager of gas

supply operations, informed him that the company patrolled the lines on an average frequency of once per month.

The Heath Survey, conducted in September, 1972, found numerous examples of leakage and badly corroded pipe. It recommended the lines be replaced.

Mr. Ingram said the company had a general idea of the condition of the lines before the survey. The purpose of the Heath Survey was to convert general knowledge into precise data and also for an independent viewpoint.

Robin Scott, lawyer

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Man Injured In Car-Train Crash

David Parkinson, 43, of R. R. 5, Hagersville was injured in a train-car collision at a CNR crossing, two miles north of Hagersville Friday afternoon, April 13.

A spokesman for the Cayuga OPP detachment told the Record Monday that Mr. Parkinson was eastbound on the Second Line of Oneida Township when the car he was driving collided with a northbound CN freight train.

Mr. Parkinson was taken to the West Haldimand General Hospital and then transferred to the Hamilton General Hospital.

A hospital spokesman



The car driven by David Parkinson of R. R. 5 Hagersville was demolished when it was involved in a collision with a CN train on the Second Line of Oneida Township last Friday. (Staff Photo)