

## Walpole Says No To Jan. '74 Regional Government Target

Walpole council thinks January 1st, 1974 is too soon for the implementation of regional government in Haldimand-Norfolk.

At Friday night's council meeting, councillors recommended Jan. 1, 1975 as the starting date.

"If we're going to have a say, we need a year," deputy - reeve

Bruce Meehan said. We were led to believe that there would be nothing until '75 when we last met with county council. At that meeting on July 20th, Haldimand County council voted in favor of accepting regional government between Norfolk County and the entire county of Haldimand, as it is presently constituted.

Mr. Meehan also pointed out that Neil Dunn, co-ordinator, said there was no way the province could have everything done in time

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Kathryn Duxbury, Haldimand County's Dairy Princess and Sherry Pollock of Ripley, Ontario's Dairy Princess, enjoy an ice cream cone at the dairy booth in Golden Horseshoe City on Sunday. Kathryn will be competing for the Ontario title at the C.N.E. on August 26th. (Staff Photo)

## OFA Says Milk Increase Needed

"The one-dollar increase to farmers for producing 100 pounds of industrial milk will encourage dairymen to keep their milk production up," says Keith Matthie, second vice-president, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Matthie is a dairyman from Brockville.

Industrial milk is used for skim milk, butter, cheese and manufactured milk products. Farmers were not given a pay increase for table milk.

He says, "Milk production in Ontario has been declining at an alarming rate. One of the reasons is today's higher feed prices. Farmers can make more money selling their dairy cows for beef -- than by milking them."

"Slaughtering of good

dairy cows unnecessarily has got to stop, and the only thing that will stop it is a higher price for industrial milk. That is why this price increase is so desperately needed. It will amount to the full dollar for farmers who have enough subsidy quota to cover their production."

The increase, effective last Wednesday, is made up of a 56-cent direct payment from 30 cents a hundredweight to 10 cents; and a three-cent increase per pound in the support price of skim milk powder.

Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan announced the increase following requests by the OFA, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

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## Warden Favors '74 Date

Haldimand County Warden Lorna Miller thinks regional government for Haldimand - Norfolk could be implemented by January 1, 1974.

Stressing that she was only speaking for herself, Mrs. Miller told the Record Friday in Port Dover that after four years of study, it could be done in 151 days.

At the meeting called by John White, minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs told area politicians Friday.

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## Energy Board Decision

The Ontario Energy Board has approved the discontinuance of gas services to 260 rural customers in Walpole, North Cayuga, South Cayuga, Dunn and Rainham Townships - effective September 30, 1973.

Union Gas Limited applied for the discontinuance in 1972. The hearing opened on November 6, 1972 and concluded May 15, 1973.

The grant of discontinuance does not apply to Ken Bousfield and Mr. J. Genery who are to be supplied from an alternate source.

The Order will be conditional on Union providing change-over assistance as outlined by the Board.

The Record just received a copy of the Ontario Energy Board's decision regarding Union Gas' application to discontinue service to 260 customers at press time. An in depth report of their decision will be reported in next week's issue.



Haldimand County Warden Lorna Miller and John White, minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs were luncheon partners at the meeting held in Port Dover Friday. (Staff Photo)

## White Urges Regional Gov't. Implementation For Jan. 1

Haldimand and Norfolk counties could have regional government by January 1st, 1974, John White, Minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs told area politicians Friday.

Stressing that he was not at the meeting held in Port Dover to "hustle" or "dictate" to the members of the Haldimand - Norfolk Joint Study Committee in attendance, Mr. White said the provincial government thinks "it is both possible and desirable for Haldimand and Norfolk to have regional government by January 1, 1974 . . . only 151 days from now."

The establishment of regional government is an urgent necessity for Haldimand-Norfolk, he said, because he thinks Stelco is going to move faster with their construction plans for Nanticoke than they have already publicly announced. "By this time next year, there will be a thousand tradesmen at this project," he said.

Mr. White said he realized that Jan. 1, 1974 would make things a little tight, but Jan. 1

1975 would be too late because of his suspicions that industrial development is going to move along pretty fast. It would be a mistake if Haldimand-Norfolk didn't move along as fast as possible, he added.

"But, I am not here to tell you what's to be done, I am here to ask," he said. He left the decision for the regional government deadline up to the Joint Committee.

"It could be done on a tight time table," Mr. White continued. "We would have to have the basic information assembled no later than

mid-September. The legislation would have to be drafted for introduction into the house during the first week of October and passage could take place about mid-October.

"Elections would have to be held throughout the region in late November or early December.

"And, the newly elected councillors would, of course, take over at the first of January."

Also, assets and liabilities would have to be sorted out among split municipalities by a

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## Caledonia Can Stay

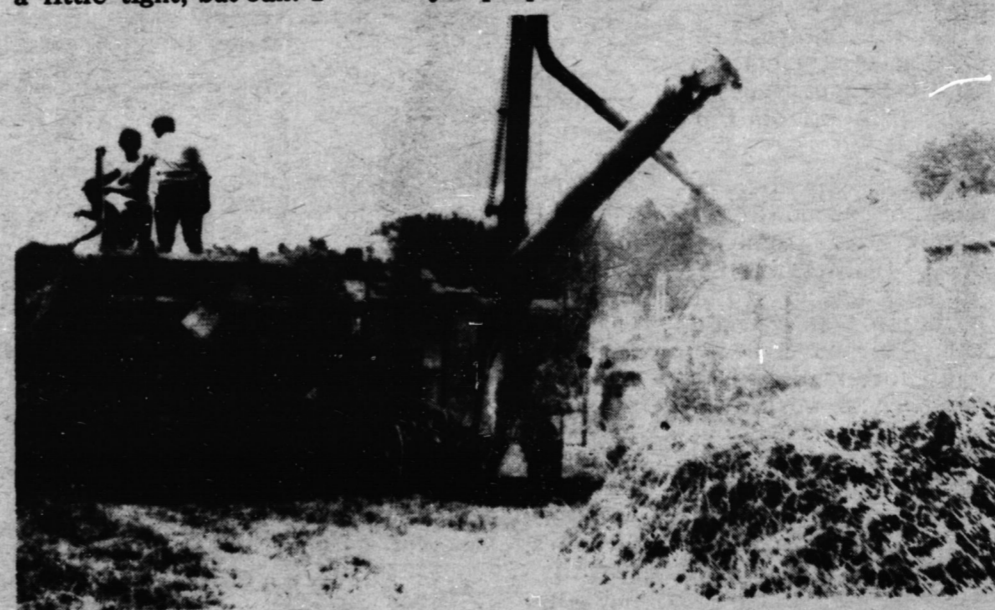
Caledonia and northern parts of the townships of Seneca and Oneida can stay with Haldimand if they wish, John White, minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs told the Haldimand - Norfolk Joint Study Committee in Port Dover Friday.

Haldimand Warden Lorna Miller told Mr. White the three municipalities were spending money to prepare a brief

saying they want to stay with Haldimand because the Haldimand-Norfolk report on local government, prepared by Nigel Richardson, suggested Caledonia and northern parts of Seneca and Oneida be incorporated in the Hamilton-Wentworth region.

The warden questioned whether it was necessary for this type of expenditure to be undertaken.

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Threshing . . . . in the good old days. (Staff Photo)