

HAGERSVILLE

Highlights

Police Report

The following is the Hagersville Police Department's report for the month of July.

The motor vehicle collision rate appeared to take a significant drop during this month. The officers investigated two reportable collisions, three non-reportables, resulting with no personal injuries, and minor property damage. There were 25 charges laid under the H.T.A.; two charges under the motor vehicle accident claims Act (no Ins.); eight parking tags issued; four charges under the traffic by-law; 30 traffic warnings issued; and several assistants to stranded motorists.

The village was plagued with several mischief complaints during the week-end of July 28-29th, 1973. Persons roving the village streets in the early morning hours damaged personal and private property of several local residents. This matter is still under investigation by the department. In other criminal matters, 10 charges were laid under the Criminal Code, the majority of these charges relating to assaults. Under the Provincial

statute of Liquor - seven charges were registered.

This department arrested one person for other forces; answered 14 requests for assistance from other departments; served 12 summonses for other departments; and investigated two complaints for other departments.

General occurrences were recorded at 213 complaints received; 10 business premises found insecure; 6 requests for unoccupied house checks-vacation; one stolen auto, three stolen bicycles; no house - breakings or shop-breakings. The officers patrolled a total of 4,815 miles in the department auto during the month.

MESSAGE

If you are planning a vacation, notify your police department. Your name, address, period you plan to stay away, and an emergency number of a person to contact, will be recorded. The police department will then check your unoccupied premises as an effort to safeguard your property, while you are absent. A public service for your protection.

Sandusk News

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Nie spent a pleasant holiday visiting his aunt in Essex County and other points of interest.

Robin and Monique Burnside spent a few days holidaying with their grandmother, Mrs. William Bray. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gacek visited her mother on Sunday, taking the girls home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Burton and Carol Ann were Mrs. Bray's Sunday evening supper guests.

Mrs. Craig Werner visited her sister, Mrs. Clark Kellar on Wednesday.

Mrs. Merrill Nie and Mrs. William Bray were two of the ladies helping in the Cheapside United Church U.C.W. booth at

the Golden Horseshoe City at Caledonia on Aug. 6.

Mrs. Craig Werner, Mrs. Merrill Nie and Mrs. William Bray attended the Cheapside United Church U.C.W. meeting at the home of Mrs. Keith Schwyer Thursday evening.

Mr. Donald Nicol and Mr. Bob Hill of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Nicol and Mrs. Maud Barnes, both young men were celebrating their birthdays.

Miss Kathy Gloyd visited her cousins Debbie and Sherri Dennis on Saturday.



Roy and Nancy Jane

Cheapside U.C.W.

by Mrs. William Bray

The U.C.W. of Cheapside United Church met at the home of Mrs. Keith Schwyer on Thursday evening, Aug. 9 for their regular monthly meeting, with the president Mrs. Arvil Nie presiding.

The theme being the church, Mrs. Nie opened the meeting with three verses of the "church's One Foundation" and prayer. The roll call, the first minister you remembered, was answered by 14 ladies.

Mrs. Ivan Whitford read the minutes and Mrs. Melvin Bartlett gave a report on the booth in Caledonia at the Golden Horseshoe City. All of the proceeds received Sunday is going to support a Korean boy and the adult retarded workshop. The offering was received and dedicated.

Mrs. William Bray had the worship service "The Indian Christian Church," and the rest of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation" was sung. Scripture was taken from John 21, 1-17 and meditation was followed by the poem "The Cross

support the mentally retarded"

Hyslop - Kellner

Red roses and white mums decorated the altar at Grace United Church on Saturday July 28th at 4:30 p.m. when marriage vows were exchanged by Nancy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kellner of R. R. 2 Port Dover and Douglas Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Hyslop of R. R. 4 Hagersville.

Rev. J. H. Vardy performed the double ring ceremony and Mrs. Janice Richardson played the wedding music.

The bride's floor length gown was made of white nylon tulle with white embroidered flowers over taffeta, featuring leg of mutton sleeves with slight train. The Juliette headpiece held her floor length veil of nylon tulle. The bride made her own dress and veil. She carried a nosegay of white and red roses and baby's breath. She was given in marriage by her parents.

The couple will be living in Calgary where the groom is working at the University of Calgary as a research assistant in Medicine Bio-Physics.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was on the staff of the West Haldimand General Hospital at Hagersville.

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cess style with short sleeves. They wore white picture hats and carried a nosegay of white carnations, red roses and lily of the valley.

Ed Kwasruewski of Oshawa was groomsmen and the ushers were John Nopper of Hagersville and Rick Mansley of Port Dover.

A reception and dance was held at Booth's Harbour for 150 guests. Out of town guests were from Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, Fort Erie, Hamilton, Cayuga, Oshawa, Caledonia, Brantford, Mount Hope, Belleville and Waterford.

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Births

WALPOLE - Gloria and Norman Walpole of Waterford (South Walpole School principal) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Walter Robert, 6 lbs., 9 oz. on July 31, 1973 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, 9 lbs. 3 oz. on July 23, 1973. A brother for Beth and Maureen.

WILLIS - Robert and Mary Lou of R. R. 1 Jarvis are happy to announce the birth of their son, Walter Robert, 6 lbs., 9 oz. on July 31, 1973 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. A brother for Susan, Sharon and Mark.

MINO - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mino (nee Smelser) of Jarvis are happy to announce the birth of their son, Clint Jason, 8 lbs. 8 oz. on August 8 at West Haldimand General Hospital, Hagersville.

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The History of Hagersville and area is being written this summer by Mary Lou Willard, Andre Graham and Janet Carr on an Opportunities for Youth grant.

The following is the first installment of their book.

More than seven hundred years before the first white settlers came to the Hagersville area, the Point Peninsula or Woodlands Indians were roaming and hunting in the local forests. They lived in villages along the Grand River and its tributaries but nearly all traces of them have been lost due to the spring flooding along the river.

Shortly after 1600 the inhabitants of Haldimand County were members of the Indian tribe known as the Neutrals of Attiwandrons. There were 12,000 Neutrals living in forty villages along the river.

The Neutrals were a tall band who tattooed their bodies and often wore beautifully ornamented clothes made of well dressed animal skins. They were a farming people, and were the merchants and traders of the Eastern

In 1627, the first white men -- Jesuit Fathers intending to Christianize the Indians -- arrived in this area and found a highly organized civilization where laws were rigorously adhered to. In fact, the villages and farms were reminiscent of white settled communities.

Fathers Brebeuf and Chaumont journeyed down the Grand River in 1670, acting on an invitation from the Neutral chieftans, and intending to build the Mission of the Angels for the conversion of the Neutral people. Upon arrival, they found a much less than hospitable welcome; in fact they were forced to make an escape to the cabin of an Indian squaw where they spent the winter before returning to New France. That was the end of mission work among the Neutrals by the French.

In 1650, in the heat of the Iroquois-Huron wars, the Neutral population was all but wiped out. Those who were not killed, driven off their land to face starvation, or taken as slaves managed to make it to Lachine, where a number of the Neutrals lived on a reservation.

After having driven the people from Haldimand County, the Iroquois had no further interest in the land, and this vicinity was void of permanent population for a century and a half, except for a small band of Chippawas who settled on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

Before Wolfe's conquest of Canada, the French regarded Ontario and the lands to the west and north as good for only one thing -- fur trading.

Annually, great boat loads of fur left Quebec destined to be worn by the great and aspiring at the Court of Louis of France. At first the French were content to let the Indians bring the furs to Montreal and Quebec for barter. With the growth of the Dutch and English colonies on the Atlantic seaboard, the French found that they had to send their traders westward to the Indians to get their full quota of furs.

Champlain's assistance to the Hurons against the Iroquois made the shortest route west hazardous and almost definitely suicidal. The bands of angry Iroquois roaming the banks near Niagara Falls resulted in the abandoning of the Niagara portage in favour of a safe, but more lengthy portage at the head of Lake Ontario, down the Grand River, and through to Lake Erie.

In 1669 La Salle and a band of twenty men were travelling from New France to the upper Great Lakes. Four Sulpician Fathers who were with this troop decided to travel to Lake Michigan to do missionary work with the bands of pagan Indian tribes.

They followed the portage to the Grand River and took this route to Lake Erie. Father Galanee drew an amazingly accurate map of the Grand River in 1670 -- the first map known to us showing the Grand River. Upon reaching Lake Erie, their small boats were besieged by great waves. The fathers were forced to put ashore at the site of Black Creek near Port Dover. They built a crude cabin and spent the winter there living on nuts, berries and small animals. In the spring of 1671, they continued their trip up the Lakes. In the following years, the fur traders continued to travel the Lakes, but since there were no permanent residents in Haldimand, they did not linger, so we know nothing more about Haldimand County until much later when it once again became populated.

On the outbreak of the American Revolution, Joseph Brant took an active part in raising an Indian force to oppose the colonists and was present at the bloody action of Cherry Vale and other confrontations of the war, thus labelling him an enemy of the Americans.

Before the war, Joseph Brant and the Iroquois were living in the Mohawk Valley in New York state. Because of their past actions against the American colonialists, the United States congress sent a special army against these tribes in 1779. Brant and his band held off the attacks, but were unable to prepare adequately for the winter, so they went to the British at Niagara for food and

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shelter. The signing of the peace treaty in 1782 granted the traditionally Indian land to the Americans, leaving the Indians homeless.

After considerable negotiations between Brant and Governor Haldimand, Brant chose an area on the Bay of Quinte near Desoronto for his people. Opposition to this land decision led to the granting of a strip of land six miles wide on either side of the Grand River as a perpetual home for the tribes. A large majority of the Six Nations moved to the Grand River reserve and carried on a lifestyle similar to that they had known in New York State.

In 1786, Chief Joseph Brant visited England and published the Book of Common Prayer and the Gospel of St. Mark in Mohawk and in English and collected funds

for the first Anglican Church in Upper Canada, the Mohawk Chapel in Brantford. He passed his closing years in Burlington on an estate granted to him for services rendered to the British government. He died in 1807 and was buried in Burlington, but the cemetery was raided one night, his body dug up and moved back to the reservation where it was reinterred.

Colonel John Butler was an avid anti stars-and-stripes man during the American Revolution. He organized a group of British loyalists who lived in the vicinity of the Mohawk Valley, to fight against the Americans. Butlers Rangers became hated by the Americans, and put in the same category as Joseph Brant and his band. Butler and Brant, fighting for the same cause, became intimate friends and joined forces on many occasions.

When Brant secured the Six Nations tract, he invited Butler and his men and their families to come and settle. Under the law, Brant could not out - and - out give the Ranger loyalists reservation land, so he gave interested settlers a nine hundred and ninety-nine year lease, with annual rental of one peppercorn.

In 1783 the Nelles family accepted the invitation and received nine square miles of Indian land in Seneca township. The Young family received a block between York and Indiana. Other grants of land went to these loyalists, and some opportunists who came to get the rumored free land. These people were the first permanent white settlers in Haldimand County.

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