

HAGERSVILLE

Highlights

Hagersville Should Give More Than Sympathy

George Murdoch should get more than sympathy from Hagersville, Alton Esselment told councillors Monday night.

At the last council meeting on Aug. 13 and on a previous occasion, Mr. Murdoch asked the village to do something about water drainage onto his property from townhouses located next to his 89 Main St. N. home.

Council sympathized with Mr. Murdoch's problem and decided to seek further advice from their lawyer after

Hans Jansen, village engineer, explained that village council said it was a civil matter between the two parties involved.

At Monday night's meeting, council said they still had not discussed it with their lawyer, but they plan to this week.

Mr. Esselment, also a Main St. N. resident, appeared before council on his own to tell council he feels they should accept responsibility for the drainage problem since they approved the building of the townhouse complex.

Past Noble Grands

Barbara Phillips of Gagnet was hostess for the club's August meeting at which ten members and one visitor were present.

The meeting and entertainment was led by the president, Gladys Slater. Get well cards were signed for Mrs. Pearl Marr and Mrs. Clara Blundell.

We all enjoyed various contests with

prizes donated by Mrs. Florence Walker and Mrs. Gladys Slater.

A most beautiful and delicious picnic supper was enjoyed by all, to conclude a pleasant afternoon.

The September meeting is to be at Mrs. Evelyn Brown's home, with Mrs. Eileen Durant and Mrs. Clara Blundell on the committee.

by Evelyn Brown

"Getaway"

Three youths who stole a car from Toronto, hit a hydro pole in Jarvis with it and subsequently tried to make their getaway by foot and on a stolen tractor were captured near Jarvis Sunday.

Neil Madwick of Toronto, Roger Butler of

Port Dover and Jolyn Gariock Johan Draper of no fixed address have been charged with possession of a stolen car and theft over \$200.

The incident began Sunday morning when Cayuga OPP received a report of a car accident at the intersection of Main and Elizabeth Streets, Jarvis.

Const. Don Jones arrived on the scene and found an abandoned car crashed against a hydro pole. A check on the car showed it had been stolen from Antonio Cesta, Toronto.

A short while later, a farm tractor, belonging to Miller Brothers, was taken from a field bordering Highway 6.

The three were caught shortly after they abandoned the tractor, with the help of area farmers and a Simcoe Reformer reporter.

Holstein Is Gold Seal Producer

Upperview Triumph Alcartra, a purebred Holstein cow in the herd of Wayne Moerschfelder, Fisherville, has recently been awarded a Gold Seal production certificate by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

In eight lactations on twice-a-day milking, she produced 175,079 lbs. milk containing 5,988 lbs. fat, average test 3.42% butterfat.

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History Of Hagersville

ED. NOTE: The History of Hagersville and area is being written this summer by Mary Lou Willard, Audre Graham and Janet Carr on an opportunity for Youth grant. The following is the third installment of their book.

After the war of 1812, Joseph Brant and the Chiefs of the Six Nations gave four Brant Leases in Oneida. One grant of two hundred acres was given to Nicholas Cook, who had been an American soldier during the war, and had come to live with the Indians afterward. It seems that he was given the land below York, because the Indians were fond of his flute playing. A grant of one hundred acres was given to Sarah Dennis who had been taken prisoner by the Mohawks in the Revolutionary War and had been brought by them to Canada. The third grant was made to Thomas Runchey. He carefully worded the agreement so that he was to receive all of the land flooded in the building of the dam for his proposed mill. He built a dam so high that eight hundred acres flooded, so he increased his original two hundred acres by six hundred by trickery. He sold his land to J. H. and J. M. McKenzie. The fourth grant made by Brant was to Robert Anderson as a bonus for the erection of a grist and saw mill and a distillery.

The first white settler in Walpole was White Peter (Peter Klinger Smith) of Nanticoke, in whose memory a memorial has been erected in the Public Cemetery at Nanticoke. He was born in Pennsylvania about the year 1770. He was captured by the Indians during the American War of Independence. A squaw adopted him and he was taken to Montreal, but given his freedom when he was twenty-one, and he married an Indian girl. According to "Walpole Township Centennial History" by

Rev. K. Brueton, he married a second wife, an Indian named Molly. He and Molly came to this country and settled in Nanticoke. He seems to have been attracted to the large catches of sturgeon in the Nanticoke Creek. It would appear that he first settled on Lot 4 of the First Concession and later on Lot 6. The latter he bought and on it he built his house and barn and lived there until his death in 1855.

In 1832, the Indian lands along the Grand River were taken over by the Government, and opened up to white settlement. In the December of the same year, the Legislative Assembly received the petition of Peter Hamilton, signed by one hundred and nine others from Gore, London and the Niagara District asking for the continuance of the Glanford road from Crawford's mills, on the Grand River, towards Port Dover on Lake Erie, until it intersected the main road leading from Niagara through Canboro to the Talbot settlement.

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Ronald McKinnon had the contract for grading the road from the Grand River to Port Dover. He succeeded in getting the road to pass over the river at his struggling village of Caledonia rather than at Seneca where the district centre had previously been.

The road was to be one chain wide, and the blazing of a trail through bush began. A surveyor followed an Indian path or took a line from the survey, then traced the route in detail and was followed by men who cut down the trees and cleared the way. The road was completed by the nailing of planks on stringers and at the time, this method was considered the last word in road building, being far superior to the corduroy roads built of logs laid side by side with earth thrown on top of them.

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"Starting from Hamilton by the plank road, we enter the district of the Township of Seneca and soon reach the flourishing village of Caledonia. No better example could be shown of the advantage of making good common roads, that everybody may travel on, through the Province, than is to be found in the country bordering on the plank road from Hamilton to Port Dover. When we first travelled it, some five or six years ago, shortly after the new road was made, the country between Caledonia and Port Dover was a perfect wilderness, scarcely a clearing to be seen, and a stranger would ask with surprise where the traffic was to come from to support the road. Mark the contrast. In five short years nearly every lot along the road has been settled and cleared and fine farms supply the place of dreary forests."

That is a very optimistic report by comparison to most of the others that mention "the planks broke in a number of places, holes were left, and into these animals often stepped with disastrous results. In time the planks were taken over, first by the county and later by the province."

Most of the reference material in this section was from articles - Stories of Haldimand County, by J. Russell Harper, 1950.

The Haldimand 4-H Conservation Club met August 23 at the Taquanah Conservation Area.

Thirteen members were present with one visitor, a 4-H exchange delegate from Manitoba.

Pete Seibert explained some characteristics of animal behaviour, such as moths and babies and animals reactions to each other.

After the discussion, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Then, the club worked on the Caledonia Fair project.

The next meeting will be held at the Taquanah Conservation Area Sept. 18 at 8:00 p.m.

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Obituary



Stanley Mitchell

ward, nor praise, but out of the goodness of his heart. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, the former Marjorie Topp, his four sons, Wayne and wife Donna with small grandson Derrick of Hagersville, Gary of Toronto, Vaughn and wife Beth of Jarvis, and Darryl of Hamilton. Also survived by his mother, Mrs. Eva Mitchell of Jarvis; sisters, Mrs. William Elliott (Audrey) of Simcoe, Mrs. Jack Dunnet (Donna) of Jarvis and brother Les of Toronto. Many other relatives in Jarvis and area attended as well as a multitude of friends. Pallbearers

and flowerbearers were all old friends and associates. Pallbearers - Norm Graham, Bill Snowden (Jarvis), Bill Morris (Hamilton), John Richardson (Shelbourne), Jim Mehlenbacher (Nelles Corners), Jim Leathong (Tillsonburg). Flowerbearers - Bryce Linklater, George Walker, Don Duxbury, Glen Reicheld (Jarvis), Bob Bennett, Lyle Furry (Hagersville), Max Forsyth (Guelph), Malcolm Peacock, Ridgeway.



One Nanticoke youngster needed a little urging in one of the races at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Crook. Mrs. Crook (in background with dark glasses) organized the Fun Day. (Staff Photo)

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