

MERRY CHRISTMAS



One of the highlights in Jarvis Saturday was Santa Claus' visit to the A & M Market. (Staff Photo).

Parent Volunteer Program A Success In Jarvis P.S.

Marking objective tests, listening to students read and instructing with flash cards are just some of the weekly duties of parent volunteers at the Jarvis Public School.

The program, involving ten mothers who work as teacher's help-

ers for one hour each week, is proving a success.

Nine of the volunteers met with principal Roger Mackereth Friday afternoon to discuss the merit of the 2 1/2 month old program.

The school's teachers see a definite improve-

ment in the students you are giving extra help to, Mr. Mackereth told the volunteers. "They feel you're helping an awful lot." And, they hope the mothers will stick with the program. Sandra McDowell, who is working with slow

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Teachers Protest Bill 274

"Bill 274 - The Product of Arrogant Government" brought 250 elementary and secondary school teachers from across the county to the Jarvis Community Centre Tuesday.

They rapped the bill, legislation which would

stop teachers who have already handed in their resignations en masse in 16 areas of the province from quitting their jobs, discussed their next step of action and listened to teacher and political representatives speak on the bill.

David Aylsworth, president of the Haldimand Division of OSSTF, knocked the emergency steps taken by Education Minister Thomas Wells as an infringement of the civil rights of teachers.

And, he said the amendment (Bill 274) dictates a one-sided unfair form of arbitration because it effectively limits the arbitration board from making what it might consider a fair award if it exceeds government ceilings.

He also charged that the amendment "permits the minister who has imposed the ceilings to select the chairman of the arbitration board, thus reinforcing the possible bias of such arbitration".

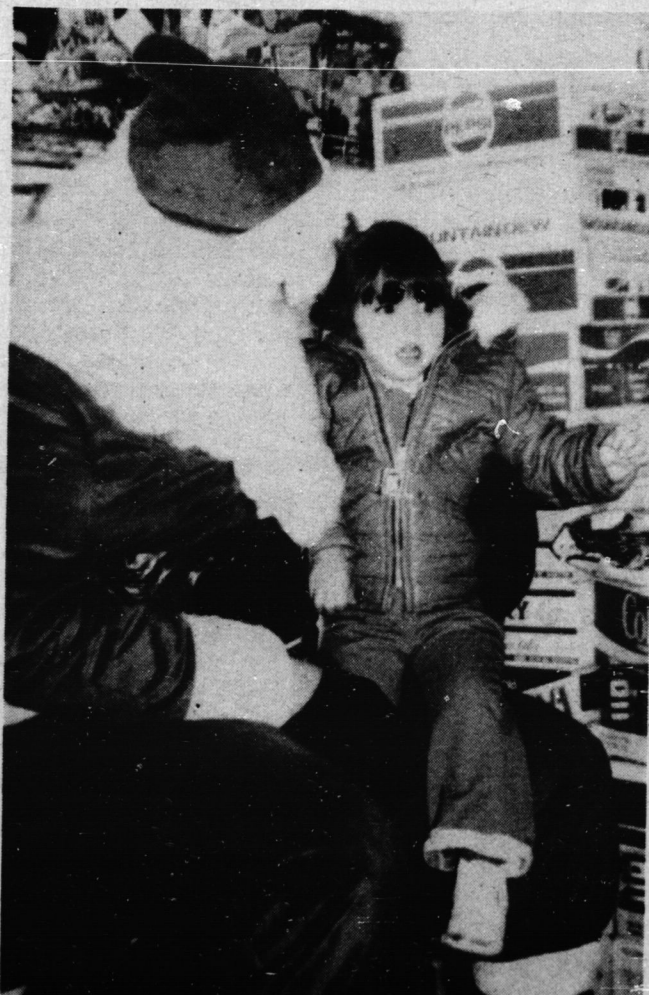
Betty Isberg, president of the Haldimand Federation of Women, stressed their disagreement is not with the local board, but the government.

Anyone, regardless of the position they hold has the right to resign under the rules they were hired under, she said.

She also objected to accusations that teachers are using children as pawns.

"I, for one," could not stand in front of a class and talk about demo-

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Wide-eyed and speechless is the reaction Santa Claus got from this youngster at the A & M Market Saturday. (Staff Photo).

Few Attend Area Schools

Only a few Haldimand County elementary and secondary school teachers were in their classes Tuesday.

Some were in Toronto protesting Bill 274, legislation introduced by Education Minister Thomas Wells to prevent mass teacher resignations in 16 areas of the province on January 3rd.

And approximately 250 were in Jarvis explaining their opposition to the legislation and reasons for supporting Tuesday's walk-out.

Representatives of the local conservative, liberal and NDP parties were all present to listen and participate in the discussion as well as other interested people. Members of

the Haldimand Board of Education turned down their invitation to attend.

Roger Mackereth, principal of the Jarvis Public School, told the Record Tuesday afternoon that four teachers and 21 students showed up in the morning. No children returned after the noon hour.

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Parents Discuss

Need For Crossing Guard

Jarvis doesn't have a school crossing guard, marked cross-walks or school crossing signs on their main roads. And some parents are concerned.

At a meeting of Parent Volunteers at the Jarvis Public School Friday afternoon, nine parents briefly discussed the matter with Principal Roger Mackereth.

Dorothy Doughty questioned whose responsibility a crossing guard would be. She mentioned some towns' people had gone to the municipality and requested a school guard six years ago, but had been told it was the responsibility of the school board.

Mr. Mackereth noted Hagersville pays for their three crossing

guards, so Jarvis would undoubtedly be responsible for their own. Hagersville has one on Parkview Street, which doesn't have as much

traffic as Highway 6, he said. And, he feels the situation will become much worse when Stelco begins doing

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\$10,500 For Centre

A \$10,500 L. I. P. grant has been awarded to the Davison Centre in Hagersville for a Community Services Project by Manpower and Immigration Minister, Robert Andras.

In a letter to the Record, Haldimand-Norfolk MP Bill Knowles said the minister accepted the recommendations of the local Advisory Group and the federal commitment to the two counties totals \$123,393.

In order of priority,

the list of projects, contact person and grant are as follows:

Resources Rescue (Simcoe) Mr. K. S. McArthur - \$21,120;

Davison Centre (Hagersville), Mr. B.G. Whitman - \$10,560;

Labour - Re: Backus House Renovation Project (Simcoe), Mrs. M. Rutherford - \$9,360;

Field Study Site on Wildlife Habitat (Caledonia), Mr. M. Killman - \$11,400;

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At the 4 - H Achievement Day held in Kohler Saturday, Diane Yager received a provincial honors award, Mrs. Wray Reicheld received a Leadership certificate and Linda Church received an advanced honors award for completing 18 4 - H Club projects. (Staff Photo).