

## "Ghost Town" Is Home For Boys

Seven years ago a "little ghost town of dilapidated houses" located near Jarvis underwent a facelift and became a community within a community.

Today, seven group houses and five lodges (the old army camp) are home for 180 boys who were sent to Sprucedale School for Boys and White Oaks Village by the courts for special education, care, rehabilitation and emotional support.

Renovated houses form the White Oaks Village to create a more "normal type of living" for boys under the age of 12, Les Horne, Superintendent of Sprucedale and White Oaks, said. The boys, who are sent here for "unmanageability" reasons, live in several cottages under the supervision of house mothers and house fathers.

They attend academic classes for part of the day and devote a lot

of time to crafts, recreation and outings.

Daily household chores such as helping with the dishes or making beds are done before going outside to play with friends or to watch television in the livingroom.

The set-up is home-like in an attempt to give an insecure child a sense of belonging and stability, Mr. Horne said.

These boys may stay anywhere from six weeks to four years. "We don't want to keep a child unless it is absolutely necessary," he said.

"We keep the kids here because their learning needs are so desperate, public schools can't cope... or their behavior is so unacceptable we couldn't expose the community to it... or we want to work with the boy's family... and we have a highly trained staff."

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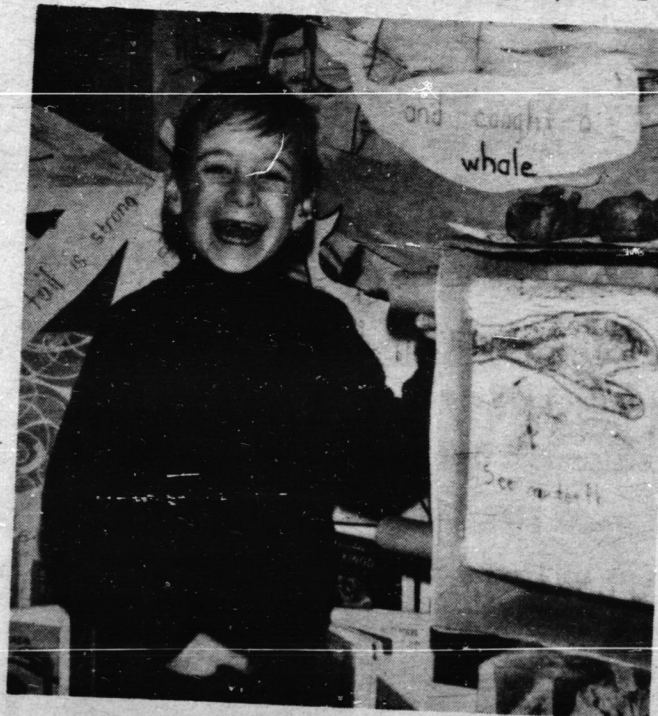
White Oaks Village consists of seven group homes. Here, boys are sitting down to a family dinner. (Staff Photo)

## Greenlight For Addition

On January 31 room with Change Don Duxbury, Chairman of the Haldimand County Board of Education, signed the contract with Hope-Loch Construction to build the addition to Parkview School for a contract price of \$332,416. The addition includes a kindergarten room; one classroom; an Art room and an Industrial Arts room; a Home - Economics Room; Health Unit; Library Resource Centre; and a General Purpose

The addition has been in the planning stage for some time and is intended for a three-fold purpose. (1) It will accommodate the increased enrolment which is arriving from the natural growth in the Village of Hagersville. (2) The addition also provides better facilities in library, kindergarten and for physical education than was

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Eight year old Brian Roulston of R. R. 5 Hagersville gives the Record a big grin for this picture taken at North Walpole School's Science Fair held last week. His project was "Whales." (Staff Photo)

## Beware Of Blasting Caps

Jarvis and Hagersville area public school students were warned early this week to beware of missing blasting caps and a red box which may have contained them.

A box of 100 of the fuse-type blasting caps was stolen from a locked storage shed on Haldimand Quarries and Construction Ltd. property.

Hagersville Police Chief Warren Burger told the Record Wednesday that they searched the area around the quarries Tuesday, but found nothing.

A Burlington representative of Dupont of Montreal heard reports of the missing caps and gave Hagersville Police sample caps to be distributed to the schools, he said.

Sydney Francis, principal of Jarvis Public School, said each classroom was told that blasting caps had been taken from Hagersville and were given a description of the caps and a red box which they may have been taken in. If they found

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An accident at the junction of No. 6 and No. 3 Highways in Jarvis Monday resulted in \$2,200 damages. Charles Parrott of Tillsonburg was westbound on No. 3 when his car was struck by a car driven by Hugh Stevens of Dundas. Mr. Stevens was northbound on No. 6 and charged with failing to stop at a red light. Mr. Parrott's 1971 Ford received \$1,500 damages and Mr. Steven's 1971 Plymouth received \$700. (Staff Photo)

## Nanticoke Residents Want...

Eric Grove, assistant director of the Haldimand - Norfolk study met with the people of Nanticoke last November and suggested several alternatives the villagers could take. They ranged from the developing of a green belt around the hamlet to moving the entire hamlet to another location. The Record asked the people what they wanted and here is their answers.

Cecil Hedges: We're going to stay here. If the people decide to move, they're crazy. We're staying. Everybody has got to stick together. If they want to stay, we'll stay.

Mrs. George Jones: I've lived here all my life. It would be a very sad thing to have to pull up roots and leave. I hate the thought of having to move. But if we have to, we have to. Maybe it will be for the best if we're going to be surrounded by industry. We'll have to wait and see.

Norman Erwin: I think we'll be quite happy to move if we're given a reasonable offer. It won't be like living in Nanticoke wherever we

go. But its coming and we'll have to take what is offered.

W. Hamilton: The government has let everything get out of hand. Like everybody else, I don't like it. I don't like the idea of relocating and redeveloping. Things should develop at their own pace. I retired 2 1/2 years ago and left the city of Hamilton. If I wanted to be surrounded by industry, I would have stayed there. I don't want to move and I don't want to be removed. But I guess we don't have any choice.

Mrs. Wilfred Crook: At the meeting with Eric Grove, I think the majority thought it best for the government to value property and then, we could rent back. Quite a few feel that nothing more will be done for 10 years anyway. Nobody knows anything right now. We must wait and see what Eric Grove says. The longer this thing is kicked around, the more ridiculous it gets.

Mrs. James Lindsay: We'd like to stay right here. If we have to move, each one would have to

go their own way. Where we want to go may not be where others want to go.

Mrs. Russ Thomson: I would prefer the government or industry buying us out individually or as a town and then we can go where we want to go.

Mrs. A. M. Saunders: I'd like to have it kept as long as possible as a village.

Mrs. K. Kristensen: I got fed up listening to Eric Grove. He came down here and had no answers for anyone.

We don't want to be shifted out. We're trying See Page 6, Col. 2

## \$350 Fine

A high speed chase wound up in provincial court when a Hagersville man was fined \$350 for careless driving.

James Hoskin, 22, of King Street pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving involving an incident July 22 in Walpole township. Hoskin, who had beer and liquor in his car at the time of the incident, was clocked by police at speeds up to 105 miles an hour before he was stopped.



Members of the Haldimand Milk Committee are: (front row) William Hurkmans, Melvin Elgersma, Russ Smith, (second row) Stanley Sheppard, Peter Oosterhoff, Ralph Cherry, Blake Stadler, Arthur Winger, (third row) Ross Gee, Gordon Miller, Joe Nellis, Clarence Harvey. (Staff Photo)