

Thumbs Down On Hamilton Union

West Haldimand reeves, John Kincaid of Hagersville, Dr. William Austin of Jarvis, Gordon Miller of Cayuga are unanimous in their rejection of a suggested Haldimand-Hamilton-Wentworth union.

The Hamilton Spec-tator reported last Thursday that a Hamilton citizen's group, protesting the province's regional government plans, suggested that "instead of looking east to Bur-

lington, Hamilton-Wentworth should look south to the rich farm lands of Haldimand."

Roger Inglis, co-ordinator of Voter (Volunteers Opposing a Toronto Enforced Region) said: "The question of asking the province to form an expanded region toward the shores of Lake Erie is being studied.

We think it is a very worthwhile area to explore, especially in the light of Stelco and Dofasco plans to expand

and build plants there, in the Nanticoke area."

However, it is NO-GO as far as local representatives are concerned.

Haldimand Warden Lorna Miller flatly rejected the idea because such an area would be uncontrollable. If Haldimand has to go regional, she said, it wants to go with neighbouring Norfolk County.

Hagersville reeve, John Kincaid told the Record Friday he certainly agreed with the Warden.

Hamilton is getting so frustrated, he said. "They better just stay with Wentworth. Burlington doesn't want them. We don't want them."

Mr. Kincaid is a strong believer in regional government "but Norfolk is the way we have to go," he said.

Dr. William Austin, Reeve of Jarvis, thinks

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Council OK'd Liquor In H.S.S.

Hagersville Council voted in favour of allowing licenced liquor functions to be held in the auditorium of the Hagersville Secondary School, Monday night.

1973's new council reversed the negative stand of its predecessor on this issue and gave blanket approval to applications for banquet permits to be held in the secondary school. Each case will be subject to further approval by the Board of Education.

Deputy-reeve Norm Crawford said council no longer has any control over any type of banquet - whether it be with or without liquor. He was the lone opposition to the proposal.

David Wase, representing the Masonic Lodge, brought the question before council. He said the Masons are planning a large banquet (500-1,000) for Oct. '74 in honour of their 100th anniversary. There is no other building within the community which could handle this size of crowd, he said.

Mr. Wase also pointed out that Caledonia, Dunnville and Cayuga have agreed to liquor in their highschools for certain occasions. "We could take it elsewhere," but this is our town," he said.

Reeve John Kincaid said that such approval would allow the com-

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Hagersville students were tops in a recent typing contest held at Dunnville Secondary School. Dale LaForme, a grade eleven H.S.S. student, won the Top Typing Speed Award over both senior and junior contestants with a net speed of 63.08 words per minute. Dale and Diana VandenBussche of R. R. 4, Hagersville lifted the top Junior Team Award with a combined net speed of 54 words per minute, while Julia deBoer and Barb Mitchell took the top Senior Team Award with a combined average of 49.1. The girls were presented with pen and desk sets. Pictured here are (front) Barb, Dale and Diana (back), Secretarial teachers, Mrs. Anne Warder and Mrs. Jessie Graham. Julia deBoer was absent because she is out on a work term. (Staff Photo)

Need New Firehall

Council is "going to have to build a firehall in Hagersville which would cost in the neighbourhood of \$60,000 - \$100,000," Deputy-reeve Norm Crawford said Monday night following a representation from the fire department.

Fire Chief Bill McClarty told council he was sure that there wasn't another firehall in Ontario in worse shape than the one in Hagersville.

It seems like a new firehall is the last thing on the agenda every year, he said. "One of these years, we're going to have no firemen."

Council will be holding a special meeting March 1st with neighbouring councils to discuss a new agreement and fire costs.

At Monday's council meeting, Mr. McClarty also made a second attempt to get a by-law for fire inspections.

"We have hazards in this town that would scare the ears off the average ghost," he said. The town has to have a by-law to help enforce the inspections' findings.

He said the town has buildings with no fire escapes and others with brush and trees growing up them. Citing the bowling alley as one

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Whelan Favors Marketing Agency

Eugene Whelan, Canada's Minister of Agriculture, urged Haldimand farmers "to see the wisdom" in forming national marketing agencies Friday night.

Speaking in "Whelanese" at Haldimand County Federation of Agriculture's annual banquet, he said national marketing agencies, as compared to provincial or regional marketing boards, deserve a second look.

"I know a large number of Canadian farmers have been opposed to provincial marketing boards. In the case where production and the marketing are taking place right across Canada," he said, "there may be valid doubts about the effectiveness of a provincial marketing board which is trying to pioneer in any one area of production or marketing."

But these doubts no longer exist when it comes to a national co-ordinated marketing plan and agency."

Mr. Whelan said, "It makes me mad... to see the situation that is developing right now in western Canada with regards to hogs. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are all fighting for the same bone - the export market to Japan."

"Canadian farmers are bidding against one another," he said. "Surely, we would be better off to gain a profit for all hog producers rather than merely beating neighbouring producers into bankruptcy."

However, he added, "we've provided the legislation for them and

No Burden Says Chief

There's just no way West Haldimand General Hospital staff can be overloaded because of the police radio in the hospital, Police Chief Warren Burger told Council Monday night.

Mr. Burger said he is "getting some evidence and statistics" to present to council at a future date.

However, he said he has been checking the number of calls during the last ten days and "there's just no way they can be overloaded."

Mr. Burger said they only average five calls a day. He pointed out that the hospital took on two doctors' private answering services at \$20 per month while council pays \$75 for the police radio.

"Take the private doctors' phones out.

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Eugene Whelan, Minister of Agriculture, spoke at the Haldimand Federation of Agriculture's annual banquet. Pictured here are: Ken Best, agriculture representative in Haldimand, Mr. Whelan and Otto Crone, president of Haldimand Federation. (Staff Photo)

they better get their house in order. I don't think any Canadian government is going to bail them out again. We've provided them with the machinery..."

Referring briefly to last year's quotas for industrial milk, Mr. Whelan said, "the quotas were really 7.7 per cent, hoping that the

farmers would produce 187 billion lbs. of butterfat."

"Because of adverse weather conditions in Western Quebec and Eastern Ontario, we didn't produce any more than a normal crop of butterfat," he said. "So don't let any newspaper... tell you quotas were restrictive last year."

Grow Grain-All Grains

Grown grain to beat hell, Canada's Minister of Agriculture told Haldimand County farmers in Dunnville Friday night.

Speaking at the Haldimand Federation of Agriculture's annual banquet, Eugene Whelan, MP (Lib.-Essex-Windsor) told "fellow farmers" he'd changed his terminology from "beat the band" to "beat hell" because "there is no worse hell on earth than death by starvation."

"The one comment that seems to have created the most problems is the report that I told farmers to grow 30 million acres of wheat."

It is true that I've been encouraging farmers to grow grain - all

grains - to beat hell," he said.

"The new minister, appointed Nov. 72, added that he also wanted to keep a balance of production."

If Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and the Steel Co. can keep a balance of production, then "why should we in agriculture not be entitled to do it," he said.

"It means producing all the grain we can so we can sell into every market."

Consumers have been complaining about the increase in food costs, but Mr. Whelan said, "farmers do not have to be ashamed of the prices we are getting for some products at

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One of the night school courses held at Hagersville Secondary School every Tuesday night is "Cake Decorating." Here, Mrs. Bill McBride of R. R. 2 Hagersville decorates a Valentine's cake. (Staff Photo)