

Local Citizens Speak Out On Capital Punishment

The five year pause in the capital punishment issue ended December 29th. Parliament will be faced with the duty of choosing amongst extending the five year trial period to allow for further investigation, permanently abolishing capital punishment or bringing back the death penalty. During the past five years, murderers of policemen and prison guards could be sentenced to hang. However, none did. The hangman's noose has not been implemented since 1962 because all death sentences were commuted by the cabinet.

The Record took this issue to the people and the majority turned out in favour of reestablishing capital punishment. Here is their answers to "What do you think of capital punishment?"

Mrs. William Blake, Jarvis: Capital punishment would be worth a try. We've had more crimes since it was abolished. If we continue without it, we'll have more. This needs careful consideration. I don't like to see people punished either but if they keep on, maybe this will help.

Mrs. Warren Keen, Jarvis: I'm not too familiar with capital punishment but I do believe in it. People get away with it (murder) too easily. If they do have capital punishment, it might happen a little less.

Mrs. Barry Townson, Jarvis: We both feel it should be brought in. It seems so easy. If you have a grudge against someone, you can go out and murder someone

and perhaps get sentenced for life and then be out in fourteen years.

Mrs. Bruce Biggar, Hagersville: I don't think anyone should be hanged. Murderers should be put in jail. Some should stay for life, some should be rehabilitated and a lot need psychiatric care. Some go in not too bad and come out worse. I also think criminals should be segregated in jail. Kids who steal a car shouldn't be put in with murderers. Some, who go in, are released too soon and go right back in again.

Don Lambert, Hagersville: They had it for police and prison guards. It should be for all the public. The

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Predicts Short Term

"To thine own self be true," Rev. Eric Ramrattan told Walpole Township councillors at their inaugural meeting, Monday. He advised councillors that money is not the object of their duties - but service. "Be willing to air your view; we have too many 'yes' men," he added.

Opening remarks centred around regional government and the doom of local council.

"I don't expect to be here for the full two years because I expect regional government will soon be here. I do not approve of regional government," said Deputy - Reeve, Bruce

Meehan. However, "if and when it is forced upon us," he will work toward it for the benefit of area people.

Councillor Blake Field added, "talks of regional government 'will make this' one of the most strenuous terms."

Bill Evans suggested a change for '73. We've made some decisions late at night which we later questioned, he said. There should be a time limit for when we will discuss by-laws.

Newcomer, Councillor Phil Hare supported Councillor Evans recommendation. Anything of contention

should not be decided upon immediately by council, he said. "After the 1st and 2nd reading, we should go home, let it be publicized, get people's comments and then come back."

Mr. Miller said he has always been for Haldimand County and would like to see Haldimand stay as a unit in the event of regional government coming to

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Train Kills Man

Gerald King of R. R. 6, Hagersville was killed Saturday when a 30 mile-an-hour freight train hit a front end loader at Haldimand Quarries and Construction Ltd.

Cayuga OPP said the loader was east bound when it was hit by a Penn Central Freight on Penn tracks at a private crossing about 150 yards northwest of the crusher. Haldimand quarries owns property on both sides of the tracks and the loader was carrying a part of the crusher for storage.

The 74-car freight train pushed the loader about 58 feet along the track and shoved it over on its cab, pinning the 23 year old driver. Workers had to cut the man out of the cab of the \$100,000 machine.



Every Saturday morning between 9:30 and 11:30, approximately one hundred area children can be found in the Hagersville Secondary School gym. They play badminton and learn gymnastic stunts under the guidance of senior students. Participating seniors are volunteers from a physical education course which deals with teaching, working and becoming involved with the community. Many of the elementary schools do not have gymnasiums or proper equipment. So, these young students are able to get their workout at the high school. Here Sandra Hyde (left) and Brenda Whithead (right) show Susan Brock (centre) how to vault.

Don Duxbury Elected Chairman

Don Duxbury, a fourth generation Jarvis area farmer, stepped into the shoes of the Chairman of the Haldimand Board of Education for 1973 last Thursday night.

Mr. Duxbury, one of the two Jarvis-Walpole representatives, was elected with a clear majority on the first ballot. Garfield Disher of Dunnville is the new year's vice-chairman. In his inaugural address, Mr. Duxbury touched on the highlights and accomplishments of the board in the past.

Shortly after the inception of the newly created Haldimand Board of Education, pupil transportation was integrated. "That this program was indeed justified is now evident by the fact that the changing grant structure would make it economically impossible to maintain sep-

arate routes to each and every school," he said.

"There is a great deal more equality of opportunity for students in this county today than was possible prior to 1969."

The kindergarten program has been completed in the system.

"Opportunity classes, special education classes and a consultative program in several elementary subject areas has been introduced across the County."

"Last year, the second workshop was put into operation in the Caledonia Secondary School. . . . The implementation of Senior school facilities for our elementary children in the west end are about to be instituted by an addition to Parkview in Hagersville."

Mr. Duxbury also spoke out in favour of keeping standing committees (transportation, property etc.) rather than introducing a general ad hoc system.

Committee members for 1973 are: Transportation - Bill Thompson, Birdsall Melick, George Cruickshank, Dr. Ted Empringham, vice - chairman and chairman; Property Committee - Murray Clark, George Cruickshank, Bill Thompson, Birdsall Melick, Donald Chambers, Eugene Baird, Jennifer Eustace; Management Committee - Fred Ricker, Birdsall Melick, Dr. Ted Empringham, Shirley Pyle, Stanley Mitchell, E. Calvert; chairman, vice-chairman; Advisory Committee for the Haldimand School - Jennifer Eustace, Birdsall Melick, Eugene Baird; Ad hoc Committee - Murray Clark, Don Chambers, Fred Ricker; Budget/Finance Committee - Chairman of main committees, Chairman of the board and vice-chairman.

The board welcomed three new members - Jennifer Eustace, Hagersville, Dr. Ted Empringham, Fisherville,

and Birdsall Melick, Canfield.

Looking to the future, and the affects of regional government on the board, Mr. Duxbury said, "I have no intention of presiding over the liquidation of the Haldimand County Board of Education."

"Opportunities for children are the prime concern of a Board of Education and therefore in this light, we will view any suggested changes of Board boundaries as being necessarily linked to this concern."

Sitting Pretty

"Geographically we're sitting pretty" when regional government hits the area, Reeve John Kincaid told Hagersville councillors at their inaugural meeting Monday night.

"It's too bad Caledonia might have to go to Wentworth. But, we're in the centre - Geographically, we've got them beat. They can't move us," he said.

Mr. Kincaid spoke out in favour of regional government and change in his inaugural address. "I'm not one for change for change sake, but I think this is a must," he said.

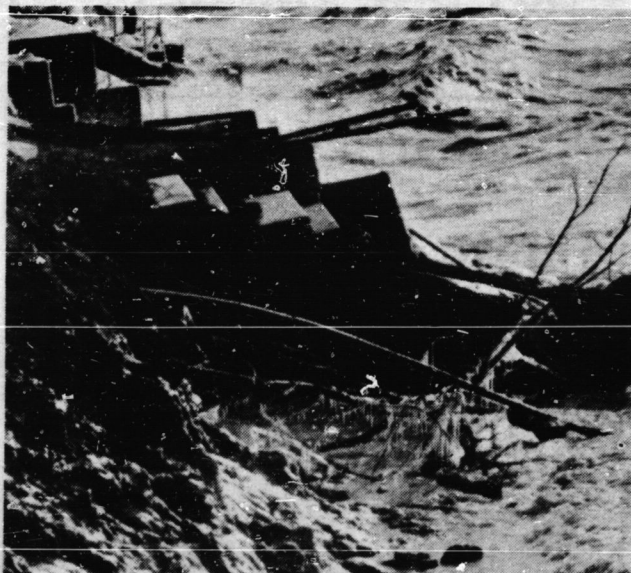
Mr. A. Hodgson also suggested council make a change for 1973 - a change in snow removal practices.

Mr. Hodgson wants council to pass and enforce a by-law which requires all persons to clear their sidewalks of snow within 12 hours of the last snowfall.

"I asked this before," he said. "Put a notice in the paper saying sidewalks must be shoveled."

Mr. Hodgson said it is unsafe for older women to walk through slush.

"Lots of people don't even know they are supposed to shovel it."



High water levels at Peacock Point have covered the beach and are eroding the bank. Here, steps from a cottage end abruptly in the water. Last weeks storm also brought a lot of rubble inland. (Staff Photo)