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Oppose Enforcing Of By-Law

Some Hagersville residents want local police officers to stop enforcing a village parking by-law.

At Monday night's council meeting, Jean Stasiuk of 51 Main St. and Graham Norval of 2 Park St. told council that the public had not been given adequate warning of the sudden "strict" enforcement of an overnight parking by-law and that it is not being administered on an equal basis. They requested an apology and reimbursement of involved costs. Mrs. Stasiuk also presented a petition containing 34 signatures. She said the by-law is "being illegally enforced."

For the last three weeks, Warren Burger, Chief of Police, has run a parking notice in the Hagersville Press reading in part:

"By-law No. 599 of the Village of Hagersville regulating parking, sets out the following law with regard to Parking Prohibited in Specified Places;

"On any roadway for an unreasonable time, having regard for the traffic requirements of such roadway and in no case for a longer period than three hours between 12 o'clock midnight and 7 o'clock a.m.

Penalty - First Offence: not more than \$10.00. Second and subsequent offence, not more than \$25.00. The vehicle to be towed away at owner's expense.

It has been necessary for the Police to enforce this By-Law in such a strict manner. It is apparent, by the number of vehicles left on the streets overnight, that

to stop further abuse of the parking facilities, this course of action will prevail until the situation is corrected."

Mr. Norval told council he had been parking his car in the same place since May of 1969 without receiving any "tickets or warnings that I was breaking any by-law." On February 16 at 6:00 a.m., his car was towed away.

"I would also like to note at this time that my front licence plate was ripped away during the towing process," he added.

"If it makes sense to enforce such a by-law, would it not also make sense to have signs posted to inform citizens or do we have to rely on reading the local paper."

"I would also question the legality of police towing away cars without any issuance of ticket outlining accurate details with regards to the amount of time parked."

Mr. Norval requested council to review this by-law "and possibly come up with some suggestions as to how three tenants, all on shift work, can use one driveway."

Constable E. Davidson told the Record Tuesday that the police are not issuing tickets at present. Cars which violate the overnight parking by-law are

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No French

Oral French will not be taught to primary students at the J. L. Mitchener School in Cayuga even though 17 families petitioned for it.

At last week's Board of Education meeting, the Management Committee reported they had received a petition from 17 families in the Village of Cayuga "asking the Board to introduce Oral French commencing in the primary grades at J. L. Mitchener School."

The report stated that the committee has reviewed the petition and is not prepared to grant the request.

"The program would not only be costly, but would encroach on present curriculum and other special education programs recently established in the system."

The committee will meet with the petitioners sometime in April following adoption of the 1973 budget.

Lions Present 20th Show

Go-go dancers, new skits and songs are all part of 1973's annual Minstrel Show to be presented March 1, 2,

and 3 in the Community Hall.

Members of the Jarvis Lions have been putting in long hours of

practice under the leadership of Musical Director, Margaret Miller, to make this year's show better than ever.

This year, the Lions have something extra special to sing about. Not only are they celebrating their 20th Minstrel Show, but also the 25th anniversary of the organization.

Ted Montague, Chairman of the show for his 19th year, predicts another big three nights.

When the show first began in the 50's, he said, it only ran for two nights. However, growing popularity for the show turned it into a three night event. Mr. Montague said last year's attendance was approximately 1,500.

These changes will likely result in revised dates of school closing for pupils, but will not effect teachers' holiday time.

Snow Fun At Sprucedale

Sprucedale boys ordered snow and they got it . . . just in time for Friday's Winter Carnival.

Students and teachers from Sprucedale School for Boys, located near Jarvis, and fifty students from Mohawk College's Recreation Leadership Program spent the day participating in ball hockey and broomball games (in an outdoor rink), soccer (on a snow field), snow sculpturing, an out-door cookout and cavorting in the snow.

This is the third Winter Carnival held at the school in conjunction with Mohawk College, Orville Cotts, Recreation Director at the training school and a graduate of the Recreation Leadership course, said.

Lawrence (Skip) Stanbridge, Director of Community Services at Mohawk, Brian Webster, Recreation Coordinator and Doug Paton, Facility Management Coordinator along with the boys and recreation department at Sprucedale started planning the day's program about a month ago.

The fifty rec students from Mohawk were assigned to various lodges - Aquarius, Beaver, Buffalo, Otter - to compete against each other throughout the day's activities.

Promotion

On the recommendation of Warren Burger, Chief of Hagersville Police, it was moved by Norman Crawford and Fred Brock that Probationary Police Constable David McGregor be promoted to third class constable as of Thursday, March 1.

Mr. McGregor has served 18 months on the Hagersville Police Force and completed "A" part of a training course.

School Will End When...

The management Committee of the Haldimand Board of Education reported at last week's meeting that the Ministry of Education is considering legislation whereby school days will be made available at the Board's discretion.

These school days may involve - (a) Professional development, (b) Curriculum planning, (c) Student and parental consultation.



Mr. Cotts said Mohawk students come to the school "to have the experience of working with our children in a recreation way. Also, our kids enjoy having them out."

Mohawk College takes an active interest in the school throughout the year - not just at Winter Carnival time. One Mohawk student is presently spending 12 hours a week at the

school as part of a field placement program. Several graduates are now employees and Recreation Leadership students tour Sprucedale and White Oaks recreation facilities at least once during their course to "see how institutional recreation is conducted," he added. Final tallies for the day showed Buffalo and Beaver lodges tied for first place, Otter - third and Aquarius - fourth.

Turns Down Request

The province turned down a Haldimand Board of Education request to reduce the speed limit on Highway 54 in Cayuga Secondary School area from 60 m.p.h. to 45 m.p.h.

In a letter to the Board, J. Nation, supervisor of traffic services for the ministry of transportation and communication, said traffic engineers found the average motorist speed in this area to be 51 m.p.h. south of the school and 53 m.p.h. north of the school.

Mr. Nation thought a reduced zone would only create a false sense of security for the students because motorists would probably not adhere to a 45 m.p.h. zone in this rural area. At present, students are forced to walk on

the shoulder of the road because there is a 50 foot gap between the village and school sidewalk.

Mr. Nation suggested an alternative to reducing the speed limit in this area would be to join the two sidewalks and widen them to four feet.

Dr. Ted Empringham of R. R. 1, Fisherville said at last week's Board of Education meeting that he agreed entirely with the letter.

He said he probably wouldn't reduce his speed driving through that vicinity and he wouldn't walk on the sidewalk either because it is too narrow and when you come to the end of it, you have to walk on the shoulder anyway.



In a recent model contest sponsored by the Stegmans department store in Hagersville David Almas of Hagersville and Randy Bell of R. R. 4, Hagersville came out on top. Trophies were awarded to Randy - first prize winner, David - second prize winner and Rodney Winger of R. R. 4, Hagersville - third prize winner. Rodney was absent for (Staff Photo)



The Record got a sneak preview of these go-go dancers in action at Sunday's practice for the Jarvis Lion's annual Minstrel Show. This year's show starts tonight and runs through to Saturday night. (Staff Photo)