

Firing Triggers Protest

The firing of a Hagersville Secondary School art teacher triggered a demonstration involving more than a quarter of the school's student body Friday.

Approximately 200 students gathered in the school auditorium early Friday morning chanting "We want Tunney back" and carrying a sign "Losing Tunney

isn't Funney."

The dismissal of art teacher Bruce Tunney at the end of the 72-73 school year came as the "last straw" in a series of student grievances.

Susan Yeates of Fisherville, a grade 13 art student, said "the whole thing just happened spontaneously." A lot of kids felt "sincerely

obliged" to Mr. Tunney, she said. He could help art students "no matter what they wanted We respect him."

Susan said 350 students were participating in the strike before lunchtime and 450 after. Demonstrators were back in their classes for afternoon periods starting at 1:00 p.m.

A petition protesting the dismissal of Mr. Tunney was circulated in the school Thursday and 458 signatures were collected, she said.

The protest was also about "student rights" and the "humanization of the school system." We want to decide what is in our courses, have more independent study and a more personal education, she said.

The demonstration came as no surprise to H.S.S. principal, Derek Bishop. "I expected it would happen," he said.

He declined to comment on the reason for firing Mr. Tunney but said it was his responsibility. The school board acts on the recommendations of the

County Budget Down

Haldimand County's 1973 budget is down approximately \$160,000 from last year.

The budget, which was presented at Friday's County Council meeting, asks the 15 area municipalities to contribute \$837,191.43.

1972's budget asked for \$997,365.

The most substantial decrease from last year is a \$60,000 drop in the road budget whose levy to the municipalities this year is \$360,000 compared to a levy of \$420,000.

The county's general accounts budget dropped from \$895,924 to \$779,927 for 1973 with a \$45,000 decrease in the

cost of the county home being the major contributing factor. This is mainly due to a major increase in provincial subsidies to the home.

While there were substantial decreases in the area of public welfare, the general executive and legislative costs will be up in '73.

County councillors gave themselves a \$5 raise in their per diem rate and increased their mileage allowance from 10 cents a mile to 15 cents a mile.

Levies to the local municipalities are: Caledonia - 64,826; Dunnville - 128,448; Cayuga - 21,329;

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125 Students Stage "Tom Sawyer"

An adventure-filled summer in the sleepy Mississippi River town of Hannibal, Missouri was relived on North Walpole Public School's stage last Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Mark Twain's classic story of "Tom Sawyer" was presented by approximately 125 students for the two night showing.

Douglas Copeland, principal of the school and director of the three act operetta, said the

work involved with organizing a double cast for the musical put a great deal of strain on everyone involved. But, it was also a lot of fun, he added.

Rick Jarrett, producer, Linda Rushton, accompanist, and Don Armstrong, set director, assisted Mr. Copeland.

The story began with Aunt Polly, loving, but dismayed guardian of Tom, anguishing over his inability to work and

continuing mischievous pranks.

"Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child" was sung by Wednesday and Thursday evenings' Aunt Pollys - Cathy Karl and Patti Smith.

Conniving, funny and lovable Tom of "Want to Trade? What You Got?" and "Who Likes To Wash Up and Dress Up?" fame was played by Randy Moffat (cast A) and David Riley (cast B).

Tom's ragged urchin friend who drags a dead cat on a string to prevent warts and smokes a pipe with ease - none other than Huck Finn - was portrayed by Bill Cowan (A) and Donald Carpenter (B).

"O, it's weird in the Graveyard," "Plundering Pirates," "Lost in the Cave," and "Our Boys are Back Again" are just a few of the songs sung by leading characters and chorus to tell the story of the immortal Twain characters.

Additional lead parts were played by Eric Winger as Sid, Michael Sardine - Jim, Keith Krauskopf and Richard Storms - Ben Rogers, Roger Campbell - Billy,

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W.H.G.H. Designed For Growth

The need for "regional planning" for continued growth at the West Haldimand General Hospital was stressed by W. R. Slack at the hospital board's annual meeting Monday.

Mr. Slack, acting chairman, said internal planning for the building, medical care, administration and finance of the hospital will be expanded with an emphasis on regional planning and continued development during the coming year.

This hospital "was designed for growth, both in building and philosophy," he said. And, "as a plan for growth it is imperative that we retain the philosophy of patient-centered care as it has resulted . . . in employee professional gratification."

"In a way, you might say that West Haldimand General Hospital has just about completed its first ten year program and is now on the threshold of its second ten year projection, which will undoubtedly include an increase in the number of beds and services provided by the hospital."

Mr. Slack told board members that "our hospital had its inception in the need and desire to perpetuate the area's tradition of patient-centered care, a philosophy that stems from the ready availability of the physician."

And, he noted that area physicians had assumed the responsibility of twenty-four hour coverage of the Emergency Department. The number of patients treated in the department increased from 3,945 in 1971 to 5,062 in 1972.

Hospital Administrator, Benedict Bohan told the Record that this jump was indicative of a nationwide trend. However, he added that an increase in area population and the doctor's care of the

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Corn And Forage Awards Presented

"What to see in '73" was the theme of the Haldimand Corn and Forage Show held in the Agricultural Centre at Kohler last Wednesday and Thursday.

The presentation of awards to corn and forage exhibitors Thursday ended the two day program which was sponsored by the Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Arthur Cowan of R. R. 5, Hagersville won the Eaton's of Canada Award which was provided for the exhibitor of the best exhibit at the Forage Show.

The Canada Silo Company Award, a perpetual trophy and miniature, went to Grant



No black sheep in this group! These three little lambs participated in Hagersville's Ice Revue last Sunday. (Staff Photo)

Engineer Hopes Stelco Starts Building In '74

Ross Robertson, newly appointed liaison engineer for the Steel Co. of Canada, appeared before Haldimand County Council Friday to introduce himself and answer questions - all but one that is.

Robert Gordon, deputy - reeve of Caledonia, immediately asked when Stelco would begin construction in its Lake Erie greensite area in Haldimand County.

He pointed out that a need for regional government in the Haldimand - Norfolk area by 1975 had been closely linked with Steel Company plans in the two counties.

"I should have anticipated that question," Mr. Robertson said. "That's the only one I don't know the answer to." It will come from the executive level.

However, "in engineering we're hoping we'll start major construction in '74 because

our marketing projections demand "that we start then so that we'll be in operation in 1977," he said.

Walpole Reeve Gordon Miller asked when Stelco planned to begin its landscaping and cleaning up program.

He said there has been considerable reaction from people in the township about weeds and old buildings on the property.

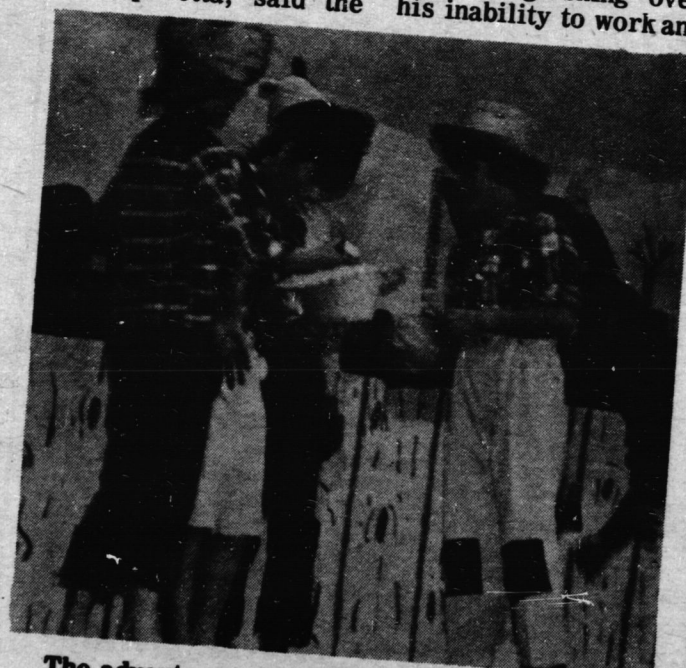
Mr. Robertson answered that their "prime concern" is to get some trees started. There will be a presentation in Port Dover high school at the end of this month on the "landscaping we plan."

He said a budget had been put in to the company for funds for this work and it would be discussed at a board of director's meeting in April.

And, "if you want the old buildings out we'll take them down," he added.



Grant Richardson (middle) and Peter Oosterhoff (right) received awards at the Corn and Forage show held in Kohler last Wednesday and Thursday. John Steele (left), representative from the Canada Silo Co., presented Mr. Richardson's trophy. (Staff Photo)



The adventures of Tom Sawyer was presented by North Walpole Public School students last Wednesday and Thursday. (Staff Photo)