

"At My Heart's Core" At H.S.S.

The clock was turned back to Upper Canada, 1873 Friday and Saturday evening for the Hagersville Secondary School drama club's presentation of "At My Heart's Core."

A shell of the typical backwoods cabin set deep in the bush was the scene of settler discontent and a strange tale.

Leading roles were

played by Deb Sarhan, Mrs. Stewart; Cheryl Cox, Mrs. Moodie; Pat Benninger, Mrs. Trail; Betsy Mackinnon, Honour; Rose White, Sally; Per Kleefisch, Phelim; Ron Awde, Mr. Centwell and Jim McGrath, Hon. Mr. Stewart.

The drama club's fine execution of the play, written by Robertson Davies, also reflected the many hours spent

with the cast by teacher Nancy Johnson, producer and Susan Yeates, director.

The play opened with the refined Mrs. Stewart home alone with Honour, an ignorant backwoods youth who had just given birth to a child fathered by her step-father, Phelim. Mrs. Stewart performed the midwifery duties and was

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The Hagersville Secondary School drama club presented "At My Heart's Core" last Friday and Saturday evening. (Staff Photo)

Peacock Residents Seek Aid

A delegation from the Peacock Point Property Owners Association asked Walpole council Friday evening if they could qualify for any erosion assistance.

Bob Philip, Norm Dagliesh and Les Taylor told council they heard a sum of money had been passed in the legislature to aid those suffering from property and road erosion caused by high water levels. And, they wondered what they should tell members of the association who inquire about township or provincial assistance.

Clerk Dave Wilson said at the meeting that he understood it (government aid) was only for road and residential use, not cottage owners.

However, the township will inquire if cottage owners can put a claim in for assistance under the erosion program.

Reeve Gordon Miller added that he took a tour of the lakeshore with a department of Transportation engineer Friday. And, the township will apply for some erosion assistance.

Also at council:

A petition containing 36 signatures was received complaining about the "continued" barking and howling of dogs on a property in

Selkirk.

Council gave approval to the elected trustees of the Village of Selkirk to instruct their chosen police officer to enforce

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Grove Says No Date Set For Study Release

Local newspapers and radio stations have suggested that the Haldimand - Norfolk Regional Study will be released within two weeks. However, Eric Grove, assistant director of the study, told the Record Tuesday "that's a misunderstanding."

He said opposition leader, Robert Nixon questioned about the release date of the study in the legislature. And, he was told Treasurer John White was looking into the matter.

"There is no indication the study is to be released immediately," he said.

One district newspaper reported Dick Illingsworth, executive assistant to Provincial Treasurer John White, saying action is

"actively being considered by Minister John White." And, he hoped a decision would be reached within "a week or 10 days."

Mr. Grove said any decision made would probably pertain to the proposed date for releasing the study.

The report does contain precise and confidential data on land use, Mr. Grove said. And, he does not know whether the minister will take certain steps to protect this information or make it wide open.

Also, a multi-million dollar land assembly scheme straddling the Haldimand - Norfolk border does not have any affect on the study at this moment, he added.

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Open House At Jarvis P.S.



Debbie (centre) and Scott (right) showed their mother, Mrs. Janet McBride some of the work on display at Jarvis Public School's open house last Thursday. (Staff Photo)

Jarvis Residents Say Tax Increase Is Too Much

Provincial treasurer John White announced a two per cent increase in sales tax in his budget speech last month.

However, legislation to boost the sales tax to seven per cent from five per cent has not been made law yet. Opposition members have asked that the tax be withdrawn.

Despite the fact the increase has not been okayed, Mr. White said the legislation, when approved, will be retroactive to May 1, so shopkeepers were duty bound to start collecting the tax on May 1.

The Record asked some local merchants and consumers for their opinion on the sales tax boost Friday. The following are their comments:

Alice Nelligan, A & M Red and White Market: I know from listening to other people that they are not happy, particularly when it hasn't passed its second reading. However, I suppose the government has to get its revenue somewhere and sales tax is as good as any.

I hear a lot of complaints and suggest

people write to our local representative. The Retail Merchants Association which we belong to advised us to write to our representative. They don't like the two per cent increase either.

Mary Mitchell, Magic Mart:

I sure don't agree with it and can't see why it should go up to seven per cent.

For example, a customer will have to pay 70 cents for a 65 cent box of soap with the seven per cent tax.

That's an awful lot for someone with a family to pay. It (the increase) hits the smaller stores hardest.

Jack Cooke, Jeweller: It's not as simple to figure out now with this seven per cent sales tax as the five per cent was.

When doing my tapes, it was always easy to see any errors made with the five per cent tax.

Carleen Scarr, Jarvis Record:

I think it's terrible. By the time people pay

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Buses Stop Erosion

One Nanticoke cottage owner is fighting high water levels and erosion along the Lake Erie shoreline with scrap buses and cars.

Mike Lannigan, an electrical foreman at Nanticoke's Hydro plant, is in the midst of constructing another breakwall to protect a second cottage he owns at Hickory Beach, just south of Nanticoke.

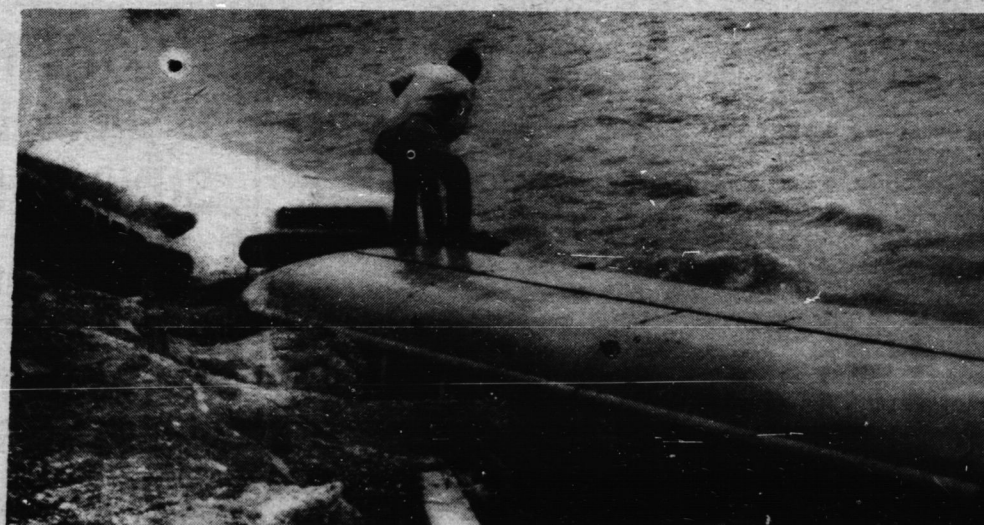
A school bus and street car, loaded down with stone, is effectively blocking water at the

base of his shore bank. Later this year, they will be covered with cement.

Mrs. Lannigan told the Record Friday the buses came from a scrapyard in the Port Dover area. And, old car bodies are the base of the cement patio in front of the year round home the Lannigans are presently living in. "We had to do it. We had quite a few bad storms," she said.

Mr. Lannigan told the

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Two buses, loaded with stone, are effectively acting as breakwalls along Lake Erie at Hickory Beach, just south of Nanticoke. (Staff Photo)