

## Dean Says Regional Gov't Can Be Turned Back

The clock on regional government can be turned back, the dean of men for McMaster University said in Kohler last Thursday night.

Speaking at a meeting organized by the "Save Haldimand Committee," Gus McFarlane told a crowd of 75 of some of the pitfalls in regional government.

He condemns the system because it robs local citizens of their right to determine their own destiny; it's too costly; and it creates such an important position (super mayor) that the provincial govern-

ment doesn't even think the ordinary citizen is capable of deciding who should fill it.

And, Mr. McFarlane feels "we are beginning to come into an era when towns and municipalities are going to become in charge of their own destiny."

But, the whole idea of regional government is to "thwart the public . . .," he said, "not to give people a say in their own government. It puts a lid on that kettle."

Mr. McFarlane agrees their might be some need for regional

planning, but he feels existing councils and planning committees should form and comprise regional planning committees because they are the people who know the area and are experienced in local planning.

He asserted that a government imposing a concept or idea (eg. airport) on an area from a distance is apt to miss very important local idiosyncrasies which only the person on the street or in the little town would know about. It may look fine on paper, he said, but local people know better.

Regional government is going to stand from its place and govern just as Queen's Park and Ottawa does now, he added. "They must start to listen to what the people have to say."

Mr. McFarlane also feels responsibility for local problems will be tossed from local to regional governments.

One of the great problems we're going to face under regional government, he said, is where is the buck going to stop.

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## Holiday

There will be no mail delivery or customer service at the Jarvis Post Office on Monday, October 8th due to the Statutory Holiday - Thanksgiving Day.

## Save Haldimand Group Makes Last Ditch Stand

A "last ditch stand" was made by area citizens to save Haldimand from regional government last Thursday night.

Approximately 75 people met at the Haldimand Agriculture Centre in Kohler to hear the perils of regionalism from Gus McFarlane, dean of men at McMaster University, ask questions and voice their own opinions.

Anne - Louise Vick, organizer of the newly formed Save Haldimand Committee urged the audience to show Queen's Park that Haldimand cares about its farmland, villages and say in local affairs and get enough signatures on a petition to be sent into county council, she suggested.

The petition, to John White, minister of treasury, economics and intergovernmental affairs read as follows:

"We the undersigned, being qualified voters of Haldimand County do herewith request that no form of regional government be established that would in any way involve or affect Haldimand County."

Mrs. Vick, a resident of Haldimand for 13 years, feels there are many people in the county who oppose regional government, but they just don't know what to do about it.

Three weeks ago, some of us got together, she told the Record, and they decided to show Toronto that Haldimand is not apathetic. They plan to send a petition in (continued on page 6)



Douglas Gordon, Ontario Hydro general manager and Vincent Lamont, president of Bridge and Tank raise the flag on the last steel beam at the Nanticoke Generating Station. (Staff Photo)

## At Nanticoke

## Bridge And Tank Tops Out

The final placing of a gold beam at the Nanticoke Generating Station Friday marked the end of a \$20 million steel contract.

Bridge and Tank Co. of Canada Ltd. fabricated and erected 75,000 individual pieces of steel for the Lake Erie plant which is the largest of Ontario Hydro's Thermal Generating Stations.

Vincent G. Lamont, president of Bridge and Tank and Douglas J. Gordon, general manager of Ontario Hydro officiated at the "Topping Out" ceremony. The two men raised the Canadian flag on the last steel beam placed at the top of the structure and Mr. Lamont later presented a bronze plaque to Mr. Gordon to commemorate the occasion.

During the past five years, over 600,000 man-hours have been put in at the Hamilton based plant for this project and over 300,000 man-hours have been worked at the Nanticoke jobsite by Bridge and Tank workmen. (continued on page 6)

## Bishop Installed

Celebration was the theme and red was the colour when the Rt. Rev. John C. Bothwell was installed as 8th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara last Sunday. The usually somber Christ's Church Cathedral was brightened by red banners emblazoned with a Bishop's mitre and illuminated with TV lights. The service was relayed to the over-flow crowd in the Cathedral hall and chapel next door and will be presented in full on CHCH - TV channel 11

next Sunday at 12:00 noon.

The colourful procession stretched down James Street as the clergy moved from the Armouries to the Cathedral. In the procession were theological students; lay readers; members of the Order of the Holy Cross and the Sisters of the Church; cathedral Canons in various coloured copes; Diocesan officials; representatives of other churches, including the Rev. G. (continued on page 6)

## Dairy Princess Crowned

A Dunnville Secondary School student was crowned Dairy Princess for Haldimand County at Caledonia Fair Friday night.

Kathryn Duxbury of R. R. 4 Jarvis ended her year long reign as princess on the weekend and crowned Linda Holodniuk of R. R. 2, Canfield.

Miss Holodniuk and Patsy Funke of R. R. 1, Canfield were the only two girls to enter this year's competition.

All entrants in the competition must be between the ages of 17 and 26, single, and the daughter of a milk producer or employee of a milk producer.



Bob Burgess of R. R. 5, Hagersville is pictured here with his entry in the Senior Champion Holstein Showman class at Caledonia Fair on Thursday. (Staff Photo)



Allison Sharp looks at some vegetable displays at Caledonia Fair on Thursday. 40,000 people went through the gates over the weekend. (Staff Photo)