

## HAGERSVILLE

### Highlights

## Youth Leader Receives Long Service Bar

At a recent District Guider meeting, a Brownie leader from Hagersville was presented with a long service bar to be worn on her uniform. Miss Marilyn Burke, Commissioner of the District, presented the long service bar to Mrs. Lois Gordon, leader of the First Hagersville

Brownie Pack. Mrs. Gordon is well-known to the residents of the community for her work in the Guiding Movement.

As well as being ready to help with any special event in Guiding, Mrs. Gordon avails herself of any trainings in the Movement, and is active in the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Baptist Church. She is also president of the Baptist Ladies Aid.

After ten years of working with Brownies, Mrs. Gordon is one of the more experienced leaders in the Hagersville District, which consists of Hagersville, Jarvis and Selkirk, and is quite willing to share her knowledge with other leaders.

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## Malcolm Powell Guest Speaker In Hagersville

Malcolm Powell of Hamilton, one of the elders of the Hagersville United Church, was guest speaker at the morning worship service on Sunday, September 23. Scriptural readings he chose were Psalm 19: 1-10, and John 14: 1-14.

Allan Sayer performed the duties of Church Organist, since the resignation of Mrs. Margaret VanLoon. However, announcement was made

regarding the hiring of a new organist have now been completed. Mrs. Isabelle Dorey, who has been a Church organist in the City of Sarnia for the past ten years, will be commencing the new duties on the first Sunday in October.

In talking to the children, Malcolm told them about the zebra - whether he had black with white stripes, or

white with black stripes. It really didn't matter he said, as God the Father loved everyone, comparing the animal to the human population. "Colour isn't important in God's eyes," he stated. The subject chosen for the morning "Is God Real or Not?" vividly explained the importance of Church membership and attendance in the work of Probation with young people.

Malcolm told of his work this summer as an Assistant Probation Officer in Hamilton and how he dealt with 35 various students during this time of employment at the agency. "Only one of the 35 had ever had any Church affiliation of any kind in his lifetime; which tells the sad story," he said. There are so many ways in everyday living to see that God is real, pointing out various means - All of Nature, the Churches, in the Bible and through Jesus, God's Son. In closing Malcolm said, "Man has definitely NO beginning, until HE begins with God the Father."

## Bible Society Holds Annual

The annual Hagersville Bible Society meeting was held in the Hagersville Baptist Church, Main St. N., on Sunday evening, September 9 at 8 p.m.

Organist of the church, Miss Lynn Bilton, provided prelude music, as well as accompaniment for the Hymn Sing, which included favorites such as the more experienced leaders in the Hagersville District, which consists of Hagersville, Jarvis and Selkirk, and is quite willing to share her knowledge with other leaders.

Rev. Donald Eustace of the Anglican Church read the passage of Scripture, taken from 2nd Corinthians. Rev. Paul Nigh, pastor of Springvale Brethren - in-Christ, led the worshippers in a prayer of thanks and dedication.

Three girls from the Springvale United Church provided the special music for the evening. They were - Misses

Eleanor Winger and Patti Martin, with accompanist Debbie Buckborough at the piano. The girls sang, Go Tell it on the Mountain, He's got the Whole World in his Hands, and in closing, How Great Thou Art.

President of the local group, Mr. Vernice Hoover, welcomed each to the meeting and expressed thanks to the special guests of the evening's program. Mrs. Les Winger, as Secretary, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting held in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Martin Rule of the United Church dedicated the offering with prayer, after which the minister of the Baptist Church, Rev. A. England, introduced the guest speaker.

Coming from Hamilton, Rev. Howard Zurbriigg, is Secretary of the Hamilton District of the Canadian Bible Society, and in his brief words, he stated again 1972 was a record year, with Hamilton District receiving \$138,000, which was the highest cash receipts ever attained.

Other informative facts stated regarding 1972 were - the sum of \$122,000 was received from estates; 43 new languages received

Bible translations for the very first time; and finally that 3,000 translators are now working to enable more people to have literature in their native tongue available from spiritual reading.

The film, shown by Rev. Zurbriigg entitled "Trials of a Translator," proved to be most interesting and informative, as well as humorous. It portrayed that in all languages, the words are different, with some letters of the alphabet having as many as 37 different sounds.

In closing, Rev. Zurbriigg told of a primitive area in Northern Africa where all are unable to read, however, cassette tapes were purchased so they may listen to the word of God. Plans are being made he said, "to also purchase radio time for this location, so those who have transistor radios, may also listen to Scriptural passages and references." "Even here in the small village of Hagersville, as well as far-off Africa, Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," he said.

Rev. Eustace thanked the speaker for the film showing, and comments, as well as the musicians and the host Church.

Rev. Martin Rule was absent from the morning service, due to the 100th Anniversary Service at Springvale United Church. Anniversary Service will be held in Hagersville United on Sunday morning, October 28th at which time Rev. Harry Martin of Innerkip (immediate past minister of Hagersville), will be the guest speaker.

## Sandusk

by Mrs. William Bray

Mr. George Sternaman, Floyd and Philip Nie and Mr. Donald Dennis attended the International Ploughing Match at Alvinston on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gee, Mr. and Mrs. William Nicol and Mr. Craig Werner were there on Thursday and Dale and Alan Werner were there on Friday.

Sandusk W.I. entered two displays at the Caledonia Fair last week. The displays for W.I. "6 year old Jane goes to school" and a flower display received second prize on the flowers.

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## History Of Hagersville

### HAGERSVILLE 1860-1870

In 1863, the Plank Road was in dangerously bad repair and the council was petitioned to compel the owners of the road to make extensive repairs. This discussion of the Plank led to discussion of the opposition to exemption from paying tolls on the Sabbath as implemented in 1853. It was decided to continue the Sabbath exemption.

The Prince of Wales (Edward VII) visited Haldimand in 1860, and toured Dunnville, but avoided Hagersville; it was possibly due to the condition of the road.

The crop failure suffered by Oneida farmers in 1858 received no response from local government in form of money, but in 1862, the county gave \$1,000 to British relief, and in 1868, \$200 was given for the relief of Nova Scotia fishermen. For the relief of the Red River settlement, \$300 was sent from Haldimand. You can bet that a few feathers flew over those incidents, because charity does begin at home, you know.

Other by-laws of the time tell of the interest of the council in building railways. Railway expansion seemed to symbolize the whole trend of the period. The pioneer period of the isolated farmer was finally over and in the place of the early farmer comes a community linking itself with the whole Victorian development of the industrial age.

### HAGERSVILLE 1870-1880

The popularity of rail travel and its benefits were not to be denied the citizens of Hagersville. In fact, it came two-fold in the 1870's.

The completion of the Canada Southern Railroad in 1870 put Hagersville on the map and up to date in regards to modern transportation.

The Hamilton - Lake Erie line did not come so easily. W. J. Grant, in his book "Eighty Years of Railroad in the Hamilton - Niagara District" states:

"The Hamilton - Port Dover Railroad was incorporated and charter issued on April 22, 1853, to Sir Allan MacNab, Isaac Buchanan, W. D. McLaren, E. Ritchie and others, with powers to build from the waters of Burlington Bay, at or near Hamilton to the waters of Lake Erie, at or near Port Dover. The charter was received and extended in 1856. And again in 1860, when authorization was given to amalgamate with the Buffalo and Lake Huron

Railway. Further extensions were granted in 1863 and 1866 and considerable work was done between Hamilton and Caledonia. The company, however, got into financial difficulties and in 1869 the charter was further revised for a limited period of time "on account of pecuniary embarrassments, for the purpose of realizing and getting in debts, moneys and assets."

The Hamilton and Lake Erie Railway was incorporated in 1869, and authorized to construct a line from Hamilton to Caledonia, or some other point on the Grand River. Directors were fifteen prominent Hamilton businessmen. The charter was amended in 1871, when authority was granted to extend the line from Caledonia to Port Dover, or some other point on Lake Erie, with further authority to acquire all rights, lands, powers, franchises and privileges granted to the Hamilton - Port Dover Railway which were by special

act of March 29, 1873, vested in the Hamilton-Lake Erie Railway. This line was amalgamated with the Hamilton and Northwestern Line in December, 1874, a company which at that time was constructing a road from Hamilton to a point on Lake Simcoe at or near Barrie.

Thus, the Hamilton-Lake Erie Railway at first completed to only Jarvis and five years later was completed to Port Dover.

The completion of the railroads gave Hagersville the advantage of a fine newly repaired road, plus two new railroads. A population boom followed.

Mr. J. H. Porter had a number of lots surveyed and in the west end, he built some fine houses to be rented or sold to new citizens. His example was followed immediately by D. Almas, T. Moore, J. H. Hager, J. Seymour, J. P. Howard and S. W. Howard.

## Lamb's Corners 4-H Club Meets

The first meeting of the Lamb's Corners 4-H Club was held at the home of our leader, Mrs. John Verboom on Saturday, September 29, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. The Club for the fall is "Accessories for the Bedroom."

The election of officers were as follows: President, Sharon Field; Vice-President, Ruth Hobbs; Secretary for meeting one, Brenda Doughty; Secret Service Agency, Joanne Nixon, Karen Hobbs and Diana Smuck; Press Reporter, Brenda Doughty.

## Rockford Personals

Harvest Home services was held on Sunday, September 30 with Rev. Edward Shaw of Cainsville was guest minister. The morning service was held at 11 o'clock. There was also an evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall have returned home from a three weeks holiday to the western provinces and British Columbia.

A community shower was held on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Priest in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Priest (nee Margaret Norman).

Mr. and Mrs. William Lemery visited on Sunday evening with Mrs. Elsie Vickerman and Mr. Neil Reid of Hagersville.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Simcoe attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Priest on Friday evening.

Our leaders for this club are Mrs. John Verboom and her daughter Nancy. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Verboom's on Saturday, October 13, 1973 at 2:00 p.m.

Yellow folders with black lettering have been chosen for our record book. The name of the club was left to the next meeting. Nancy discussed the requirements of club members.

Notes were given on the colour wheel and uses for the Bedroom.

Colour schemes were discussed with pictures to illustrate various types of colour combinations. Each girl experimented in mixing various colours and shades.

For refreshments, we were served orange drinks and cookies. Ruth Hobbs thanked the leaders for the use of their home for the meeting.

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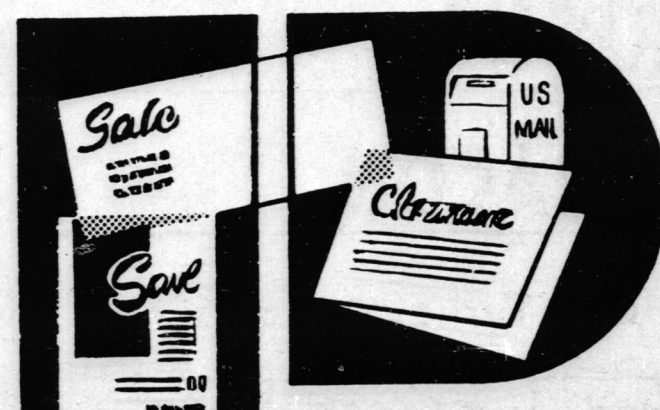
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