

White Picks April 1st For Haldimand-Norfolk Region Implementation

Regional government will be implemented in Haldimand and Norfolk counties on April Fool's Day.

John White, minister of treasury, economics and intergovernmental affairs, decided on the April 1, 1974 date Friday, James N. Allan, MPP for Haldimand-Norfolk told the Record Tuesday.

Mr. White's decision ends extensive debate between the two county councils on when the union should take place.

At a meeting in Port Dover on August 3rd, Mr. White urged area politicians to choose

Jan. 1 '74 for implementation. But, he left it up to each county.

At subsequent county council meetings Norfolk voted in favor of an early marriage, while Haldimand chose July 1st.

At their September meeting, Haldimand Warden Lorna Miller told local politicians Mr. White felt the July 1st date could not be considered, and asked Haldimand to reconsider two dates - Jan. 1 or April 1.

That same day, Haldimand voted 19-7 in favor of the "compromise date" of April 1 for

the implementation of regional government in the two counties.

Mr. Allan told the Record Mr. White's staff is very busy preparing legislation for the April 1st implementation and elections will be held sometime in December.

December 10th is the probable date.

Fish Shun Rock 'n Roll?

by Colin Hendry
A "dramatic change" has occurred in the waters off Gimna Nuclear Station, says Dr. Jack Storr, Associate Professor of Biology at State University of New York.

Two years ago the water stank with algae and divers were forbidden to enter the lake at this point. No fish lived there.

But since plant start-up in 1970 the algae have been greatly reduced, fish thrive in the area and divers make regular underwater inspections.

One underwater photo showed 37 sunfish.

Dr. Storr, who was introduced by Dr. Ray Effer, Hydro's supervisor of Environmental Studies described the improvement in water quality to a recent En-

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Nanticoke's Third Unit Almost Ready

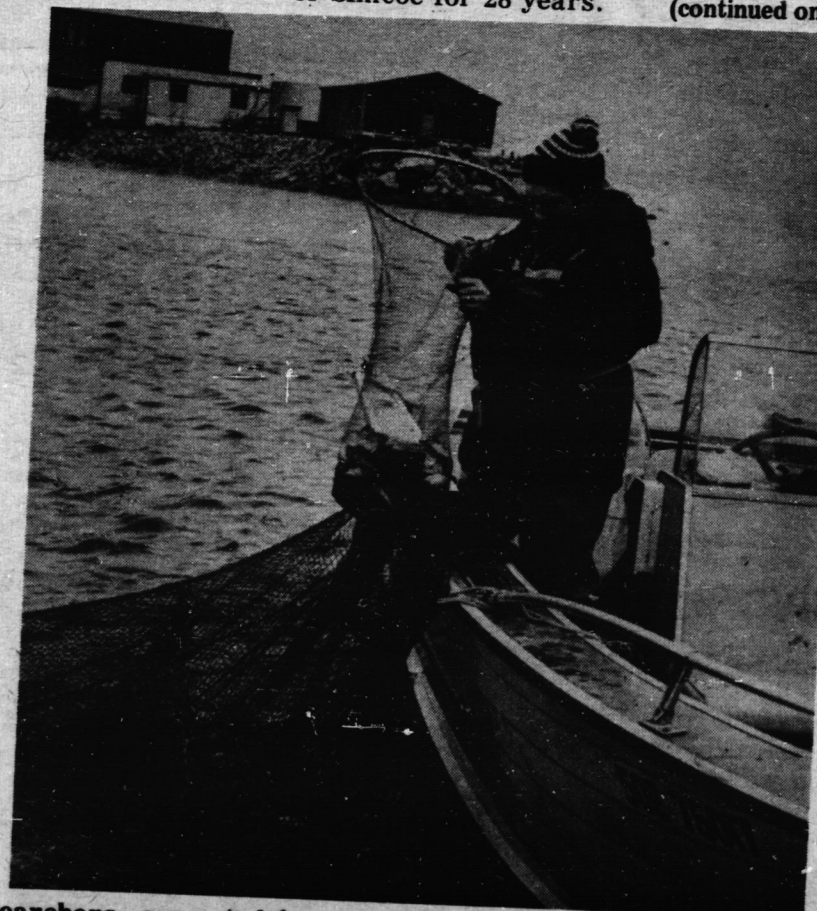
by Colin Hendry

The third turbine-generator at Ontario Hydro's Nanticoke Generating Station reached full power for the first time at 10:19 a.m., Thursday, October 4, 1973.

The test of the unit at 500,000 kilowatts takes the turbine-generator and its auxiliary systems into the last stage of a program which will prepare it to produce commercial power to the provincial grid system before the end of this year.

The Nanticoke Generating Station will have eight units in operation by the end of 1977. When all the units are operating at once, Nanticoke G.S. will be the largest generating station in Ontario Hydro's system. The 4,000,000 kilowatts it will produce is twice the output of the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

Since the first unit went into operation in January 1972, the Nanticoke plant has produced enough power to meet the present needs of Simcoe for 28 years.



Researchers are studying the effects of water discharged from Ontario Hydro's thermal generating stations on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The Nanticoke research program began in 1970. (Ontario Hydro Photo)



HALDIMAND SECOND IN JUNIOR TEAM PLOWING

Gulf Oil Canada representative Brent MacFarlane of London (left) presents company cheques to the Haldimand County team of Brian Reid (centre) and Craig Huffman, both of R. R. 3, Hagersville, who took second place in the all-Ontario junior inter-county team tractor plowing competition at the International Plowing Match. The competition, which was for two or more furrows, no split, was won by the Ontario County team of Greg Timbers, Sandford, and Dale Oldham, Mount Albert.

2nd Cement Plant Wants To Locate Near Nanticoke

A second cement company wants to locate near Nanticoke.

Ron Baxter, general manager of Readi-Mix Concrete Co. attended Walpole council Friday to answer any questions regarding their request for a zone change.

The company wants to build on land presently zoned agriculture, south of the H. Boehmer Ltd. ready mix concrete plant.

Mr. Baxter told council Readi-Mix would like to be in operation before major industrial projects in the area require concrete. "We understand two are starting in '74," he said. And, the company has tendered bids with Texaco.

Councillor Bill Evans told Mr. Baxter the change to industrial would have to be approved by John White,

minister of treasury, economics and intergovernmental affairs. Council indicated they were in favor of a second company locating on the Nanticoke road. "I'm all for competition," Mr. Evans said. And, Deputy-reeve, Bruce Meehan said "Competition is the life of trade..."

Also at council: Bill Evans suggested (continued on page 6)

H.S.S. Drama Class To Perform "Anne Of A Thousand Days"

The compelling true story of Henry VIII's quest for an heir by Anne Boleyn will be performed at Hagersville Secondary School in early December.

The production of Anne of a Thousand Days, a play written by Maxwell Anderson, is a first term project being undertaken by the school's senior drama class.

Instead of taking the theory of production alone, the class is learning production first hand through the experience of staging a play, Brian Whitman, instructor and director

explained. The class is doing it and then analyzing their efforts afterwards.

Mr. Whitman told the Record he chose the Anderson script because dramatically, it was the best play he read.

Although it is a very difficult piece, he feels it will give the grade thirteen students a challenge because there is more to work with. And, it is more interesting

for the audience to see a good play.

"I'd rather do a good play half well than a poor play very well," he added.

The drama, sponsored by the student's council, will be performed in the cafeteria December 7th and 8th.

A minimal of props will be used on the set for the story of Anne's meeting with the infamous Tudor through (continued on page 5)



Betsy MacKinnon is Anne Boleyn and Bob Speller is Henry VIII in the H.S.S. production of Anne of a Thousand Days. (Staff Photo)

Texaco Calls Tenders

Texaco Canada Limited has called tenders for construction of its \$200 million refinery near Nanticoke.

Construction, which is expected to begin next spring, will probably take about three years to complete.

Texaco is planning a 95,000 barrel a day plant on the 1,300-acre site near the Ontario Hydro generating station and the site of the proposed Steel Company of Canada complex.