

HAGERSVILLE Highlights

High School News

by Sandra Hyde

Friday, September 14, 1973 is the date of the Haldimand County High School east-west All Star Football Game. The west, consisting of Hagersville and Caledonia, vs. the east, Cayuga and Dunnville, in four quarters of fast

play at The Ivor Wynn Stadium. Game time 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$1.50 and are available from secondary students of all four Haldimand schools. Buses will be leaving from each school at a cost of 75¢ per person. All parents are welcome.

Wells Announced 7.02% Increase For '74

The withdrawal of voluntary services, announced by the Secondary School teachers of Haldimand County in last week's paper, has been called off. As explained, the withdrawal was directly connected to the ceilings on educational spending, which teachers felt were unrealistically low. Thomas Wells, Minister of Education, must have been in agreement, as he announced the increase in the ceiling of 7.02% for 1974. This increase, amounting to eighty dollars per pupil, should allow Boards across Ontario to try to cope with the expansionary costs of living

which apply just as much to education as any other sector of the economy. The teachers of Haldimand County are pleased that the withdrawal of services was made unnecessary. A busy year of activities was planned in June, and now they can go ahead with them. The first big activity is a four school exhibition football game at Ivor Wynn Stadium on Friday night, September 14th at 8:00 p.m. Hagersville and Caledonia teams will take on Cayuga and Dunnville. Parents are invited to attend. Buses will be provided, and tickets will be on sale from students of the four secondary schools.

Sandusk News

by Mrs. William Bray

A number of friends from Cayuga, Hagersville and Nanticoke as well as friends from the two neighboring Churches came to the service in Cheapside United Church Sunday morning when the Hi C group were in charge of the service, with Dr. Marshall of Cayuga as guest speaker. A buffet style lunch was served in the Sunday School room by the young people. It was enjoyed by all young and old. I am sure the young

people are to be commended on the fine service they presented. We hear so many bad things about the younger generation, but there are many who aren't bad and I think we should praise and encourage those who are doing good things. Thank you boys and girls and their leader, Mrs. Lloyd Fess and Dr. Marshall for his ready help to them with their service.

We understand South Walpole Elementary School has been repaired and ready for opening on Wednesday.

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History Of Hagersville First Families

The History of Hagersville and area is being written this summer by Mary Lou Willard, Audre Graham and Janet Carr on an Opportunities for Youth grant. The following is the fourth installment of their book.

The Beswetherick Family

Two years before the "Plank" was completed, Thomas Beswetherick, his wife Mary and their two year old daughter, Hannah had successfully made their way south from Caledonia, settled on lot fourteen in the twelfth concession of Walpole, just south of the present Hagersville limits, and became the first settlers in Hagersville.

It must have been an exhausting and sometimes discouraging trip, travelling the blazes which marked the course of the road, and having to cut brush at times to make a trail in front of their wagon.

Thomas Beswetherick, a Cornishman, was born at Lostwithel, Cornwall and in 1832 sailed for Canada with his young wife, Mary Nicholas, born at Foy, Cornwall. They settled in Bronte, and later moved to Caledonia because there was much work there with the new dam and locks, the plank road, and the first Caledonia bridge all under construction.

The Beswethericks conquered the thick woods of the area, built a home and cleared fields for farming. Their son, Gus, was born in Hagersville, in 1843 and so became the first full-fledged native of our town.

It was ten years after they had settled that they received the title to one hundred and fifty acres of land, granted by the Crown at a cost of one hundred and forty-seven pounds. Perhaps they would have received the title earlier had it not been for the long trip necessary to Niagara to have the legal papers drawn up.

Hannah Beswetherick was an early teacher in town, instructing and tutoring the children before the opening of Northview school in the 1890's.

In a report of the Department of Works for the Province of Upper Canada, dated

1844, it is noted, "The effects of the construction of this road, are already very apparent. Prior to it, two small fields in the midst of the forest, halfway between Port Dover and Caledonia, a distance of twenty-four miles were the only clearances that existed. The woods are beginning to disappear; in several large fields are fenced and crops of wheat are making their appearance in the heart of what was twelve months ago a trackless wilderness."

One of these fields was, no doubt, the Beswetherick clearing, encouraging others to follow the example.

The Hager Brothers

The Hager family moved from New Jersey to Canada about 1806. They settled near Grimsby, then in Palermo, Ontario, where Lawrence Hager secured a piece of crown land on the Old Dundas Highway, now Highway 5. The construction of the Plank Road brought Lawrence's three sons in 1843. David was thirty-four, Charles was twenty-seven, and the third was George, of whom we know very little.

David Hager was a blacksmith and expert in metal work, and took the contract for the work on the swing bridge then being built over the Grand River in Caledonia. His brother George assisted him in the iron work of the bridge, and Charles, a carpenter, had charge of the wood work on the bridge.

David and Charles moved southward after the completion of the bridge and secured crown land on the highest spot between Hamilton and Port Dover, Hagersville.

David Hager brought with him to his new home a yoke of oxen, two cows and a team of French ponies. The ponies were able to make the trip over the Plank to Hamilton in a little over two hours, with their owner at the reins. Apparently David Hager gave his guests a thrill by giving his horses the reins and shouting at them as if they were actually running away.

He built a log cabin and blacksmith shop on the northwest corner of the Plank Road and the Indian Line, at the present location of the Bank of Commerce.

There was much traffic on the new road, so the building of the hotel for Hagersville was undertaken by Charles Hager -- instigated by David in 1845.

It was at the opening of this building, which was to house the first post office, that Joseph Seymour suggested naming the town in honour of the two brothers, and thus our town received its name.

In 1855 David moved once again and settled in the district around Simcoe.

Charles Hager and Mary Jane Howard were married in 1850 and according to Miss Burkholder's 1950 History "he built his barn first and the young couple lived in a roomy box-stall until the house was completed." The house still stands. It is the white frame house on Howard Street directly behind Heaslip Motors.

In 1852, Charles Hager built a general store at the present location of McColl-Watson Pharmacy, 6 Main Street S.

A new brick building was later erected on the main corner to replace the Hager Hotel. His brother David Almas "The Squire" was of New Jersey United Empire loyalist stock. He was born in 1822 in the Township of Ancaster, County of Wentworth. He was the eldest son of Lieut. Col. John Almas and Jane Campbell Almas. In 1846 he married Maria Burns of Ancaster.

In 1851, David Almas and his family settled in Hagersville when the town consisted of just a few buildings and clearings.

In 1853, he bought an acre of land from Charles Hager for twenty-five pounds and erected a fine hotel at the present site of the Town Office at 1 Main Street South. In 1854, Mr. Almas purchased the remaining portion of lot 15 and 44 1/2 acres in Lot 16 for one hundred and ninety-two pounds, three shillings,

and nine pence.

By 1856, he owned the north east, north west and south east quarters of the present village of Hagersville. The Hager farm occupying the south west quarter and Mr. Porter in possession of the west end.

He divided some of the land along the Plank and Indian Line into lots, but they were not developed until the 1870's with the building of the railroad.

In 1858, Mr. Almas secured the mail contract for carrying the mail from Hagersville to Port Dover at a salary of \$385 per year, and he also ran a stage coach line between Hamilton and Port Dover for fifteen years.

In 1868 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Haldimand, a position he filled with rare judgment and tact. He served two terms in the Oneida Council, but his extensive private interests prevented him from devoting much time to municipal affairs.

In 1873, Mr. Almas gave one half acre of land on which was built All Saints' Anglican Church, and later donated the land on which was built the Anglican Church rectory.

When Hagersville was incorporated into a village, he was one of the three commissioners appointed.

He was a staunch Conservative who was a personal friend of Sir John A. MacDonald, and hosted when MacDonald came to Hagersville in 1877.

He died at the age of eighty-two and was buried outside of Hagersville, leaving many positive contributions to his memory.

"Did the coroner render a verdict on the horse thief they lynched?" "Yes. He said the man died of heart failure, induced by a broken neck."

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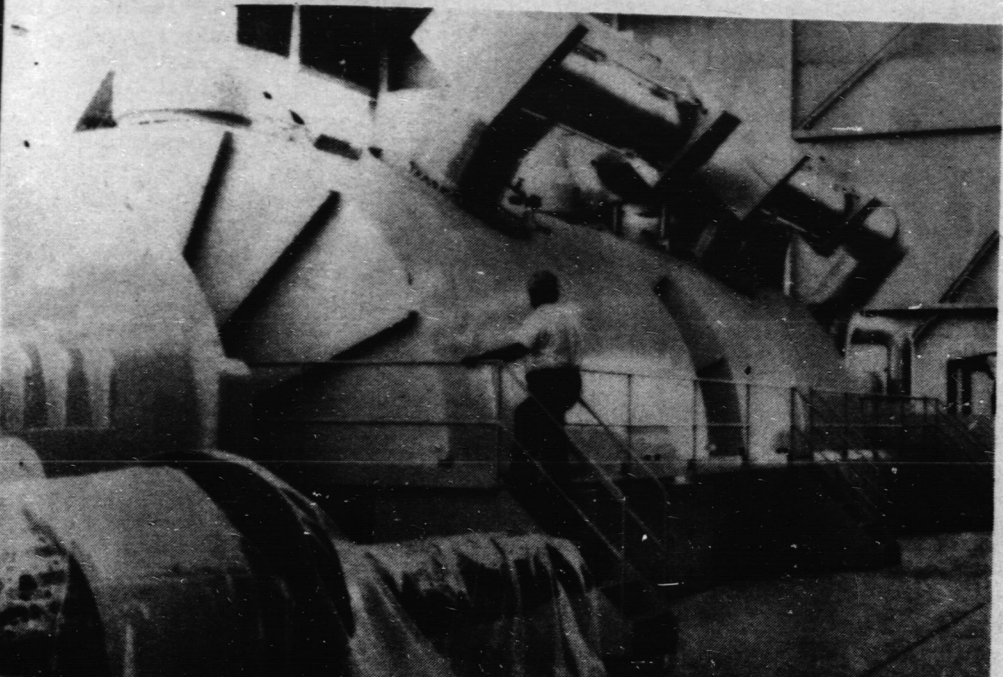
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Bus leaving Heaslip Motors Ltd., Hagersville at 3:30 p.m. Phone 768-3147 for reservations (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)



The first power unit, which began operation at the Nanticoke Generating Station is presently being overhauled. (Staff Photo)



A second power unit at Hydro began producing in June. (Staff Photo)



A third power unit is scheduled to begin producing commercially in October. (Staff Photo)

Early Detection Of Decay

Dental research may have come up with another method of early detection of tooth decay. Until recently, the tooth was believed to be inactive. But by applying a technique developed for studying fluid movement in major organs such as the kidneys, dental scientists observed that dental fluid did move from the pulp to tiny channels in the dentine to the enamel.

They found that a slowdown in this fluid movement, caused by a high sugar diet, may be an early indication of

tooth decay developing. The high sugar diet is said to disturb the hormone balance, and with the slowdown of this internal fluid, the teeth are more vulnerable. The dental researchers found that healthy teeth with a normal flow are invulnerable to

decay-causing bacteria that are always found in the mouth.

The scientists have found chemical ways of stimulating the flow of this dental fluid, which may some day be one method of preventing decay. - Canadian Dental Association

TOWNSHIP OF WALPOLE PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Walpole will take into consideration the passing, and if approved, will pass, at its meeting to be held on Friday, the 5th day of October, 1973, at the hour of nine o'clock in the evening, at the Municipal Building in the Village of Jarvis, a by-law for stopping up and closing for vehicular traffic those portions of the travelled road in Lot 8 and 9 in the Eighth Concession in the Township of Walpole, more particularly described as follows:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Township of Walpole, in the County of Haldimand and in the Province of Ontario and being comprised of the travelled road in Lot 8 and 9 in the Eighth Concession of said Township of Walpole, said road being more particularly described as PART 1, PART 2, PART 3, PART 4 and PART 5, all as shown on Deposited Plan 18R-157, said plan being on deposit in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haldimand AND the Council will at that time and place hear in person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applied to be heard. DATED this 29th day of August 1973. David Wilson, Sr., Clerk

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A First For Nanticoke

Workers at Ontario Hydro's Nanticoke Generating Station are presently overhauling the first power unit which began operation.

Colin Hendry, public relations officer at the plant, told the Record Friday this is a first for the Lake Erie system.

The massive unit, which has been producing hydro since January of 1972 was taken apart for cleaning - a process which takes 8-10 weeks.

A second unit, which began producing power commercially in June will be cleaned next year, he explained. This is an annual process.

The third unit is scheduled to begin producing commercially in October, while numbers four to eight are in various stages of construction.

Pollution Program Ontario Hydro is expanding their pollution program for sulphur dioxide and eight weather stations testing the atmosphere at distances of 1 1/2, 3, 6 and 9 miles from the station. One of these is presently located in Jarvis.

In the second stage a dozen units for the constant recording of sulphur dioxide levels, with a more intense monitoring unit are being added.

So far, Colin Hendry says the levels have been well below the standards set by Pollution Control.

The Hydro plant also grew eight little gardens, with plants which are susceptible to gases - gladiolus, alfalfa, white beans, tobacco and petunias.

The program has been both satisfying and dis-

appointing Mr. Hendry said.

Satisfying because there has been very little reaction. But it has been disappointing for the scientists looking for results.

Powerhouse The Powerhouse located at the west end of the plant will be completed by the end of the year, Mr. Hendry said.

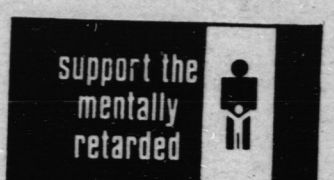
Kelly Montague Injured

JARVIS - Kelly Montague, 14, of R. R. 1 Jarvis, is reported in good condition in West Haldimand General Hospital, Hagersville, after she, her sister, Michaela, and Cindy Roberts, 14, of Port Dover, were struck by a car while walking on Highway 6 in Jarvis on Sunday.

The two other girls were not hospitalized but received cuts and bruises.

Driver of the car was William Allen Smith, of 424 Wellington St., Hamilton. Cayuga OPP Const.

Peter Woods investigated the mishap reported at 1:10 p.m.



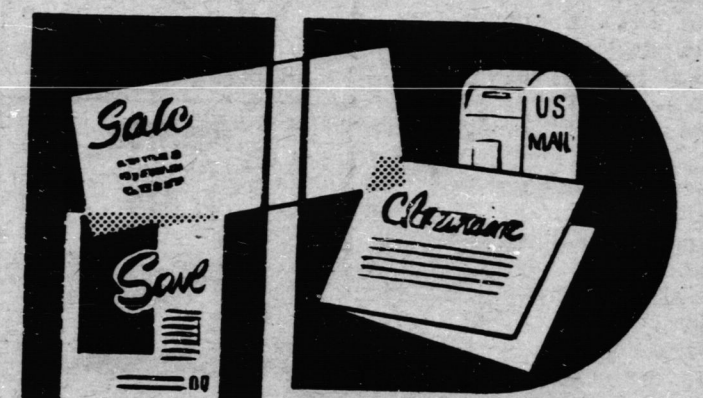
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TOWNSHIP OF WALPOLE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Board of Walpole Township have arranged a Public Hearing on Thursday the 20th day of September, 1973 at 8:00 P.M. in the Nanticoke Community Hall to hear any appeal from abutting owners in the vicinity of Lot 6, Concession 1 in the Township of Walpole, in the County of Haldimand on behalf of an application made by H. Boehmer & Co. Limited to permanently carry out an industrial service as cement suppliers on a lot size of 2.29 acres. Letter of inquiry or appeals mail to as follows:

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