

## FRIENDS 'N NEIGHBOURS

by Jessie Miller

On Sunday afternoon about thirty-five relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Ben Johnson in honour of the forthcoming eightieth birthday of Mr. Wray Walter. Guests were present from Mitchell, Fullerton, St. Mary's, Toronto, Dundas, Mount Hope, Grimsby, Beamsville and Hagersville as well as local relations. The event was a complete surprise for the guest of honour.

## Stolen

Four radiators valued at \$100 were stolen from a pickup truck parked in the parking lot of the American Hotel, Jarvis last Wednesday.

## Adoption

CULVER - Ken and Carolyn are pleased to announce the final adoption of their chosen son, Jeffrey Earl. Many thanks to all concerned and special thanks to our case worker.

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Effie Huffman who will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on Wednesday, April 3rd.

At breakfast time on Monday morning Mrs. R.A. Miller, our local news reporter, suffered a fall in her residence on Main St. N. and is in hospital for a day or so for a check-up. Her many friends will address her get-well cards and notes to Room 214, West Haldimand Hospital, Hagersville.

Bishop Roy Sider, Sherston was guest speaker at the B.I.C. Church Sunday night.

Rev. Earl and Mrs. Sider enjoyed a potluck dinner with the Selkirk Senior Citizens Thursday noon, March 28.

Rev. and Mrs. Sider attended the funeral in Dunnville on Wednesday March 27 at the Ballard Funeral Home of the late Earl Lambert. The two 'Earls' grew up

together in the parish station area and went to school together and were lifelong friends. Mr. Lloyd Smith, formerly of North Walpole and now a resident of Port Dover is a patient in West Haldimand Hospital in Hagersville.

Mr. George Everley of Cheapside has returned to his home following a time of convalescence in the West Haldimand General Hospital.

We understand that Mr. Floyd White is in one of the Hamilton hospitals.

Mrs. Ruby Pettit of Hamilton was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lysch and attended the dedication service which marked the completion of a new Parish office and Board room on the North East corner of Knox Presbyterian Church. (Mrs. Pettit and her family for a number of generations back through the years had been in the membership of Knox before moving to Hamilton.)

**HENDERSON** - William Edward (Bill) in his 67th year suddenly in the West Haldimand General Hospital, Hagersville Sunday, March 31, 1974, shortly after 11 p.m. Surviving Mr. Henderson are his wife, Alice, daughter Joan (Mrs. Robert Howell) of Toronto, son Robert of St. Catharines, sister Genevieve Lundy of Jarvis. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. from the Hyde and Mott Funeral Home, Hagersville. Interment in Scotland, Ontario.

Bill Henderson will be remembered both as

a local car and garage business man (over 30 years partnership with his brother-in-law Allen Lundy who retired about two years ago and also as the Lay preacher for the Senior Citizens residence at the Norview County Home for many years

**MCNEILL**, Thomas - At the West Haldimand General Hospital or Wednesday, March 27, 1974, Thomas McNeill of Jarvis, in his 98th year. Husband of the late Bessie Hudson and dear father of Robert McNeill of Miss-

issauga and Grace McNeill of Toronto. Mr. McNeill resided at the Hyde and Mott Funeral Home in Hagersville where service was held on Friday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Hamilton Cemetery.

Mr. McNeill farmed in Woodhouse Township until his retirement. He served as an elder of Knox Presbyterian Church and as a member of #329 AF & AM Jarvis. For several years, Mr. McNeill had been confined to his residence, Talbot St. E. with foot trouble.

## Sandusk Social Notes

by Mrs. William Bray

A good number of the residents of School Section 18 (Sandusk School) enjoyed the party in Cheapside Community Hall last Wednesday evening. The Sandusk W.I. was responsible for a skit on the programme.

The Sandusk W.I. celebrated their 70th Anniversary on Thursday with a dinner meeting in Cheapside United Church Sunday School room. Owing to the small number of

members we couldn't celebrate as extensively as we would like to have.

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## Obituaries

## Our Hometown Paper Contest

Any Jarvis Record reader who wishes to enter the "Our Hometown Paper" competition and try for a \$400 prize, plus a gold medal may do so. This award is offered to readers of Canadian Community Newspaper Association papers..... of which we are a member.

The CCNA bulletin tells The Record the award will be offered to the reader who best describes in his or her own words just what the weekly newspaper means to him or her.

The composition should be at least 250 words and not exceed 700.

According to the CCNA, the "objective is to encourage CCNA readers themselves to think about what their weekly means to them, their families, their lives and their communities, and to set these thoughts down in straightforward language. Polished literary expression is not sought. The judges will be interested in simple, clear exposition that indicates an awareness by the reader of the role of the weekly in the community."

"Judges will not look for excessively high praise for the local weekly; they will study the judgment and understanding by readers of the function of the weekly. This could come from a weekly of any size - large or small."

Since CCNA requires entries be postmarked by midnight, May 17, The Record will receive any entries until Thursday, May 9.

The Grand River Schem in Caledonia offered this same contest to their readers last year. Since it was quite popular and they received many entries, the Schem staff picked the best write - up and forwarded it to CCNA. The best "Our Hometown Paper" story was published in the Schem along with several others.

The Record will follow a similar practice. Any persons wishing to enter, are welcome to do so. Any person wishing further information about it are welcome to call The Record office.....587-2223 and ask for Donna.

## Big H-N Budget

By now, I imagine some are tired of reading about regional government happenings printed frequently on our front page and wish we'd quit.

Well, we're not. Every single one of these decisions will affect you personally - whether they involve you directly or not. You are the one who has to pay for the staff H-N hires, the renovations made, equipment bought, councillors' salaries, etc. etc. And you certainly won't be able to plead complete ignorance when the tax bills come around.

In a recent issue of the Simcoe Reformer, it was estimated that the first nine months of regional government (April 1 to December 31) will require a budget of about \$10 million - almost double the two county council budgets for 1973 (\$1,439,069 for Haldimand and \$3,485,919 for Norfolk).

Last year through municipal levies, says the Reformer, the two county councils required \$1,439,069 in Norfolk and \$839,191 in Haldimand. To this estimated \$10 million must be added the levies from the six area councils and operation of three school boards.

Of course H - N will be getting assistance from the province this year, but residents can expect an increase in taxes regardless.

And since you are paying the bills, it will be left up to you to act as watch dogs over regional spending and make the taxpayer's voice heard.

And so we will keep on printing the regional council news.

## Accidents Up

The Cayuga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is appealing to Haldimand drivers to drive with more care, obey the traffic laws and drive defensively.

In a recent letter to the Record, they said the majority of accidents in Haldimand involve motorists who reside in Haldimand, many of whom become involved in collisions within 5 to 10 miles of their homes.

And the accident rate is on the increase. Last year at this time, the Cayuga Detachment had investigated 113 motor vehicle collisions consisting of 23 personal injury collisions, 87 property damage collisions and three fatalities.

For this year, 1974, Haldimand has totalled 165 motor vehicle collisions, with 35 personal injury collisions, 129 property damages and one fatal.

The detachment says they are doing everything they can do to decrease this figure and ask for more cooperation from Haldimand motorists.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Two articles concerning wolf bounties in recent editions have prompted me to write the following on the wolf's behalf.

A Matter of Priorities.

Dear Haldimand, Why was the wolf bounty reinstated in Haldimand County? There appears to be two distinct reasons; the first, related in an earlier edition of The Record, was because of damage to livestock in the county; the second, surfaced in the March 21 issue, because of rabies control.

Down with the wolf! The scoundrel! The big bad wolf! Legend tells us that his infamous reputation is unparalleled by man or beast. Why, he killed two defenceless little pigs, while the third pig escaped the same destiny, only by virtue of having built a sturdy brick house. And, poor Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother - gone, in one gulp. You see, then, why, "Down with the wolf!"

Furthermore, you say the wolf is plundering the Haldimand countryside. What a pity. And, the price of beef, as it is, makes the situation even more desperate.

With this kind of logic, Haldimand should place a bounty on many other animals at large. For instance, squirrels of the county steal hickory nuts from unsuspecting farmers; precious nuts which could be sold for a few cents to the many starving Haldimandians.

Hawks kill rabbits which could be shot and sold to other starving people of the county. Certainly, everyone can see similar benefits in placing bounties on mice, robins, snakes, frogs,

crickets, rats, ground-hogs, chick - a - dees, ants and butterflies. With any kind of luck, the Haldimand County Bounty Department would have a gross yearly average expenditure of \$10.5 million which the taxpayers would gladly absorb because of beneficial services rendered. And, what a delightful pastime - collecting bounties!

Where human inconvenience is at stake, we must not persevere, but, must rectify the situation. Who would dispute the Walpole deputy - reeve's statement, "one person who has to take rabies shots is one too many"? May I add a personally constructed cliché which gets the point across much better, "the only good wolf is a dead wolf". Surely, minor inconveniences such as drug abuse, war, mental health and world starvation do not take precedence over the wolf situation. Have you ever taken rabies shots? Well, let me tell you! Ever heard wolves howl! It's something else!

Wake up Haldimand! You're living in an age of hyperbole, legend and superstition. The wolf is a product of nature, as is man, living by instinct and preying upon victims of circumstance. It cannot tell the difference, morally between a deer and a yearling steer. Nature did not provide the wolf with the intelligence; it is simply satisfying a biological need - food. The wolf cannot live on grasses and clovers as the deer does; its digestive system is not suited. As a product of nature, the wolf is a carnivore. Do you eat meat? Was nature wrong to evolve meat - eaters?!

There is little that can be done to prevent the loss of livestock due to wolves, if they are not to be destroyed? you ask. Little. But, consider these facts: livestock is housed seven months of the year, a time when there is no danger from this feared animal; I've seen deer on many occasions in Haldimand, even a herd of about thirty, but, I've yet to see a wolf in the wild. I, therefore suggest there is little threat to livestock.

There is little that can be done to prevent the loss of livestock from lightning, as well. But, farmers are compensated for such losses by what is termed "fire insurance". Why not begin "wolf insurance" to compensate losses? This way we get to have our cake and eat it too. The cost of insurance could be offset by a one-tenth cent per pound increase in meat to the consumer; that's me. The present situation demands that I, as a taxpayer, cover the cost of bounties, and, also that I lose a part of nature in the end. Since I pay either way, give me a choice.

Ecologically speaking, the wolf is of great benefit to farmers. It controls deer and rodent populations which can cause thousands of dollars damage to crops. Why pinch pennies to lose dollars? As a student and teacher of ecology, I have done much reading, teaching and movie showing to disavow the bounty system. I am certain that your Biology teachers in Haldimand are doing

certainly, rabies control must be given some consideration. How many persons in Haldimand have been forced to take rabies shots attributed to rabies caused by wolves within the last year? five years? twenty - five years? I lived there twenty - eight years and didn't hear of a single case. The concept that taking rabies shots is very painful is ungrounded. A fellow teacher assures me that there is nothing to it, as he took all fourteen this February when his horse contacted the disease from a fox, he believed. Surely he'd have blamed the wolf if given a chance, for he raises and hunts with wolf hounds for sport.

Rabies shots serve a purpose; to prevent a being from dying once contacting the disease. The same is true of all vaccines, serums and antivenoms. A bounty is not placed on a person because he is likely to contact measles and infect unborn babies. The same consideration should be given the wolf; a victim of circumstance.

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likewise. Indiscriminate killing of certain animals has led to extinction of many animal species. It isn't wise to fool with Mother Nature!

Where do your priorities lie? In cents or in sense?

Sincerely,  
Fay Reid,  
Oshawa, Ontario.

EDITOR

Christian Education - A Community Concern?

Many of you, I'm sure have noticed the Canadian Christian School in Jarvis. Many too erroneously refer to it as the "Dutch" School or the "Christian Reformed" School. This school however should not be limited by such thoughts. As it is, most supporters of the school are of Dutch background and belong to the Christian Reformed Church.

Yet the school is separate - serving a unique function - that of providing Christian Education to the parents of the community.

Christian Education is the concern not only of professional educators, practicing teachers, school boards and interested people. It is also the concern of the whole Christian community, people of God in every walk of life - parents, students, all Christians.

Again, Christian education is the concern of our homes. Our homes must exercise the God - given prior right of parents to choose the kind of education their children shall receive. We must see to it that the religious perspective of the community of homes behind our school is honoured in the education of our children.

Once again, Christian education is, or ought to be, the concern of the state. Not that we look to the state to establish Christian schools or expect the state to grant them privileged status. We are not engaged in special pleading. Nor may we allow the state to usurp the right to define or impose any particular philosophy of education. Rather in a professedly democratic pluralistic society the state must safeguard the Christian school's right of existence. It must administer educational funds justly and impartially, in keeping with the honest religious diversity which prevails in society.

Through it all we as a Christian school community must persevere in appealing for liberty and justice for all. Persecution and heavily imposed sacrifice are not the norms by which the state is called to administer justice. Equity is the norm. That is also our goal.

Peter Weening.

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