



Jim Phillips, centre director, and Marg Green counsellor, work for the H-N Addiction Research Foundation in Simcoe. (Staff Photo)

Addiction Research

Alcohol And Drugs In H-N

Alcohol and hard and soft drug - related problems don't discriminate.

They can strike anybody in any age group, in any walk of life. H-N residents are no exception.

Illegal street trafficking, marijuana cultivating and drug taking tend to earn the greatest number of headlines in local papers, but it isn't this region's most serious problem.

Alcohol, by far, is the most widely used and abused drug in the area, Jim Phillips, Director of the H-N Addiction Research Centre in Simcoe says.

Eighty per cent of our adult population (15 years and over) consume alcohol to some degree or other.

In comparison, a small percentage of residents are buying the smorgasbord of illicit drugs available in H-N.

This article will deal with alcohol, hard and soft drugs in H-N, its expected increase in use in the region and the Addiction Research Foundation.

Lowering The Drinking Age
"Well before stone age man started crafting his own beer jugs the use of alcohol had already gained a foothold in society. It provided comfort and pleasure, as man was soon to find, it also bore the potential for harm." - The First Twenty Years.

It's too early to tell the long range affects that lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18 will have but

young people are drinking more and drinking to get drunk, Mr. Phillips told the Record.

"We're concerned about the kind of drinking developing in them... where alcohol plays an intrical part in their life" - social and recreation.

More 15, 16 and 17 - year - olds are consuming alcohol than ever before, Mr. Phillips added.

It appears our society is heading to the TV commercial lifestyle encompassing alcohol in all activities.

Many people point to France's everyday drinking lifestyle and say we would have fewer problems if we adopted their way of life.

This isn't true according to Mr. Phillips. A lot of problem drinkers never get drunk.

France's social and health costs are enormous, he said.

Fifty per cent of France's hospital beds are taken up by alcohol - related illnesses and the country has the highest rate of death by cirrhosis of the liver.

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Christmas Holidays

The Jarvis Record will be taking its second week of holidays for 1974 this holiday season.

We will be publishing our Christmas issue Thursday, December 19 and urge all advertisers and news writers to have their copy in by noon, Tuesday, December 17.

The office will be closed from December 19 to December 27.

The Record's New Year's issue will be printed one day earlier, Tuesday, December 31st, since Wednesday is a statutory holiday. All copy for this issue must be in our office by Monday noon, December 30.



At the H.S.S. Band Bazaar Saturday, George Shippey, director, tosses a ring at a flash light. (Staff Photo)

Region Has Choice Of Which City Site To Develop First

The first satellite city for H-N could be developed in the South Cayuga area.

At a meeting in Cayuga late Friday afternoon, Ontario Treasurer John White left the choice of whether to put massive development in the Townsend city site or S. Cayuga first up to regional councillors.

Both land banks have been purchased by Queen's Park for future urban centres.

Simcoe councillor

Catherine Smale told the minister she was concerned about the relation of the city sites to existing towns.

Townsend is very close to built up areas (Jarvis, Simcoe) which could put them in great danger of becoming part of one big mass area, she said. Why develop Townsend before Cayuga?

Mr. White felt since Townsend was purchased earlier, it would be used first.

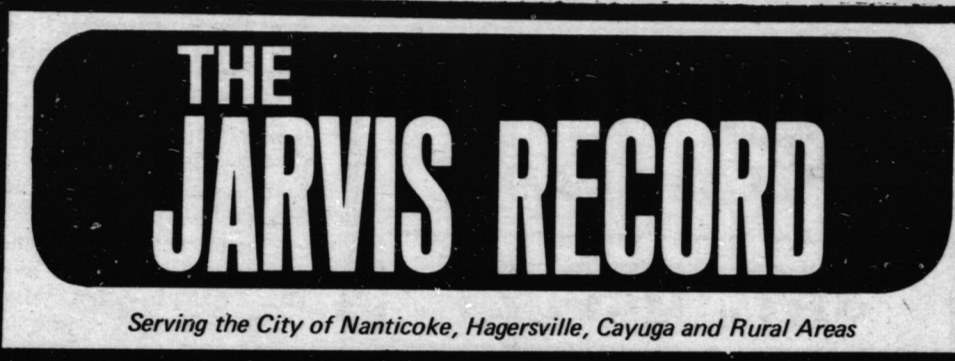
"But if this regional

council prefers to see the second site developed first, we can go ahead," he said.

Mr. White, who terms the land between the Grand River and Lake Erie in South Cayuga as a "glorious site", thought it would take ages for this city to evolve.

In fact he said he had the "fanciful" notion Ontario could hold a nationwide or worldwide competition for the planning of this second land bank.

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Ken Best (left) receives his service pin from Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food, at a recent luncheon for Ministry Staff members who have completed 25 years of service with the Government of Ontario. Ken Best, now agricultural representative for Haldimand County, joined the Ministry in 1949. (OMAF Photo)

Nanticoke Sets Dog Rates

Jarvis and Walpole residents will be paying a minimum \$2 extra for the licencing of their dogs after January 1, 1975.

At a meeting in Port Dover Tuesday, City of Nanticoke councillors gave third and final reading to a by-law to establish the licence fees and regulate the running at large of area canine.

For the first male dog or spayed bitch belonging to any one person or household, the fee is \$4.

For the first bitch it is \$15. For each second male dog or spayed bitch the fee jumps to \$10 and each additional one after that is \$20 apiece.

A second bitch or more requires a fee of \$25 each. The by-law passed with an 8 to 3 vote.

Councillors Bruce Meehan of Walpole and Jack Maythem of Port Dover were in strong opposition to the new rate structure adopted from the former municipalities of Waterford and Townsend.

Mr. Meehan told councillors they were going overboard on charges.

The amounts seem little to us, he said, but you go to the householder who works on a budget...

He said the former

township of Walpole charged \$2 and that took care of all expenses.

Mr. Maythem told council he'd received numerous calls and letters from citizens complaining

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Industrial Park-'75

The Steel Company of Canada wants work to begin in their Lake Erie Industrial Park as soon as possible in 1975.

Stelco's technical liaison co-ordinator, John Kelly, told City of Nanticoke councillors Tuesday the company expects it will be late summer or early fall before services and roads will be laid out in the park.

A draft plan of the park has been submitted to the city's Planning Advisory Committee.

Mr. Kelly told councillors the company can't give the exact lay-out of streets since there may be some changes depending on customer demand.

You're not going to see a plan showing the whole area

divided into three, five or six acre lots," he said.

The Planning Advisory Committee has recommended council defer an answer on impost charges on the Lake Erie Industrial Park until further discussions on the Official Plan.

Chairman George Dmetriuc explained they wanted to discuss Stelco's proposals for a commercial area, possibly a hotel and smaller lot sizes.

Also at council: Remuneration for the chairman and commissioners of the Jarvis Hydro Electric Commission, Port Dover Public Utilities Commission and the

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