



Bob Kirkmen explains about some of Ontario's fossils to Marilyn Shoup and Gary Thompson, H.S.S. students, in the Royal Ontario Museum's museumobile. (staff photo)

Hundreds Of Students Toured Museumobile

900 elementary and secondary school students across Haldimand County visited "Old Ontario."

Ontario - before the Victorian period, before Champlain and Brule, before the Indians, before the great Ice Ages, and even before the dinosaurs.

Last week, grade six students from Jarvis P. S., the Canadian Christian school, Walpole North, Walpole South, Parkview, Northview and St. Mary's

toured the Royal Ontario Museum's "Fossils of Ontario" museumobile.

Hagersville Secondary School students taking level 3 Geography and level 5 biology also had an opportunity to learn more about the science of paleontology.

The mobile museum started in Haldimand from the Dunnville Secondary School on January 29th and finished at H.S.S. Friday.

It is now touring the province.

Bob Kirkmen, oper-

ator of the museumobile, has been on the road visiting schools and fairs in Ontario since June.

He told the Record the travelling museum is a brand new program which the R.O.M. is trying to develop. The "ideology" is to extend the museum across the province - bringing it to people who cannot visit the museum easily.

One on archaeology is also touring the province.

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OFA President Says

Production Costs Going Up

The rapid increase in food costs made headlines across the province throughout this past year.

And, it's going to get a lot more attention in the months ahead, Gordon Hill, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, predicts.

Speaking at the Haldimand Federation annual banquet in Jarvis Friday night, Mr. Hill warned farmers the "cost of production is going to increase at an alarming rate." Farm-

ers are going to be hard pressed to hold product prices at profitable levels.

The goods and services you are purchasing are increasing rapidly, he said. Farmers will be paying 100 per cent more than last year for some fertilizers. Indeed, he added, some will be lucky if they get as much as they want.

Along with the increased fertilizer rates, gas, building materials, binder twine

and labor will be going up, he said. "It will even cost you more to rent money."

Mr. Hill finds it "amazing" some people think food prices are too high; maintaining that food is the biggest bargain that can be bought.

What's really drawn the public's attention to food prices, he said, is that after staying "too low for too long," food prices started to increase.

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Hill Opposes

Southern Pipeline Route

Ontario Hydro and the federal government took a verbal beating Friday night for their plans to destroy agricultural land.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture President, Gordon Hill, speaking at Haldimand's annual banquet, stressed the need for a comprehensive land use plan for Ontario. Industry has to be controlled. Otherwise, there won't be any

viable farm land left in southern Ontario by the year 2,000, he said, quoting professor Norman Peirson.

However, good planning and land use won't happen if governments are allowed to put pipelines where they want, he said.

Mr. Hill used the federal government's proposal to run an oil line from Sarnia to Montreal

as a prime example of wasting farmland.

He estimated over 4,000 acres of land will be used for this pipeline. And, when facilities of this nature are built, refineries and industries usually want to build near them in order to use the line, he pointed out. Then, additional housing is needed.

Mr. Hill expressed

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City Of Nanticoke Wants Decision On Satellite City

The new City of Nanticoke council wants some "immediate" answers from Treasurer John White on the satellite city issue.

Will there be one and, if so, where?

"I don't think we in the City of Nanticoke can continue playing this guessing game much longer," said councillor Harry Scott.

In the Haldimand-Norfolk Study report, issued last summer, it was recommended a

satellite city be located in the Port Dover-Simcoe area.

However, a consortium of developers has optioned 14,000 acres of farm land in the Townsend - Walpole area and argue it is the better site for a city.

In order to plan the City of Nanticoke's future properly, a decision has to be made now, councillor Ken Porteous said. "We must know whether there is going to be a

satellite city here or not."

At a meeting of the council in Waterford Tuesday, he introduced the following motion which was passed unanimously by council.

"That the Council of the City of Nanticoke make representation to the Treasurer of Ontario regarding an immediate decision in conjunction with the City of Nanticoke on the location of the proposed (continued on page 6)



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Haldimand Appoints Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Berscht, clerk-treasurer of Caledonia since 1956, was appointed to the same position for the new Town of Haldimand at last Wednesday's first open council meeting.

Mr. Berscht of 29 Sutherland St. will receive a \$15,500 per annum salary which is to be reviewed in September.

Council voted 10 to 7 in favor of Mr. Berscht's appointment.

Those opposed spoke against the manner of selecting the clerk and not the chosen candidate.

Councillor Robert Gordon of Caledonia admitted he would have picked Mr. Berscht himself, but he felt the job opening should be advertised. Councillors

Edith Fuller, Pat MacKereth and others agreed.

However, Clare Kinky, chairman of the committee (Finance and Administration) which brought in the recommendation, said all

clerk-treasurers in the Haldimand area had been considered potential candidates and reviewed.

Councillor Lyle Furry of Hagersville added the committee (continued on page 6)

No Commitment On Swimming Complex

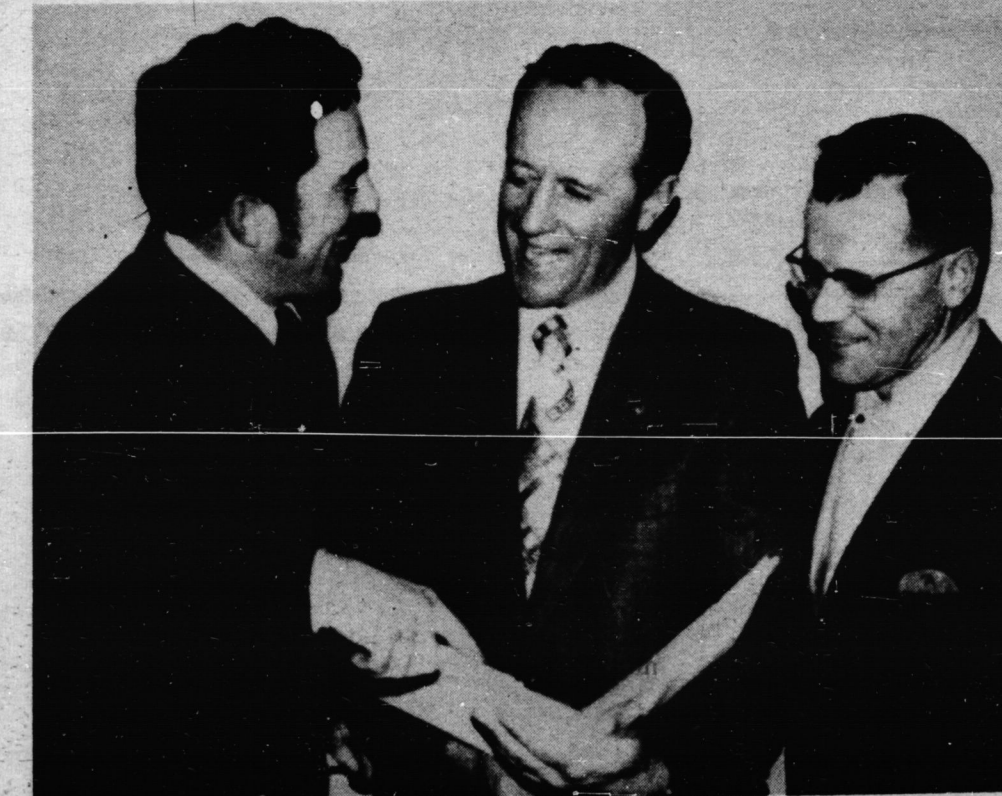
The Town of Haldimand council is not prepared to back the building of an indoor swimming complex in Cayuga at present.

At last Wednesday's meeting, council approved a motion saying they "appreciate" the proposal made by Cayuga council. However, since there will be no budget figures for the municipality until

late fall, they would like to lay over discussion of the matter until 1975.

Robert Dell, chairman of the Recreation and Community Services committee, originally brought in a motion saying they "agree in principle" with the proposal.

Robert Gordon of Caledonia felt this was (continued on page 6)



Russel Smith, president of the Haldimand Federation of Agriculture, Gordon Hill, O.F.A. president and Richard Walker, Norfolk president, are pictured here together in Jarvis. (staff photo)