



Chad James King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon King of Port Dover was the New Year's Baby at the West Haldimand General Hospital for 1974. He is pictured here with his mother, Sharon. (Staff Photo).

## W.H.G.H. Has New Year's Baby

Chad James King was the only new born baby in the West Haldimand General Hospital last Wednesday....and he was a special one.

Chad, second son of Sharon and Gordon King of 38 Prospect Hill, Port Dover was the first baby to be born at the Hagersville Hospital in the new year. And, he was the

first 1974 baby to be born in the area of the Haldimand - Norfolk region.

Chad was born at 12:32 p.m. New Year's Day and weighed in at 7 lb. 10 oz. He has a three-year old brother, Jeffrey Dale.

Chad was a few days late arriving.... He was supposed to be a Christ-

mas Day baby, Mrs. King told the Record. Mr. King is employed by Ontario Hydro.

Mrs. Ken Gordon of R. R. 3, Jarvis gave birth to the first 1974 baby at the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital, Dunnville.

Susan Linda was born at 12:45 p.m. New Year's Day and weighed 5 lb. 7 1/2 oz.

## Museumobile To Visit Area

Two billion years of southern Ontario history recorded in rock is the theme of a mobile exhibition from the Royal Ontario Museum.

The museumobile will be visiting Hagersville Feb. 7 - 8; Caledonia, Feb. 6; Cayuga, Feb. 1 - 5 and Dunnville January 29.

The purpose of the visit is part of the Royal Ontario Museum's program to make its

exhibits available to the people. The cost of it is borne by the Ontario government.

The unit visiting Haldimand County will feature fossil specimens, maps, written and projected information which will guide the visitor through forms of invertebrate life from two billion years ago to a present day tropical coral reef - the fossils of the future.

The first section of the museumobile marks the passage of over 150 million years, from about 500 million B.C. to about 350 million B.C. During this period Southern Ontario was under the sea. In this sea lived a rich variety of invertebrates, of which many groups are now extinct. Their existence is recorded in the form of fossils found in Ontario rocks.

The passage of 150 million years in this first section is represented by a series of lights, each one marking one million years. Each foot the visitor walks will have taken him through ten million years of rock record in Ontario.

There is a 350 million year period for which no fossils have been found in southern Ontario. The next section begins one million years ago when Ontario entered its first ice age. For most of the million years, until only about 10,000 years ago, Ontario remained in successive Ice Ages with warm intervals called interglacials between the deep freeze periods.

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## McCombs Presented With Framed Bill 190

A symbol of the birth and existence of the Regional Municipality of Haldimand - Norfolk is a framed and autographed copy of Bill 190 - was presented to chairman John McCombs during Friday night's inauguration ceremonies.

Arthur Meen, parliamentary assistant to the treasurer and the man who steered the H - N legislation through the house, unveiled the plaque in the Hagersville Secondary School auditorium.

He told the audience this act to establish the

Regional Municipality of Haldimand - Norfolk becomes the region's charter.... a mandate under which the people of the region and their chosen representatives are to assume greater authority and greater responsibility for their collective future.....

Following this presentation, Mr. McCombs and the sworn in council passed the region's first two by - laws.

By - law No. 1 - 74 provided for interim rules of procedure, while by - law No. 2 - 74 adopted a corporate seal.

## "Get Acquainted" Meeting Held By Nanticoke Council

The recently - elected City of Nanticoke council held a "get - acquainted" meeting in the Jarvis - Walpole municipal building last Thursday afternoon.

The council for the area comprising Walpole, Jarvis, Port Dover, Waterford, Woodhouse and Townsend will officially assume local governing on April 1st - regional implementation date.

In the meantime, the City of Nanticoke council is preparing for the changeover.

Just prior to Thursday's meeting, which was closed to the press, Mayor John Pow described the gathering as

a "get - acquainted" meeting. He said there was so much to do, information to gather and committees to set up to look into various local responsibilities.

Later, Mr. Pow told the Record, Albert Guiler, present clerk of the town of Waterford and Townsend township, was appointed acting clerk for the City of Nanticoke till April 1st.

The remaining four clerks will be helping on various committees, he explained. Five committees were set up to investigate and report back to the Nanticoke Council on the area's (1) finance and personnel; (2) roads

and road personnel; (3) fire and properties; (4) recreation and parks; (5) library, cemeteries and museums.

Six members of the council and one clerk are serving on each committee.

Mr. Pow stressed that these are merely ad hoc committees to bring in findings so that the new council has something to go by when they start in April.

They may be dissolved at the end of January, depending on whether the necessary work is done by then.

Mr. Pow said the next full meeting will be held January 28th in Port (continued on page 5)



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## H-N Region Inaugurated

The script was written. Speeches prepared. Stage set. Rehearsal held.

And on Friday evening, January 4th, Haldimand County wed Norfolk before 1200 guests in the Hagersville Secondary School auditorium.

The inauguration of the new council of the Regional Municipality of Haldimand - Norfolk brought dignitaries from all across the province, including chairmen and chairwomen of other Ontario regions, Lieutenant-Governor Ross MacDonald, Treasurer John White, parliamentary assistant Arthur

Meen and leader of the opposition, Robert Nixon to the area.

During the ceremony, the bright and witty lieutenant governor administered the oath of allegiance to H - N chairman John McCombs and the 19 members of his regional council.

Friday's celebration not only marked the union of the two 120-year-old counties, but also "the climax of an important experiment in democracy," John White, minister of intergovernmental affairs told the packed audience.

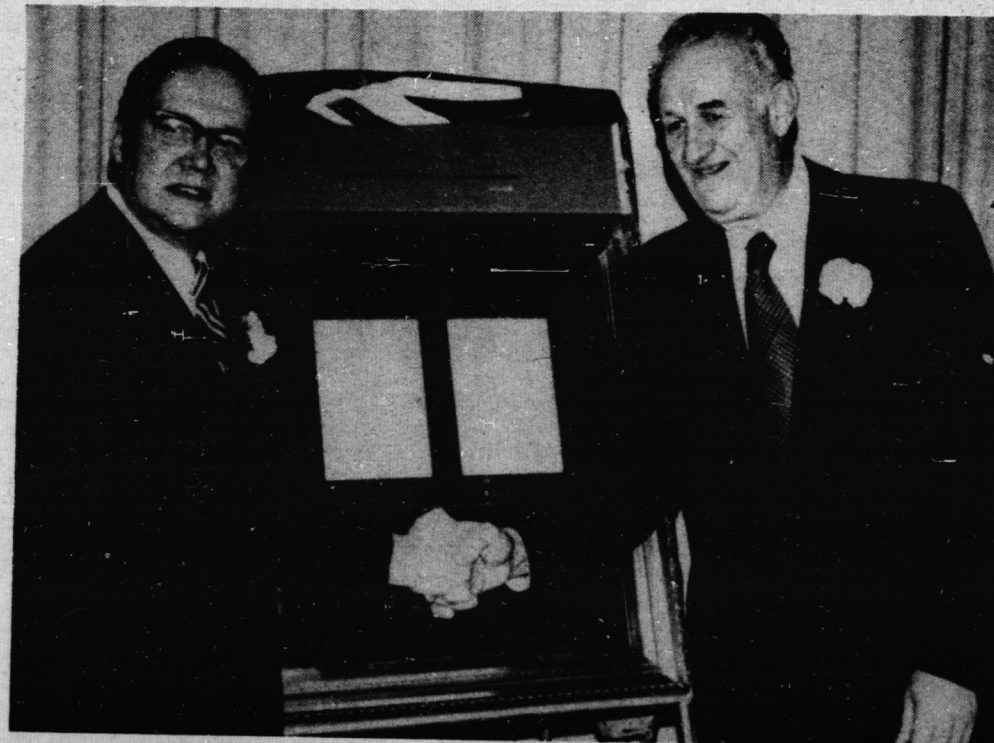
In 1969, his predecessor, Darcy

McKeough, suggested Haldimand and Norfolk should work with the province to find ways of solving the problems that would arise with industrialization - Hydro, Stelco, Texaco.

"Out of that suggestion evolved the idea of inviting all residents here to take part in the decision - making process," he said. And the design for the new government would be modified so that "the end result would reflect, as much as possible, the wishes of the people."

In effect, it meant a return to the old-fashioned "town hall" con-

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Arthur Meen, parliamentary assistant to the treasurer, John White, shakes hands with H - N Chairman John McCombs after presenting him with a framed copy of Bill 190 - the act to establish the Regional Municipality of Haldimand - Norfolk. (Staff Photo)