

Firemen Respond To Calls

A call was received from the Answering Service of the Hagersville Police Department on Monday, January 14. This call, placed at 3:30 p.m. was for the Hagersville Volunteer Firemen and their Chief, to assist in releasing a passenger trapped in an automobile by a jammed door, following a Highway 6 accident.

The accident occurred near Hewitt's Dairy Bar when automobiles

"The Guiding Hand"

Rev. Martin Rule of the Hagersville United Church recently chose as his sermon topic, "The Guiding Hand." During his message, he stressed there would be both happiness and sorrow before us in this New Year of 1974. Further he stated, there would be joys to share; sorrows to overcome; heavy burdens to bear; but foremost we MUST Follow God all through 1974. Just as Joshua told the children of Israel, --

Plans For Hoss

Mrs. Stanley Slack, R.R.4, Hagersville is presently planning a Progressive Hoss in aid of the Springvale Hospital Auxiliary. This charitable event will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Hagersville Legion.

driven by J. Moskalyk of Jarvis and Barbara Gallinger of Brampton were involved in a collision. Derek Jones of Toronto, a passenger in the Gallinger car had his foot pinned. Those injured were taken to West Haldimand Hospital in Hagersville.

The Volunteer Fire-fighting crew was called in the early hours of Sunday, January 20 by the N.Y.C. Railroad. An alert N.Y.C. Line and Telephone Operator is

credited for making the call for investigation, which, if not investigated thoroughly, could have been most disastrous. The call was received at 2:30 a.m. to the Overhead Bridge, situated North of Clambassil in a location which was 1/4 of a mile from the main road.

Extra water was needed and supplied by Marvin Mattice who hauled it in a tank truck.

The firemen stayed at the scene for many hours before getting the situation under control, with the Railroad being closed until late Sunday p.m. Fire Chief William McClarty stated "it is definitely known to be arson, and is certainly under investigation."

"I will follow my God", he related to the congregation in closing. During the service, those who were welcomed into the full membership of the Hagersville United Church were - Mrs. Ellis Bartlett, transferring from the Grand River Pastoral Charge, Mrs. Howard Best, transferring from Mark Street United Church in Peterborough, also daughter, Miss Judith Ireland, transferring from the same church. Extending the handshake of friendship on behalf of the entire congregation was Rev. Rule and Clerk in Session, Mr. Oliver Sayer, Rev. Douglas Powell, home on a visit from Northern Alberta, pronounced the Benediction at the close of the Morning Worship Service. Mr. Allan Sayer performed the duties of Church organist, in the absence of Mrs. Isabelle Dorey.

HAGERSVILLE Highlights

Progressive Hoss Held

On Saturday afternoon January 19th another successful Hoss for charitable purposes was held at the Legion Auditorium, Hagersville. Prize winners of the day were: Ladies' High - (374) Mary Jepson (2 glass covered candy dishes); Ladies second - Mrs. Violet Jepson (362) (Slicing knife); Men's High - (352) Alfred Walker (Leather Billfold); Men's Second - (352) Army Hodgson (Handmade wooden plaque); this winner was determined, after cutting a deck of cards; Most Hosses Lady (3) Mrs. Ruby McCarroll; this

winner was determined after cutting cards with Ruby Jepson and Mrs. Bill McKeen (Corduroy cushion); Most Hosses - Men (4) Cecil Swing (Deck of Cards). He tied with Jim Wimporly thus it was necessary to cut cards; Door prize - Edgar Walbrook, was drawn by Mrs. Gladys Slack, who also assisted in various duties throughout the day.

Those who donated the valuable prizes for the delightful afternoon were: A. & W. Painting & Decorating; Richard Laurie of Mott's Furniture; William Court-nage of Court-nage's Variety; Dewart Lindsay of Shildrick's Hardware; World War I Veteran, Harry Cuff of Railway Street; and the Canadian Legion.

Gratefully received also was a \$5.00 donation from visitor Jim Wimporly of Toronto.

Other ladies who graciously assisted in serving the lunch and cleaning up were Mrs. Ruth Stark and Mrs. Margaret Lougheed. Sincere appreciation was extended to those who assisted in any way.

Hagersville Police Report

The following is the Hagersville Police Department report for the month of December. The officers of the Hagersville Police

Dept. had a very busy month, investigating Motor Vehicle Accidents, resulting in four personal injuries, and extensive property damage. There were nine reportables and one non-reportable. Under the H. T. A., traffic enforcement was low, with 17 charges being laid under this statute, one charge for "no insurance" and one charge under the traffic by-law. Ten parking tags were issued and 27 traffic warnings issued. The department had its busiest month with criminal investigations, 16 charges were laid under the code involving various types of criminal offences, from thefts to assaults. There were two shop-break-in occurrences with

little or no property stolen. There was one attempted car theft, but two persons were arrested and charged at the scene by the officers of the dept. who, while patrolling, observed suspicious actions at this vehicle. Five charges were laid under the Liquor Control Act. Under general occurrences, the department recorded 182 complaints, answered nine requests for assistance, served seven summonses and arrested one person; all for other forces. There were two premises found insecure, one request for unoccupied house check and no persons reported missing. The officers patrolled 4,380 miles in the cruiser.

Arts And Crafts

The second annual Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by Hagersville Triple F Group, is being planned for the date of April 26, 1974. Please mark this important date on your calendar, when an excellent opportunity will be available to view artists at their work. Mrs. Marie Hewitt is once again in charge of the Show.

Letter of Thanks

Recently, the Hagersville Branch of the Canadian Bible Society received a letter of appreciation from Rev. H.G. Zurbrigg, District Secretary of The Canadian Bible Society. Enclosed was an official receipt for \$1,065.00. Credited also to this Branch was an amount of \$161.00 received directly in the Hamilton office via mail.

Jarvis P.S. Report

by Sandra Druyff and Jean Reu

October 1972, Jarvis is now her new home. Mrs. Noronka likes Canada very much because of the seasons. She loves the fall because of the many colours but she wishes it could be a bit warmer now. Her three children have adapted to Canada very well and enjoy the snow. They attend St. Mary's School, Hagersville.

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February Is Heart Month

The local Heart Fund in Hagersville and area will benefit from several Progressive Hoss parties planned for that purpose. Mrs. Patti Huschit is once again planning the door-to-door canvas during February, where it will be stressed, To Give From The Heart, And Help The Heart Fund Grow.

History Of Hagersville

THE POST OFFICE

In 1841 the Government turned its attention to the postal service and the first postage stamps (the famous beaver stamps) were issued.

The post office in Hagersville was opened on January 6, 1852, with J.G. Haskett as postmaster. His salary and commissions for the year was one pound, seven shillings, fifteen pence, and the post office received an allowance of ten shillings for stationary. Postage rates were very high in those early years, and delivery took a phenomenally long time by modern standards.

Mails were carried by stage coach, buggy, wagon or on horseback. In September of 1885, David Almas secured the contract for carrying the Mail from Hamilton to Port Dover. It called for six trips a week, and the bid was \$385 for twelve months. The sale of passenger seats grossed as high as a thousand dollars a month, but out of this money, tolls, horsefeed, stage coach maintenance and drivers' wages had to be paid.

The fare from Hamilton to Port Dover was two dollars. The stage coach left the American Hotel on the corner of King and Charles Streets in Hamilton at 10:00 a.m. and travelled the thirty - seven miles to Port Dover by about 7:00 p.m.

Mail Contract Some of the stipulations of the mail contract were:

- 1. Fifteen minutes only allowed for changing horses at each stage.
2. Seven minutes only for changing mail at each post office.
3. Carriages employed to be subject to approval of the Postmaster General.
4. Two teams of horses to be regularly employed for the working of each stage.
5. An officer of the Department, or a mail conductor or guard, was to be allowed to travel each trip, free of charge.
6. Contractor was to use every care to defend the mail bag and contents from injury and dangers of every kind.
7. Each courier employed in the service had to take the post office oath, and was provided with a post horn which was sounded distinctly on arriving at each post office.

By 1864 a daily mail service had been established in Hagersville. The Hagersville post office has had many downtown locations. During the time of Postmaster Haskett, it was in Hager's store, at 4 Main St. S., which is now the location of Mattices' Grocery.

In 1920, it was beside the Bank of Hamilton, at 4 Main St. N.

In 1930 it was moved again to 9 Main St. N., and was in what is now the Mary Jane Shop.

In 1950 the post office was located in the east side of the Martin Block at 15 King St. E., where Derby Discount is presently in business.

The present new post office building, located at 22 King St. E. was under construction in 1956 and opened in November, 1957. Four full-time and two part-time employees work in the building. With post office pick-up plus the delivery of mail to six rural routes, approximately six thousand people are now being

O.P.P. Report

Three persons were charged with "Attempted Theft" on January 15, 1974 as a result of attempting to force a coin box open on the coin-operated car wash in Selkirk. They were surprised by the owner of the car wash and fled in an auto, but were later located in Cal- edonia.

Const. G. Boshold recovered a vehicle in Jarvis, Ontario, which was stolen from Simcoe, Ontario on January 13, 1974.

On January 19, 1974 a person was charged with "Dangerous Use of a Firearm" as a result of shooting at a car in Moulton township.

During this period, there were four occurrences under the Petty Trespass Act, two Wilful Damage occurrences, two theft and one break and enter investigated by members of Cayuga Detachment. There were also 41 general occurrences investigated. Two charges were laid under the Liquor Control Act. Officers investigated 22 motor vehicle collisions including four personal injury mishaps which resulted in nine persons being injured.

HEADLIGHTS IN DAYLIGHT

MOTORISTS! When Daylight Driving visibility is poor, due to snow flurries, rain or fog... make sure other drivers can see you and you can

served by the Hagersville Post Office.

Post Masters of Hagersville: J.G.Haskett - Jan. 1, 1852 to Jan. 2, 1857 (moved); C. Hagar - May 2, 1857 to 1888 (resigned); J. H. Hager - Jan. 4, 1888 to May 12, 1915 (death); D. J. Seymour - June 12, 1915 to May 23, 1928 (death); Miss L. G. Bowman - May 24, 1928 to Aug. 24, 1928 (acting); C.A. Walker - Aug. 25, 1928 to Nov. 29, 1928 (acting); G. S. Laidlaw - Nov. 30, 1928 to Nov. 23, 1954 (retired); H.B. Lampman - Nov. 24, 1954 - still postmaster.

Home Economist, Bev Carson, advises that a Food Forum will be held at Fisherville Community Centre on Wednesday, February 13, starting at 8:00 p.m. Round the World Dining will be the topic with key dishes from different countries to be demonstrated and sampled. Admission is free to all who would like to attend.

Allen Smelser Celebrates 89th

A life-time West Haldimand area resident is celebrating a special birthday a week from this Saturday - his 89th.

Allan Smelser was born on January 26, 1885 in an old log farm house, located just south of Fisherville. He moved with his family to Walpole township at the age of five and attended the Selkirk School until he finished grade 4.

Mr. Smelser farmed on the townline between Rainham and Walpole township. He retired from farming in 1909 and began working for the Dominion Gas Co. in Selkirk. He was with the firm for 40 years.

Mr. Smelser moved to Jarvis three years ago and is a member of the Jarvis Senior Citizens Club.

On The Farm Front

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Haldimand Federation of Agriculture ANNUAL BANQUET and DANCE JARVIS COMMUNITY CENTRE Fri., Feb. 8th, 1974 - at 7 p.m. - GUEST SPEAKER: GORDON HILL, President, Ont. Fed. of Agriculture TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY ORDER YOURS BEFORE FEB. 1st FROM... Otto Crone 768-5614 Secretary 768-3961 Russell Smith 765-4907 Frank Dykstra 768-3832 Gordon Booker 899-3930 Harold Eubank 768-5684 Joe Nettles 765-2416 Russell Douglas 765-6262 Marc Stephenson 443-5686

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Date Reserved For Tour Colin C. Hendry, Tour Conductor and Information Co - Ordinator of Ontario Hydro, Generating Station at Nanticoke, has reserved the date of Saturday, March 16. On this date, the Hagersville Triple F Group will tour the plant, see the film and slides available for this, their scheduled March meeting.

Swimming Enjoyed On Monday evening, January 21st the C.Y.C.'s and the Tyro's of the Hagersville United Church enjoyed an evening of swimming at Sprucedale School in the large swimming pool there. Leaders accompanying the groups were Mr. Alvin Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gedye, Mrs. M. Henderson and Carolyn Hewitt, who also performed the duties of Life Guard. Everyone returned to the Church where games were enjoyed followed by each enjoying delicious hot chocolate.

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