



The newly elected 1974 - 75 executive of Hagersville's "Time Out" program are Mary Jane Phibbs (secretary), Cathy Sherk (president), Kathy Schaeffer (vice President) and Mary Jane Jones (president). (staff photo)

3,000 More Acres Wanted

The Ontario government wants to buy 3,000 acres "interspersed" and "in the periphery" of a land bank already purchased by them for a new satellite city.

Provincial Treasurer John White told The Record Monday representatives of Government Services would be in the field by the end of this week (if they weren't on Monday) seeking the additional land at the site northwest of Jarvis.

He said offers to these property owners, who either did not accept any offer made by the consortium or were not approached, would be comparable to the \$1,944 per acre average that the province will pay

for the 10,740 acres previously optioned under the leadership of Toronto realtor Andrew Cherkas.

Property owners in the Townsend - Walpole land bank may remain there anywhere from three years to, "in some case - probably thirty", Mr. White said.

Present property owners will have the first opportunity to lease back the land provided they meet fertility standards set by the Ministry of Agriculture, he explained.

Farms, belonging to owners who wish to retire or leave, will be turned over to the Ministry of Agriculture's farm apprenticeship program.

Severance Fees Discussed

Several Town of Haldimand councillors want to see uniform severance fees established in the area immediately.

Councillor Harold Cruikshank raised the question of fees at Monday night's meeting in Cayuga.

He noted the regional culvert fee has been set at \$300 for regional roads and \$150 for area roads.

And persons are to continue paying the severance fee as

collected by their local municipality prior to April 1, 1974 until a new structure is established.

He questioned the fairness of this policy because the Oneida severance fee of \$400 always included the culvert price.

Will Oneida people have to pay twice?

Mayor Peirson said he thought they would until the region established a policy on the matter.

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Planning of the new city which is expected to grow to a population of 150,000 to serve the Nanticoke industrial complex will begin internally within the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs during the next few

months. Mr. White explained. Where the developers will make some money is in selling the 298 acres, which was purchased at "something over \$800 an acre", to the government for \$1,944 an acre. The profit on this land is almost \$341,000. "There is no profit

Roof Price Increases

A tight supply situation has inflated the cost of rebuilding Hagersville Secondary School's roof by \$2,525.

However, the Haldimand Board of Education has only agreed to pay 50 per cent of the increased cost.

At a Board of Education meeting in Cayuga a week ago Tuesday, members learned through a letter from Culp Construction Company that a sub-contractor, Christensen Roofing, was asking for an additional \$2,525 to offset new costs. The request resulted from "a squeeze on a tight

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New City

White Picks Townsend Site

A city of 150,000 will boom on 11,000 acres just northwest of Jarvis.

Ontario Treasurer John White announced in the legislature Thursday the government will purchase a land bank in Walpole and Townsend for \$22 million.

298 acres are owned outright by a consortium of developers while another 10,740 are under option.

Buying up the options will cost the government \$20,219,219..... about \$1,944 an acre.

Mr. White explained this is what the developer would have had to pay to buy the

land. In addition for their "trouble and very considerable cost" in gaining the options the developers will be paid another five per cent of that amount, totalling \$1,010,964. Half of this will be used to pay local real estate brokers' fees and will be paid to them directly by the government, Mr. White explained.

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to speak of", Mr. White told the House. "It is more or less a break even proposition on the assembly".

The Government must also acquire some neighbouring land not owned by the consortium, he continued, and they will begin immediately.

Under an agreement with the consortium, they (the consortium) cannot acquire any property within two miles of the development site.

The area will remain under the ministerial freeze.

The land was assembled by Toronto realtor (continued on page 5)

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Lillian Holland Field is having a book of her poetry "Living Verses" published next week. (staff photo)

Local Poetess Writes Book

Children's tales, passing seasons, inspirational messages and Canadian sketches are all part of a new book of poetry rolling off the presses this week.

The talent of the 67-year-old authoress is already known by many in this district.

Verses by Lillian Holland Field have appeared in several Canadian magazines and papers (including the Simcoe Reformer and Port Dover Maple Leaf)

during her 40 year writing career.

Recently, she has been penning with a book in mind.

And Mrs. Field, who lives south of Renton, credits well known Canadian author Pierre Berton for inspiring her to publish the book.

Mr. Berton has often said there is plenty of Canadian talent, but little is printed.

So, Mrs. Field is producing "Living Verses", a book containing 60 of her

approximate 500 poems. The Maple Leaf is publishing and illustrating the volume.

It is sprinkled with bits of Canadiana.... also at the encouragement of Mr. Berton.

"We welcome you to Canada

You from another land, We hope that you enjoy your stay Upon our native strand. No matter where you chance to be

Where'er your footsteps roam, (continued on page 7)



Dunnville councillor Charles Lundy was promised the first "new" cruiser to come into the region. So at last Friday's meeting of the H - N Police Commission, Police Chief Art McCart jokingly presented him the keys to this 1928 Plymouth. The car was borrowed for this gag presentation from Hugh Clark. A 1974 model was put into service in Dunnville. (staff photo)