

New Year's Baby At W.H.G.H.



First in '75

Ontario Hydro worker Wayne Kellar and his pretty wife, Shirley, are the proud parents of West Haldimand General Hospital's New Year's baby. Rebecca Diane was born at 7:34 a.m. January 1 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 1/2 oz. She has an older brother, two-year-old Nathan. (staff photo)

Fred Ricker Heads Haldimand Board Of Education In '75

A 41-year-old Dunnville dairy farmer was elected Chairman of the Haldimand Board of Education Thursday night.

Fred Ricker, the trustee representing Moulton-Sherbrooke, replaces Jarvis dairyman Don Duxbury at the helm of the 14-person board.

The past and present chairmen are the only members who have served on the Haldimand Board every year since its inception in 1969.

Prior to that time, Mr. Ricker also worked on the Moulton Township School Board for nine years.

One of the major difficulties in the past has been communication problems with parents and teachers, Mr. Ricker said. The Board "has been getting some slack from the teaching staff and parents who feel we should know our teaching staff better."

Mr. Ricker hopes a newly-formed teacher-board committee will help solve some of the problems.

Mr. Ricker and his wife Mary have five children

ranging in age from 9 to 21 and covering each level of education - elementary school, secondary school and university.

Fifty-eight year-old Murray Clark, a Caledonia businessman, was elected vice-chairman.

A Striking Committee of Don Duxbury, Jennifer Eustace and Birdsall Melick drew up the 1975 committee structure.

Birdsall Melick (chairman), Dan Werner, Jack Brenzil, Jennifer (continued on page 5)

Donald Forbes Is Master Corn Grower

Donald Forbes of Caledonia is the 1974 winner of the Haldimand Master Corn Grower competition.

He took the top place with a machine-harvested yield of 106.4 bushels per acre.

At the annual meeting of the Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association Friday, Roy Turner of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Cayuga presented Mr. Forbes with a watch.

Runners-up in the contest were Max Ricker with 99.1 bu. per acre, Phil

Hare with 91.1 bu. per acre and Wayne Burgess with 76.5 bu. per acre.

Average yield in the Master Corn Grower Competition was 74.6 bu. per acre.

Winner of the 1974 High Yield Wheat Competition was Grant Temple of Selkirk. He machine-harvested 53 bu. per acre.

The High Yield award in the barley competition went to Wayne Burgess with 68 bu. per acre according to hand sampled results. Runner-up with 64 bu. to the acre was Otto Crone of Hagersville.



1974 chairman of the Haldimand Board of Education Don Duxbury presents the gavel to newly-elected chairman Fred Ricker at the Board's inaugural meeting in Cayuga. To the right of Mr. Ricker is vice-chairman Murray Clark. (staff photo)

Planner Says Region Needs More Provincial Assistance

The new Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk needs greater provincial assistance.

And if it is not available, regional government may have to consider means of reducing the rate of growth in urban areas, says Dennis Durrant, manager of policy planning for H-N.

Speaking at the annual Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association meeting in Kohler Friday, Mr. Durrant told area farmers the region requires further aid from Queen's Park because of the scale of industry planned for the region, rapid speed of urban growth and two city sites.

The Haldimand-Norfolk Study predicted a population of 300,000 in the region by the turn of the century which would mean an average nine per cent a year growth rate as compared to one to two per cent in existing communities, Mr. Durrant said.

Stelco's forecast of 200,000 to 250,000 persons by the year 2000 would indicate an annual growth increase of 6 - 9 per cent while John White's proposed 900,000 people for the area would show a growth rate of 32 per cent per year.

If development happens

at the rate projected, there will be a great need for more schools, parks, public buildings, water and sewer services and an increasing loss of agricultural land.

Haldimand-Norfolk has two alternatives, the planner said. They will either have to seek additional provincial funding or strictly control urban development in relation to their financial capability to supply services, he said.

Mr. Durrant reminded farmers "we're all dealing with a very valuable and limited quality product-land. Let us not lose it in the rush of time."

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Donald Forbes (front) came out on top of the Master Corn Grower competition with a yield of 106.4 bushels per acre. Runners-up were (back) Max Ricker, Phil Hare and Wayne Burgess. (staff photo)

Grow More Corn Says McNern

Plant more corn in 1975 was the message Gordon McNern, general manager of the Norfolk Co-op, brought area farmers Friday.

Speaking at the annual Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association meeting in Kohler, Mr. McNern said there is a real potential in Haldimand for corn production.

Haldimand is in a good location, close to large buyers, he said. The St. Lawrence Starch Company in Port Colborne imports corn from the U.S. while two distilleries in Toronto, Gilbys and McGuinness, also require great quantities of corn.

Mr. McNern feels Ontario could increase its corn production 50 to 100 per cent and have little affect on the price.

He pointed out United States supplies 47 per cent of the corn produced in the world while Canada only provides one per cent, with

most of its corn coming from Ontario.

Mr. McNern emphasized the importance that Ontario only grows two per cent of

what the United States produces. This means "the extra corn we produce has very little affect on market (continued on page 5)

Mac Plans Seminar On Nanticoke

A conference entitled "Information Nanticoke" will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 21, at 2 o'clock in the Ewart Angus Theatre of the Health Sciences Centre under the sponsorship of the Business Advisory Council of McMaster's Faculty of Business.

It is expected to attract educationalists, businessmen and politicians anxious to update themselves on what is being done in the development of a new city in the Nanticoke area, which in the near future will become one of the major

steel-making centres of the continent.

Among the informed speakers who will discuss matters in their particular areas of concern will be Hon. John White, Minister of Treasury, Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs of the Province of Ontario; Mr. A.D. Fisher, Vice-President, Engineering, Planning, Research and Development, The Steel Company of Canada; Mr. John McCombs, Chairman, Haldimand-Norfolk Region; and Mr. Robert B. Taylor,

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