

## Friends 'n' Neighbours

Saying hello from Kansas, by way of phone, was one of the pleasant greetings to the Sider parents at Christmas from their daughter, Mrs. Austin Heise.

The family of Mrs. Ruby Bartlett of Hagersville had New Year's dinner in the Cheapside Hall.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cox of Selkirk had their Christmas dinner at the Cheapside Hall.

Florence and her brother Bruce Messer of Cheapside shared Christmas dinner with Rev. and Mrs. E.M. Sider, Dec. 29th.

The Glen Lofthouse family of Cheapside had a pleasant surprise when their daughter, Anita, flew home from Montreal Lake Children's Camp, Saskatchewan to share in the Lofthouse family Christmas gathering at the home of Wray Lofthouse and Mrs. Lofthouse of Courtland.

Miss Vida Burns, R.N. of Selkirk enjoyed having her three nieces from Toronto and Delhi cousins, Mrs. Columbus and Earline, for Christmas dinner, December 22. An unusual surprise for them when a call came from Buckingham Palace saying "hello" to auntie Vida and a chat all around with her guests. No, it wasn't the queen. It was one of the servants, an old time friend of the family.

Mrs. Nellie Schwyer of Cheapside shared Christmas Day and dinner with her sister Winnie of Erie.

Harley and Anna Ruth Osborne with children were home in Cheapside with her parents over New Year's.

Matoe Borac of Oakville spent New Year's Day with auntie Dora Anderson of Cheapside.

Many old friends and neighbours of Russ and Helen Hare, in this community, joined with friends from many areas in an Open House at their home in Port Dover, Sunday afternoon to extend well wishes on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schwyer had Christmas dinner at the home of their

daughter Diane and Jim McKeen of Jarvis.

Bishop Roy Sider of Sherston, Ontario was guest speaker Sunday night at B.I.C. Church. He gave a report on the world congress of Evangelism which he attended in Lousanne, Switzerland.

The United Church, Cheapside is featuring a speech on Friday evening, 8:15 p.m. with Miss Leota Werner, former missionary to Trinidad as guest speaker. She will be showing slides of her work there.

Mr. Donald Nichol and friend returned from Jerusalem in time to spend Christmas and New Year's with his parents.

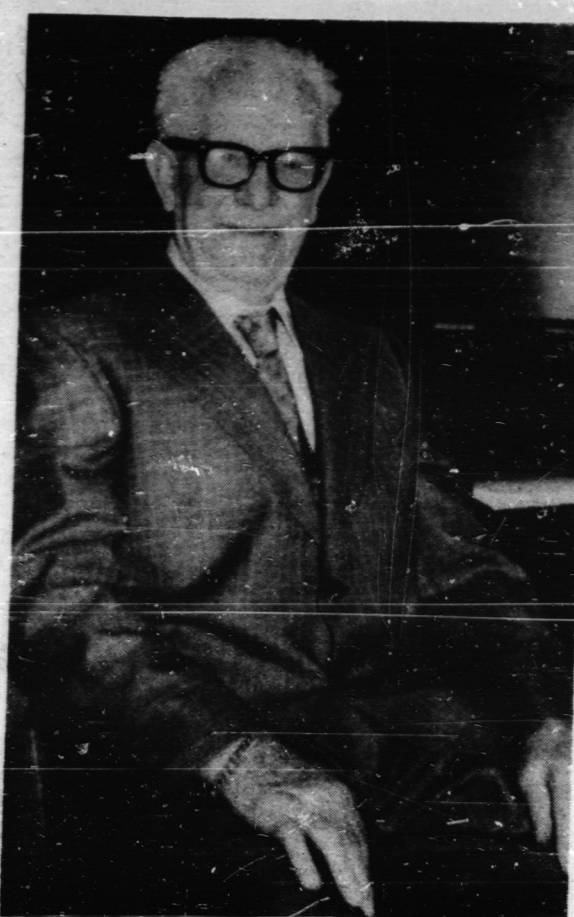
"Friends extend get-well wishes to Rev. Adam Thomson, minister of St. Andrew's, Hagersville - Admitted early January to Henderson Hospital. No visits but lots of cards and get-well prayers."

Rev. "Will" McLeod (formerly of St. John Church, Hamilton, now staff for Hamilton-Wentworth Welfare Service) is supply preacher while Mr. Thomson convalesces.

Miss Tracy and Pamela Newton returned to their home in Millington, Tenn., after spending their Christmas holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. A.L. Miller in Jarvis and Toronto.

New District Secretary of Niagara Region Canadian Bible Society, Rev. Blaine Thierry, B.A. will be in the area this week to make himself acquainted with the contact people and clergy of the churches that have been a constant and loyal support of the work of translating, publishing and distributing the Scriptures.

Rev. Mr. Thierry will be conducting services for Chalmers' Stone Church on Hwy. 3 five miles east of Jarvis (10 a.m.) and at Knox Church, Jarvis (42 Main St. N. 11 a.m.). One of the latest motion pictures of the work of the Bible Society will be shown during the Church School sessions, following the Chalmers' service.



Allen Smelser (staff photo)

## Enjoy Tour Of Castle

Nearly 50 Triple F members, children and family friends toured the majestic and picturesque Dundurn Castle in Hamilton on Saturday evening, December 28.

This most interesting tour was arranged by Secretary Ted Heinrichs and President A. Esselment as the Christmas Family Night event for Triple F members.

Cars arrived at the scenic structure with all being greeted in the large Assembly Hall on the ground floor.

Groups of 10 to 12 were each taken on a tour by guides dressed in costume appropriate to early 1800's.

Period Christmas decorations adorned the magnificent entrance hall and the majestic curved staircase. Christmas trees were decorated with handmade trimmings, together with assorted homemade cookies hanging to the boughs. The guides provided detailed information on all levels of the Castle.

The Ground Floor, which contained a beautiful Drawing Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, and a large table attractively

set for 20 guests, the MacNab Arms Restaurant, Library, etc. On the Second Floor, the members visited such stately rooms as the Nursery, School Room, the interesting Dundurn Museum, Sick Room, Lady MacNab's bedroom, Sir Allan's bedroom, etc.

While touring the Basement floor, such interesting features as the fireproof vault for Sir Allan's documents, the large box stove furnace that heated the air in a brick-lined chamber, the spacious kitchen with seasonal baking and decorations displayed, and the well room where can be seen evidence of the original home built by Richard Beasley. Following a social time in a nearby restaurant everyone departed home to Hagersville.

INCREASED COSTS

In spite of increasing demands upon staff, volunteers and financial resources (there has been an increase of over 80% in the last three years alone), the March of Dimes has never knowingly refused service to a disabled adult in need.

## TRAVEL REPORTER

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## Don't Drink Secret Of Longevity

The secret to longevity is abstaining from alcohol, says Jarvis senior citizen Allen Smelser.

And since he will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Sunday, January 26, he should know. Good clean living and exercise help to keep you healthy, he told the Record.

The elderly gent, who himself enjoys robust health, sound mind and reasonably good mobility with the aid of a cane, walks downtown almost every day to collect his mail, buy groceries or deal at the bank.

A member of the Jarvis Senior Citizen Club and an Oddfellow for 68 years, Mr. Smelser was born in 1885 in Rainham Township to Fred and Milly Anne Smelser.

He attended the Rainham-Walpole school north of Selkirk (since destroyed) until grade 4 and then quit to work on his father's farm.

At 21 he married Mary Heike and a year later rented his own farm.

After working on the land for two years, he joined the staff of Dominion Gas and stayed there for 40 years till his retirement.

Mr. Smelser told the Record he rode around in a horse and buggy when he was first married but bought a car while working for the gas company. His first was a 1915 Ford complete with foot pedals and brass radiator. And it travelled 40 miles an hour.

Retired and residing in Selkirk, Mr. Smelser married his second wife, Nellie Raynard, in 1950.

Seven years ago, he wed his third wife, Florence Porter and moved to Jarvis. She is no longer living.

Mr. Smelser has seven children - Doris Swarts, Ina Cummins, Lena Field, Freda Fletcher, Helen Armont, Grant and Whitmore. A third son, Glen, is dead.

His family totals 104 with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Smelser said from 1950 on he has been the years of his life "because I seemed to get along pretty good then."

Besides getting out in the fresh air, he spends his time watching television - "Ironsides and all that stuff", and cooking his own meals - "they're good enough for myself."

"I don't read very much 'cause my eyes aren't as good as they used to be," he added.

Mr. Smelser is glad to see Stelco and Texaco coming into the area. "It might improve things around here and build the town up." And he says he's looking forward to seeing more people around here.

"There's a lot of people I don't know now yet, but I guess I'll get to know them after awhile," he said.

Mr. Smelser's family will be celebrating his birthday with an Open House in the Oddfellows Hall from 2 to 5 on Sunday, January 26.

## Two New Teachers At Jarvis P.S.

Two new teachers joined the staff of the Jarvis Public School at the beginning of the new year.



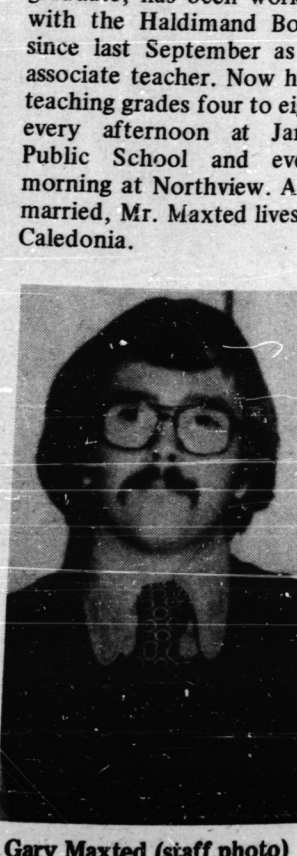
Brenda Johnston (staff photo)



Brenda Johnston, a University of Guelph (B.A.) and University of Toronto (B.E.) graduate, is teaching grades four and five at the school.

Mr. Johnston has just moved to the Simcoe area from Oshawa where she was working last term.

Gary Maxted, a York University (B.A.) and Brock College of Education graduate, has been working with the Haldimand Board since last September as an associate teacher. Now he is teaching grades four to eight every afternoon at Jarvis Public School and every morning at Northview. Also married, Mr. Maxted lives in Caledonia.



Gary Maxted (staff photo)

## Cabinet Shuffle?

There has been some speculation 'round and about' Queen's Park that Premier Bill Davis will reshuffle his cabinet this month.

One of the names mentioned for a possible change is John White, minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs. He has been closely tied with many changes in Haldimand-Norfolk, including the implementation and financing of regional government, purchase of two satellite city sites and predictions on how many people will be where by when.

While there are quite often some benefits in bringing in "new blood", H-N may also run into the problem of trying to collect on verbal promises made by one minister from another.

One of Mr. White's convictions - there is no reason why houses can't be on a city site within 30 months - is already in jeopardy. Ministry of Government Services officials said late in December they were leasing back land in the Township city where initial development could take place for three to five year periods. And two years advance notice is required before eviction of the tenants.

What with the planning, building and servicing required, it seems even less possible now for houses to be in Township in 30 months - if regional councillors select the Jarvis site for development.

A cabinet shuffle? ... Well, maybe.

## Thin Line Between Life And Death - Ice

There's a thin line between life and death. It is called ice. Every winter people drown because they crash through ice surfaces on ponds, lakes and rivers. Tiny tots venture onto the first fragile glaze; adults take cars and snowmobiles far from shore; teenagers become impatient to start the skating season.

The Red Cross Water Safety Service has some timely tips for winter ice safety. Talk them over with your family at supper tonight. It's a discussion that could save a life.

Ice should be at least four inches thick for skating and eight inches thick for snowmobiling.

Weather conditions with alternate freezing and thawing weakens ice structure. Air bubbles form in the ice and it becomes "rotten".

Sun shining through ice onto sand is reflected back up, weakening and undersees.

If someone breaks through, stay back from the hole. Lie down flat and use a pole, tree branch, hockey stick, rope, or windbreakers tied together to extend your reach to help him. Tell him to reach out his arms as far over the ice surface as he can to kick hard with his feet to get his body horizontal. The momentum of the kicking will help inch his body out of the hole and onto the ice surface. You can pull him to safety. Be sure he stays flat on the ice to distribute his weight. Get him warm as quickly as possible. Report the accident to the police in order to prevent the same thing happening to other people.

If you are alone when you break through follow the same procedure. Stay as flat as you can while you edge toward stronger ice and don't stand up until you are sure it can bear your weight.

Be sure your children understand the hazards of frozen water surfaces in your neighbourhood. Until you know the ice is strong enough, know where they are all the time. Ice is a tremendous attraction, especially to young children.

We hope you enjoy the winter sporting season and remind you to play safe.



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## ON THE



## FARM FRONT

Winner of the 1974 Haldimand Master Corn Grower Competition was Don Forbes, Caledonia. A wrist watch was presented at he recent Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Annual Meeting by Roy Turner of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Cayuga.

The machine harvested yield at the Forbes farm was 106 bushels per acre. Max

Ricker, Dunnville, was runner-up with a 99 bushel yield. Other high yield corn competition awards were presented at Corn Night held in Dunnville last November. Leo Elgersma, Cayuga, was the major winner. Because of harvest conditions at the time, all Master Grower entries were not harvested for the presentation to be made at Corn Night.

Winner of the 1974 High Yield Wheat Competition was Grant Temple, Selkirk, with a yield of 53 bushels per acre. This again was a machine harvested yield. High yield award in the Barley Competition went to Wayne Burgess with 68 bushels per acre according to the hand sampled results. Runner-up with about 64 bushels was Otto Crone, Hagersville.

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Ron Cocking, Fisherville, advises that an information meeting on marketing farm products is to be held at Haldimand Agricultural Centre, Kohler, on January 15. Proceedings get under way at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Copies of Publication 540 - the Ontario Farm Record Book are available at the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. These still provide a most excellent record keeping system. For those who wish analysis of farm records the service continues to be available.

For farmers who wish to take advantage of what the computer can do in record keeping the CANFARM system is available. A limited number of new Canfarm participants will be enrolled through the local agriculture office on a first come first served basis.

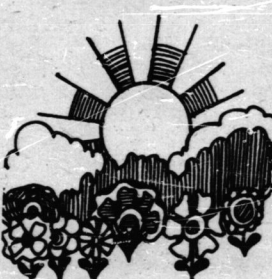
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Coming Events include a Farmers' Week program at Ridgetown, January 13 to 17 and the O.A.C. Agricultural Conference 75, January 13 to 15. The Haldimand Holstein Club banquet is scheduled for Friday, January 17.

## With Pen In Hand

the window, over there in the wall, have you ever sat, and looked out it or inside, what have you, both sides - wonder how much it has seen in its time, it has two visions, as it watches both ways, inside and out, much the same as water in that sense, take a look at the other side, wonder though, what's on the very middle, the centre depth of the window, does it have another angle of vision it's so difficult to understand, if we look at ourselves we can only see one way and imagine the other, as for our inner most, our emotions, love and hate, what visions can you see, it's up to you. oh my, it's started to rain again, makes it look as if the windows have begun to cry, now it seems I'm crying too, as I wipe the tears away.

## Weather



Mild weather will probably continue until Saturday when we may receive some snow flurries according to the Simcoe Weather Station.

Thursday's forecast calls for a fair and mild day with the high temperatures near 40 and lows in the middle 30's.

Friday should be cloudy with a chance of rain. Again the high will be near 40 and low in the middle 30's.

Saturday is to be cooler with some flurries. The high is expected to range from 30 to 35 and the low near 25.

By Dan Barilla

## Counter Clockwise

FEBRUARY 2, 1939

Butt's Bakery, under the management of Charles Butts, formerly of Port Dover, opened for business in Jarvis Wednesday.

J.B. McKenzie, veteran head of the Walpole Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was re-elected president for his 21st term.

Walpole's oldest citizen, Mrs. Mary Mattice, will reach her 101st birthday next Tuesday, February 8th.

Not since the horse and buggy days has there been such a demand for overnight accommodation as was experienced in Jarvis Monday night.

A blinding snowstorm that prevailed all day set up a barricade of drifts at the northern limits of the village and all traffic from the west going to Hamilton was stopped there.

In addressing the House of Commons, Mark Senn, MP for Haldimand County, expressed the belief that if the farmer could be assured of prices which were commensurate with the cost of efficient production, our unemployment problem would gradually disappear.

FEBRUARY 16, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. McCarter celebrated their 56th anniversary.

David McBride was successful in his bid for reevehip in Jarvis over Harold Jamieson. Councillors Ernest Craddock, Roy Fields, Elson Held and Ivan Smelser were also elected.

The Haldimand Association for Retarded Children was formed at a meeting in the Fisherville Community Hall on Monday night.

Kenneth Parkinson and Edward Montague were elected reeve and deputy-reeve in Walpole.

JANUARY 15, 1959

Keith Lysch, Hagersville High School student, gave an interesting description of a recent trip to Mexico at the meeting of the Jarvis Lions Club on Monday night.

The entertainment committee of the Jarvis Lions Club has decided the faithful patrons of the Jarvis Minstrel Show deserve a change of scenery. This year when the annual event takes place there will be no black faces on stage, as has been customary in the past.

The faces will be colored, however, and believe it or not, the color chosen is green.

JANUARY 22, 1959

The demon fire caused damage in excess of \$100,000 in the Village of Jarvis last weekend. The General Motors Garage, owned by Lundy and Henderson, was completely destroyed on Saturday afternoon when fire broke out in the paint and body shop and spread rapidly throughout the building.

Early the next morning, the alarm sent the firemen to the Jarvis Bowl which was also completely destroyed.