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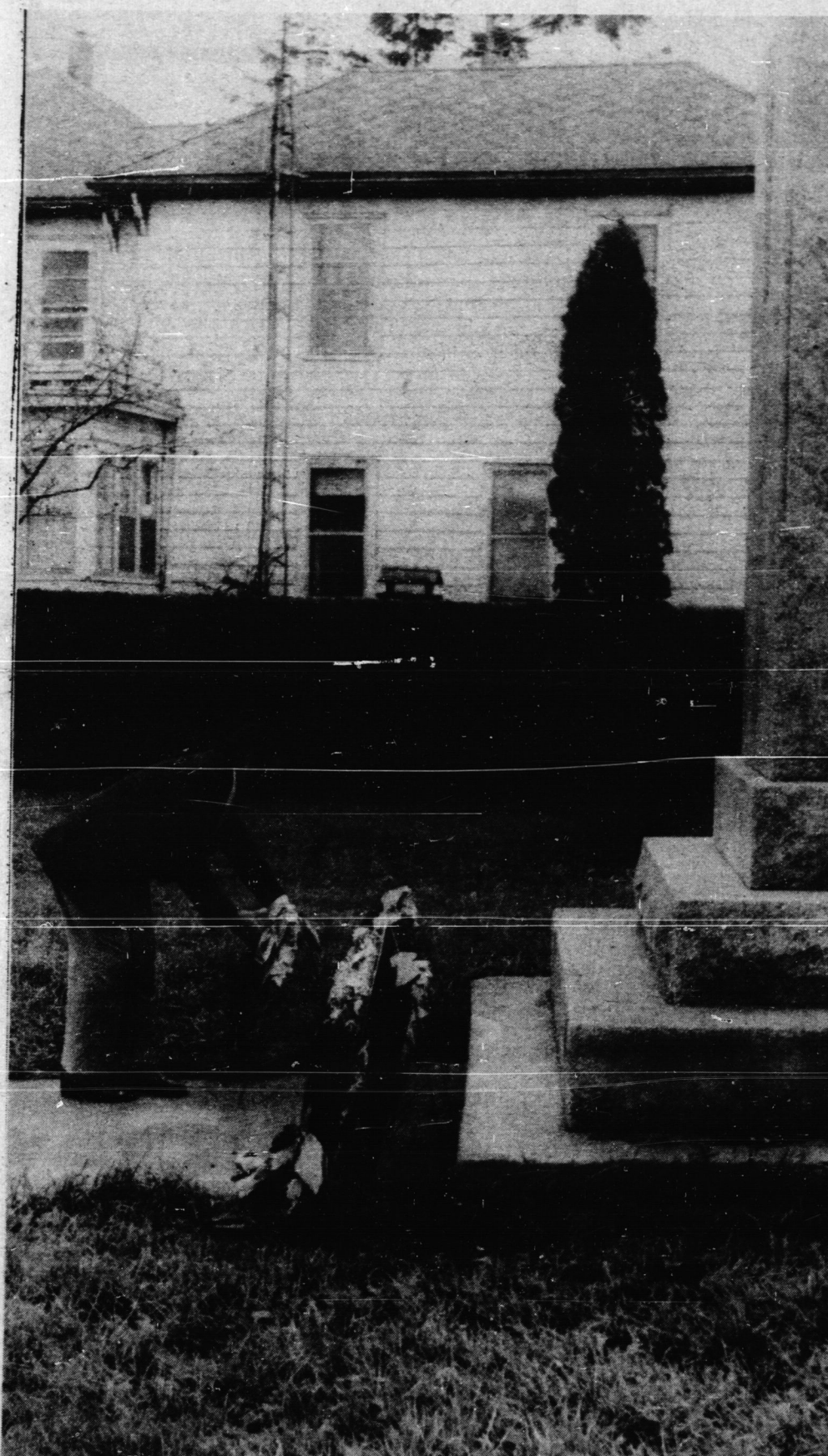
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## REMEMBRANCE



Charles Rolison lays a wreath for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Port Rowan during Remembrance

Services held in Port Rowan.

## Tobacco Board

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board was assured yesterday that tobacco buying companies will explore to see what they can do to immediately resolve the present marketing problem.

Tobacco board chairman George Demeyre said assurance was given that the guaranteed minimum average price of 94 cents per pound for the 1975 crop will be honored.

Representatives of the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturing Council meeting at the request of the board said they appreciate and recognize the producers concern over present market conditions.

The farmers reaction, to the slow start in prices, has been a high rejection rate of the tobacco that is brought in for sale. So far only 10,424,520 pounds of tobacco have been

sold in the three auction exchanges. The average price thus far is \$86.48.

Mr. Demeyre said that the result on the market will determine whether or not the meeting has been a success.



## Public Input NEEDED

We had better get used to urban development whether we like it or not ... according to Norman Pearson, professor of social sciences, University of Western Ontario.

At a November 5-meeting in Cayuga before an audience of about 30 persons, Mr. Pearson spoke of urbanization and industrialization, and the effects on the people of Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Municipality. This was the third of an eight-part series of seminars being sponsored by Fanshawe College, Niagara College, McMaster University, Mohawk College and the University of Western Ontario.

He pointed out that "if local people do not use the local regional councils, then they should expect to have things thrust upon them by the Province. For, 'Decisions will be made anyway.' He blamed the resistance to change on a philosophy held by many people which he referred to as the 'religion of no-growth.'"

Mr. Pearson stressed that "each and every acre of land" is to be considered for its potential-even the future greenbelt areas. Although perpetual studies are taking place, non-committal, on the part of the groups conducting the studies, is apparent, and "we cannot look to the rest of the world with regard to some form of stabilization."

He told the audience that we must also give thought to newcomers to this area: "What kind of setting would they like to live in?" He then explained that he, too, had been an immigrant to this country, and was therefore able to understand their particular needs.

Mr. Pearson stated further that the job of planning is open to options .. and planning calls for "strategic thinking -- almost like planning a war."

"Change is unavoidable."

He added that the forces of change are global and these are not unlike the changes which took place in Western Europe some 200 years ago.

Warning that there will be "rocky years ahead for major capital investments," Mr. Pearson emphasized that energy and resources are of utmost relevance.

A question arose from the floor concerning the possible uprooting of local residents who have encountered undesirable conditions created by the new Stelco site: "Why should people have to move?" Mr. Pearson answered that alternatives would have to be sought, and then he pointed out that "planning is far too dangerous to be left to professional planners."

Still further, in answer to another question from the floor regarding closed committee meetings by council members, Mr. Pearson said that he is in favor of closed committee meetings: "Open committee meetings are a way to make the public look ridiculous." Furthermore, they (the council members) should hold as many "closed meetings as they need to debate" privately. And the public is still protected by the open council meetings held twice a month.

Mr. Pearson said that other locations in Canada had been looked at--considered for industrialization--and discarded. South-western Ontario has the ideal environment needed for growth. But he warned that this area too, could see industries pulling out-even after industrialization has begun.

The social sciences Professor said that the planners are aware that new social problems arise along with changes, and that the planning must give thought to all phases of change. Housing is one of major problem-areas -- despite the plans to accommodate the population expansion--growth in population may accelerate at a faster pace than required building can take place.

Mr. Pearson said that public input is not only desirable--but is needed--to help formulate plans which will take the needs of all into consideration because the change is thrust upon us: "The people in the area have no choice" but to go along with the changes.

## United Way

The United Way campaign is nearing its goal of \$105,323. About \$56,000 has been collected thus far.

The 56% of the goal came from various sources; the Rent-A-Kid group is one such source, money collected from the rural areas has been very good; and the clergymen have contributed more than ever before, according to a campaign spokesman.

The greatest problem encountered has been that people seem to feel that the money is being wasted on administration - this area has only one paid person, Diana Thornton, who is taking care of the administrative workload.

Mrs. Thornton says that, "money is starting to flow now."

## Paul Kidd Comment

Some people claim that abuse of alcohol is a greater threat than homosexuality.

It's an interesting observation, but I do not agree.

Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police say that Hamilton streets have been hit by a homosexual explosion. The police say there has been an "alarming rise" in gross indecency and indecent acts by men.

I realize that a lot of persons cannot help being homosexuals or bisexuals because of a quirk of nature. But while some Canadians recognize this and are inclined to be tolerant, there is the danger of allowing homosexuals to impose their style of life upon others.

I wonder if the defenders of homosexuals have given any thought to the countless innocent young Canadians who have been corrupted by these smooth-talking sexual parasites... and I am thinking particularly of teenagers in Ottawa who were recently lured into a male prostitution ring to satisfy the deviant urges of adult men.

I am glad that Hamilton-Wentworth police are clamping down on homosexuals.

Abuse of alcohol is certainly a cause for concern. But homosexuality and bisexuality are viruses which rot society. Bisexuality has destroyed countless marriages.

Sexual perversion brought about the downfall of Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece. It should not be allowed to do the same to modern society.

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The above commentary was delivered last week on Channel 11 by CHCH-TV news commentator Paul Kidd.

-Editor