



V for Victory! Norman Walpole, new NDP candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk makes the victory sign with Jim Schneider, candidate for Brant-Norfolk.

## Walpole - NDP candidate

By Trisha Banks

Norman Walpole, 38-year-old principal of South Walpole School, was elected NDP candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk in the coming provincial election.

Mr. Walpole was elected at the NDP nominating convention held in Simcoe last week.

In his victory speech, Mr. Walpole expressed concern over the fact that "agricultural soil is being squandered at the alarming rate of over 40 acres per hour in Ontario." Mr. Walpole called for an Official Land Use Plan for Ontario.

Speaking up for farmers, Mr. Walpole said "The farmer's portion of the consumer's food dollar has dwindled from 60c 20 years ago to 35c today. The farmer still is not protected from the boom and bust cycle. Net farm income in

1973 was \$7,900. In 1974 it was down to \$6,200 — a drop of \$1,700 in a year — yet the Ontario agriculture minister had the audacity to tell us that the farmers have been well treated by the Ontario government."

With regard to regional government, Mr. Walpole said, Planning should always come before development, but Davis got it all backwards again. Industry came so planning was needed... The costs to run local government on my home in 1973 were \$250. In 1974, between Queen's Park and I, we paid \$744. I dread the day when the transitional grants end."

Mr. Walpole ran federally in the last election as a candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk riding. He has been a teacher for 21 years and a principal at South Walpole for the past five.

says, "I found the last federal election campaign quite enjoyable. Any disappointment was short-lived. I think if a person sees something they are concerned about, one of the ways to change it is to get involved."

Mr. Walpole said that Haldimand-Norfolk is still basically a conservative riding, but that, "the dissatisfaction with Davis may pull some votes on to our side. It seems to me that discontent is running very high and the key issue is regional government."

Mr. Walpole plans to campaign somewhat differently in this coming election. "I think I will be more aggressive. I was somewhat hesitant the first time because I had never been out before, but I intend to campaign much more forcefully and vigorously this year."

## 250 protest road closing

By Richard Houghton

Three representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources failed to impress local residents with their reasons for closing the roads into Turkey Point last Wednesday night.

More than 250 people attended the meeting which was called by Delhi Township council, and indicated that they didn't want roads closed.

The ministry was represented by Robert McGee, district manager of the Natural Resources Branch, Simcoe; Paul Strassburger, parks and recreation director for the Simcoe region, and Robert Thompson, a planner for the ministry.

Mr. McGee said because

the roads were open and divided the park into five sections it limited any future planning for the park.

Mr. Thompson said there were four main reasons for closing the roads. Rowdiness and vandalism, the anticipated marked increase of use of the park, protection of the land and so that land base could be fully utilized were the reasons given.

"Access control is management control. We now have five entrances to control instead of just one. Last year we spent \$1,000 repairing and replacing park equipment," he said.

Mr. McGee said the ministry had looked at many proposals and it was felt that closing the roads

was the best one. As an alternate route he proposed a road be constructed from the Five Corners past the fish hatchery and hook up at Normandale.

Residents of Turkey Point were concerned about the hazard that could be caused if only one access road remained to Turkey Point.

Chief Donald Sutherland of the Township of Delhi, said, "The Normandale Road is the road the fire department would use because the old road is impossible to use during parts of the year. If the roads are cut off there will be only one access into Turkey Point."

He told Mr. Strassburger last year a cottage blew up and four people were injured.

"If that had happened on a Sunday afternoon with only one access to the area (continued on page 2)

## Cassidy demands inquiry

By Trisha Banks

Michael Cassidy, MPP for Ottawa Centre, a member of the New Democratic Party, has asked the province to launch a full-scale investigation into the Norfolk situation.

Mr. Cassidy has called for an end to the public auctioning of Norfolk Township road machinery, and said Norfolk Township has bargained in bad faith.

"By accident or by design the Ministry of Transportation and Communication has taken the side of management in a blatant attempt by the Township of Norfolk to break a strike by its 17 roadworkers, members of

CUPE, Local 246, who have been on strike for three weeks," said Cassidy.

"By a curious coincidence, a government which can take three months to answer a routine letter responded favourably within only three days when the Norfolk Township council last Thursday asked for a change from rural to urban municipality status for its road subsidies. Verbal approval was given to the Township this Tuesday and it now intends to auction off its road equipment and contract out its requirements. The Township's roads department is being disbanded and most of the

17 jobs will therefore disappear.

Mayor Jerome VanDeSlyke has admitted publicly that the strike situation in Norfolk brought the matter to a head and led the Township to decide to change to urban status, sell its equipment, and let its men go. But the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has become an accomplice because it held the purse strings so long as Norfolk retained rural status.

Norfolk was created only last year as a lower tier municipality in the region of Haldimand-Norfolk. The quality of its municipal management is open to (continued on page 2)

## Grey addresses TB and RD

By Richard Houghton

Dr. Cameron C. Grey congratulated the Haldimand-Norfolk Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association not only for the amount of money they have raised, but also for the number of activities conducted.

In his message to the annual meeting Dr. Grey outlined the ways funds contributed are put to use.

He defined research as an endeavour to discover facts by scientific study.

"There must be an element of discovery," said Dr. Grey, "this gives a basis to treat patients more successfully, or prevent disease."

"To seek again does have a lot of truth to it," he said. "The causes of many diseases have been looked at again and again. It's likely that most of us expect too much from our research." Dr. Grey went on to

outline different types of research done.

"Undirected basic research is when the researcher makes an observation, and then explores further in any way he sees fit. Systematic research is when research begins with a direct plan of attack against a predetermined cause. Goal

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## 167 permits issued

A total of 167 building permits were issued by the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk during the month of March.

Norfolk Township approved 28 permits, Delhi, 42; Simcoe, 30; Nanticoke, 26; Haldimand, 24; and Dunnville, 17.



Heavy winds caused this barn, located on Highway 3, to collapse last Saturday. The barn is owned by Val Simmons, Courtland.