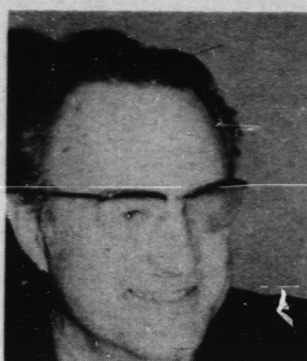


# Political fights erupt at Council

by Trisha Banks  
Delhi Councillor Clare A. Huffman blamed long hours and hunger for bitter altercations and political back-biting that took place at regional council last week.

After a number of name-calling confrontations had taken place, Councillor Huffman suggested they break for lunch as they had become "downright ornery."

The disputes began when Simcoe Mayor Alfred Judd objected to allowing a Planning and Development



Clare A. Huffman  
"downright ornery"  
Committee report of a meeting held just before regional

session, to be read in council. "I object to the planning people bringing things into council that they have just passed this morning, and holding up council for 30 minutes," said Judd. "I am fed up with having this stuff rammed down our throats when we have not had time to properly consider them."

Planning and Development Chairman David Pierson suggested Councillor Judd was just as much at fault for "showing ignorance by appearing at 9:30 a.m. for a

meeting which was to have begun at 9:00 a.m."

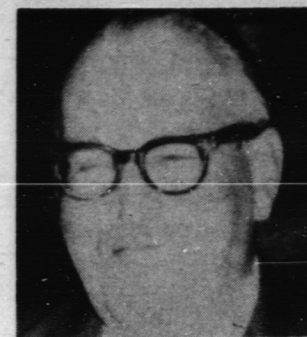


Alf Judd  
"refuses to vote"

Councillor Judd reacted by rearing out of his chair and saying, "I have never called anyone on this council ignorant, and I demand an apology."

Regional Chairman John McCombs stepped in, saying "You have both had your say, let's proceed with business." the report was read, although Councillor Judd refused to vote on the report.

A report on the Townsend Advisory Council meeting which took place last week in Cayuga, was interrupted



John Pow  
"embarrassed"  
when Nanticoke Mayor John Pow attacked the provincial  
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MPP James (Jimmy) Allan left, Ken Green, new President of the Conservative Association, and MP William Knowles, right, congratulate Mrs. Bayley Jones of Caledonia, who celebrated her 88th birthday the day of the meeting, May 22. (Photo by Trisha Banks)

### Conservatives join forces

Ken Green, Simcoe, was elected President at the founding meeting of a new Progressive Conservative Association for Haldimand-Norfolk.

The meeting, which took place at Jarvis Community Centre, drew an attendance of about 125 Conservatives from the region. The meeting was held in order to join the Haldimand Conservatives and Norfolk Conservatives together into "a tighter, more compact association."

Evans Knowles and Bob Whitside, both of Norfolk were elected vice presidents, and Bill Snowden and Donald Duxbury were elected as Haldimand vice president representatives.

Joe Kekes was elected to the position of Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. John Roxburgh, Frank Reid, Carm

Smith, and Frank Ramsey, were appointed as Directors. Two more directors, one from each of the old associations, will be appointed at a later date.

Doug Ryder was elected as Membership Chairman.

In addressing the group, Mr. Duxbury said, "The great strength of the Progressive Conservative Association is its unity." (continued on page 4)

### Harvesters reduce profit

The Ontario Flue-cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board want further research in to the efficiency of mechanical tobacco harvesters before they will consider granting farmers tolerance in acreage to compensate for loss of leaf as a result of using the machines.

The Experimental Tobacco Farm in Delhi will be asked to conduct further research on the mechanical harvesters.

more tobacco leaves when they harvest with the machines than they do when they pick by hand. They are seeking permission to grow more tobacco to make up for the loss.

Use of the automatic harvesters was started in 1974 and Board Chairman Ted Raytrowsky said that on a one year basis they were nothing consistent enough in the figures to come to a concrete conclusion about the amount of loss.

Farmers say they loose.

### Health unit association defunct

The health unit staff association in Haldimand-Norfolk is now defunct, according to both regional council and the Haldimand-Norfolk Board of Health.

Health unit employees will now be treated just like any other regional employee without a union.

Chairman of the Social Services committee, John Roxburgh, says time has run out for the health unit employees. Collective agreement between the health board and employee association expired January 1, and the date up to which binding arbitration could be imposed, April 10, is now almost two months old.

Since binding arbitration was not imposed before the April 10 date, regional council and the board of health state that the association is no longer in existence.

Regional councillors voted to give the employee association a 12 per cent pay hike, although the association had earlier turned down a 13 per cent offer. It is no longer a question of offering the association a pay raise, it is

a statement of what they will receive.

Councillor Robert Causyn told council he was opposed to the \$400 increment that was payable to each employee who had

### Local Improvement

By Richard Houghton

George MacLellan of the Ontario Housing Action Program explained to Delhi council Monday night, the procedures and ramifications of the Local Improvement Act.

According to Mr. MacLellan the act permits almost any type of hard services to be installed or up-graded by means of the municipality paying a share and the abutting property owners and any other district beneficiary paying a share. The municipality looks after the financing.

Mr. MacLellan recommends to municipalities that owners and the township share on a 50-50 basis the cost of curbs and pavement, sidewalks, storm sewers, and streetlights.

an anniversary between June 1 and December 31.

"I find myself opposed to the increment system," said Causyn. "An increment is a bad thing. People don't regard it as a raise, but as something that does and should come to them automatically."

Councillor Clare A. Huffman said, "Increment has always been a debatable point."

Councillor Lorna Miller told council, "I do not agree with the increment system because it does not concur with regional policy, and I would certainly like to see some continuity throughout the region."

The employees are also to receive a \$300 lump sum settlement instead of retroactive pay for the time between the expiration of the collective agreement and June 1 when the new salaries will take effect.

Roy Whitehead, Chairman of the Finance and Administration

Committee, told councillors that the \$300 sum was small compared to what they would have got had they been working the entire time at the increased salary.

Councillor Keith Shay objected to the \$300 sum, saying, "We are giving them \$300 for the time between January and May 31 when the contract had not even expired."

### Trudeau to visit region

Prime Minister Trudeau will be among the special guests attending the annual Norfolk-Haldimand Liberal Association fund raising fish fry on June 7 at the Summer Gardens in Port Dover.

Don Murphy of Delhi, vice-president of the association, said today Mr. Trudeau's office in Ottawa has confirmed that the prime minister will attend.

Mr. Trudeau will arrive at 5 p.m. and will leave at 7 p.m.

### Noise pollution bothers resident

"Even though a street has been closed off, and dead end signs posted, traffic noise is still a problem for some residents of Turkey Point."

Glenn Ferris, of 2 Main St., better known as Lakefront Road in Turkey Point, made a presentation to Township of Delhi council last Monday night explaining the problem he has with cars turning around in his driveway.

Past the home of Mr. Ferris, Lakefront Road is a dead end. There is a sign up, but cars still come down the road, so far and the bulk of them end up turning around in his driveway.

"Cars have always turned around there," said Mr. Ferris. "I didn't used to mind it, but there seems to be much more traffic this year than ever before."

"They wheel in there and try and see how short they can wheel around. They are not content to just turn around, but they have to

show off, spin their wheels, and make noise."

Mr. Ferris told council, "You gentlemen may come down to my house in Turkey Point on a Sunday evening, and sit in my living room. You think some of them are going to crash right into the house."

Mr. Ferris compared the May traffic in Turkey Point this year with the July traffic of other years.

He suggested to Delhi council that a larger dead-end sign and perhaps a no-exit sign might help the situation.

Roads Superintendent, Dennis Rogerson commented that he thought that there have already been some arrangements made to have a larger dead end sign erected.

Mayor Fred Peacock explained to Mr. Ferris that the situation was a matter for the Department of Public Works to discuss.

"I think council now realizes your problem," said Mayor Peacock.