

Vanastra Voicings

By Diane Black

The Hospital Action meeting, sponsored by the Vanastra Community Association, which was held on Friday, February 27th, at the Vanastra Recreation Centre, attracted few people, although this was anticipated in view of the large attendance in Clinton on Tuesday, February 17th.

The objective of the Community Association was to draw any rural or local residents who were unable to attend the meeting in Clinton and 51 concerned citizens showed up for a very lively meeting.

The chairman for the meeting, Ben Bridges, president of the Vanastra Community Association, gave the opening address in which he drew a strong parallel of the current situation to that of the Second World War, "when the enemy came knocking at the door threatening the very lives of friends and loved ones, the general reaction was NOT of apathy but one of instant retaliation and continued pressure against the aggressors until final Capitulation.

"The situation here is not similar BUT identical and unless citizens set their objections and observations down in letter form and send them on to the Premier and other members of the Legislature, week after week after week, even if our hospital is closed, it is this continuing pressure that will compel the Government to accede or capitulate."

The panel, consisting of Mayor Don Symons, Jack Riddell, Doug Coventry, Dr. Harrett, Elgin Thompson, Roy Wheeler and Ben Bridges, opened the discussions with personal views and the approaches that they felt should be made. Jack Riddell, Liberal member for Huron-Middlesex, in reply to criticism of the Liberal

Leader and his apparent sympathy with the Government, stated that the Leader had assured him personally of his support for the Hospital Action Groups.

The Wintario Draw came under criticism from the floor, in respect of the funds it has available and the apparent lack of priorities in its distribution with the Hospital crises as it is.

A further suggestion that the Wintario draw be replaced by a hospital lottery was not greeted with enthusiasm by the panel due to the fact that lotteries are too big a gamble to be permanently applied to financing of health care. The hospitals could most probably be run more efficiently and at reduced budget levels within the present tax structure. It was felt that should additional financing be necessary, this could be raised quite effectively from increased taxation on luxury items, particularly those items constituting health hazards.

The proposed mass demonstration at Queen's Park did not meet with Mr. Riddell's full approval, the reason being that in the past when the Premier has been called upon to speak to a gathering, he could not be heard and consequently this lack of respect for his office weakens the case being demonstrated.

A suggestion by Mayor Symons that the minister of agriculture be lobbied for support was greeted with great enthusiasm.

It was made painfully obvious that the closure of Clinton Hospital is a calamitous situation and that all people must be made aware of the fact that there are precious few beds, if any, available for us within a radius of fifty miles.

A bed pan collection of \$68. was donated to the Action Committee who expressed their appreciation of our

support. It cannot be emphasized enough the importance of writing letters to the Government, protesting the closure of our hospital. This must be done on a continuous basis in order that the Government can see that the citizens are not about to let this matter slowly die. Form letters and addresses are available from Mrs. Pat Bridges at 482-7910. Please make every effort to do your share - your life may depend on it.

Mailboxes relocated

The Vanastra Community Association regrets the inconvenience caused by the relocation of the mailboxes formerly situated on the empty site near Conestoga College.

The present owner of the property, through its agent, a resident of Vanastra, advised that the location of these boxes were an inconvenience to him and requested their relocation. There is some doubt as to whether they were in fact on property other than that of Townships, and as soon as the site has been resurveyed these mailboxes will be returned to Township property at the same location and properly cemented into a permanent location.

Bean producers sell 362,100 cwt.

The Ontario Bean Producers Marketing Board manager Charles Broadwell announced last week that the board sold 362,100 hundredweight bags of beans to domestic and foreign markets last week at prices of \$25.50 and \$24.50.

Mr. Broadwell said the price of beans had been fluctuating at various levels over the past few months but beans hadn't been selling. The board decided to lower the price in order to move some of the 1975 bean crop. "I'm sure the individual bean producers were looking for a higher price," said Mr. Broadwell, "so I'm not sure whether the sale is good news or not."

He said the price was above the average received by the bean producers last year but lower than the \$35.00 per



Lawn King waves goodbye to her Brownie friends in the First Vanastra Brownie Pack as she flies up to the 1st Vanastra Girl Guide Company. The Brownie fly-up took place last Thursday, February 26, at the Vanastra Christian Reformed Church. (News-Rec. photo)

Goderich Twp. adjusts salaries

The road crew in Goderich Township received salary adjustments at the February meeting of Goderich Township Council held February 16.

The road superintendent will be paid \$12,500 per annum plus an allowance of 15 cents per mile for use of his personal truck when on township business.

The two operators hired by the township will be paid \$5.25 per hour for a 45 hour week with no fringe benefits. Overtime may be accumulated and taken off at additional holidays at the discretion of the road

superintendent. Overtime, however, cannot be carried forward to the current calendar year.

A building permit was approved for F. DeJong to erect a saw mill. Council also agreed with the plans of John Cox for the development of a residential area adjacent to the VIA subdivision.

Land severance requests were received from Gerald B. Albert, Scjibe, James and Keith Connolly. These applications will be dealt with after questionnaires.

A by-law to impose drainage rates on two owners was passed on third and final reading. The Season's request for a home park was again denied. The clerk was instructed to explain to the residents that the area must be developed urban before a home park could be established.

Community planning director David Davidson was present at the World Day of Prayer services at Goshen on Friday, and the annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 9.

Mr. Charles Presbiter Naicam, Sask. visited with his sister-in-law and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heard and family, and with other relatives in Baynton and Clinton during the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McAsh and family, Mrs. Doug Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morrison and baby were in

Iderton on Sunday for the baptism of Stephen Morrison, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Morrison. Bill and Eleanor also visited in London with Mr. and Mrs. Gary McAsh, Michael and Heather and baby Robert

News of Hensall

by Hilda M. Payne

The World Day of Prayer will be held in Hensall at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Paul Van Esbroeck, who lives one mile south of Hensall, is to be congratulated on winning the public speaking contest sponsored by the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Huron district last week. This won him a trip to the United Nations in New York this summer.

The United Church Service was conducted in Hensall by Rev. Don Beck with Mrs. John Turkheim, organist and choir director. The sermon was on the topic, "How do you keep your enthusiasm? There are three steps, get up, look up and link up, in the Christian Life." Unit 4 will meet on Thursday, March 4. Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday when new members will be welcomed and members of the Session Admitted.

Livestock sales

Supply consisted mainly of heifers and steers, prices were steady. Fat cattle:

heifers \$33-\$40, sales to \$41.25; steers \$41.25-\$43, sales to \$43.25; yearling heifers \$38. Pigs: weanlings \$39.50-\$50; chunks \$54-\$68.50; sows \$210-\$225.50; boars \$34.25 per cwt.

Personals

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Schwalm, Mrs. Daisy Ivey and Mrs. Elizabeth Volland during the past week were Mrs. Vera Johnston and son Jack of Brucefield; Mrs. Irelie Finlayson and Mr. Rich Finlayson of Staffa; Star Jesney and Jo-Anne Jarvis of Exeter; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Taylor of Varna; Mrs. Margaret Thorndyke of Clinton, (Zone Commander of the Area Legion) and Mrs. Genevieve Windover, Mrs. Bona Clark and Mrs. Pam Scotchmer, Wayne and Thomas of town. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Payne of London visited with Mrs. John Alexander and family on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Berdan of Union visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payne on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Devlin of Exeter visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Skea on Sunday.

News of Brucefield

by Mrs. H. F. Berry The IOOF Brucefield Lodge held a successful euchre party on Friday. The prize winners were: ladies' high, Mrs. Margaret Thorndyke; ladies' low, Mrs. Anna Hanev; ladies' lone hands, Mrs. Lorne Wilson; men's high, Mac Wilson; men's low, Mr. W. Hanev; men's lone hands, Greg McGregor. The lucky draw was won by William Rogerson and Ed Godkui.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Layton and Mr. and Mrs. D. Rathwell are on vacation in Texas. We are sorry to report that Brenda Broadfoot is a patient in Seaforth Hospital.

Mr. Mac Wilson visited with Mrs. L. White, Mac and

family in Lucknow on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Reik, Goderich, Mrs. Bev Hill and Mr. and Mrs. David Mustard, Varna were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aldie Mustard on Sunday.

Mr. Aldie Mustard and Mr. Wilfred Chuter, Varna left on Monday, for a holiday in Texas.

Plan to attend Pioneer Sunday Centennial at Brucefield United Church's 100th anniversary on Sunday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m. Wear your centennial dress.

The old village choir will provide music, and a social hour in the church hall will follow.

Come and bring a friend. Former members and friends have been invited.

Goderich Twp. Rec. news

The Goderich Township Recreation committee held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening February 25 with five members and one visitor present.

Letters from the Goderich recreation board and the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association were read and filed for future reference.

Doug Yeo reported that 30 persons had registered for volleyball and stated that a leader for the younger group is urgently needed.

Gerry Ginn said that the sale of tickets for the Goderich township dance at the White Carnation is going well, and anyone having unsold tickets should return them to him by March 13. John Westbrook plans to contact Bill Bogey in Colborne regarding the possibility of a volleyball game.

The highlight of the evening was an interesting presentation given by Heinz Hoernig regarding the Maitland Trail Association which proposes to

build a trail from Goderich to Wingham following the Maitland River. The Association is encouraging hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and nature study, as a form of recreation. The trail will be built mostly on private land through the courtesy of the landowners.

Mr. Hoernig left maps and brochures with our committee which will be helpful in inspiring them to continue the trail on the Goderich Township side of the Maitland.

The election of officers for the following year took place, the results being: president, John Westbrook; vice president, Hazel McCreath; secretary, Joe Fritzeley and press secretary, Audrey Middleton.

The crafts group will finish their sessions on crocheting on Monday, March 2.

On Monday, March 8, they shall be making fake fur flowers and a session on quilt making will begin on the 15th.

A bus trip is also being planned for early April.

Centralia College plans open house

Centralia College of Agricultural technology will be presenting an open house entitled "Activities '76" next Thursday, March 11.

A "Fashion Carnival" will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in room two, Middlesex Hall. From 10:30 to 2 p.m. there will be a live surgery demonstration in the Lecture Hall of the A.H.T. Building.

Nutrition Counselling will be held in room 25 of the Middlesex Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and a square dance demonstration will be held from 11 to 1 p.m. in Huron Hall.

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