

Nov. 14, 1971 Brought Direct Distance Dialing which enables persons to dial their own station to station long distance calls almost anywhere in North America

We have been told that when Mr. Dave Caldwell lived where the Cranstons now live (pt. lot 13. Con 8) that on one 12th of July, in defiance of the Orange Parade, ran up a green flag. It is thought he did it in fun, but the Orangemen riddled it to bits

Our beautiful elm trees are fast disappearing from our landscape as they are dying from what is known as Dutch Elm Disease. Any trees showing signs of the disease should be cut down and destroyed. It takes years for a tree such as the one pictured here to reach maturity and such beauty, where orioles love to build their nests on the graceful swaying branches. Unless scientists are soon able to discover something to combat the disease effectively, the next generation will not know this magnificent work of nature



OMB Turns Down Land Sale Bid ¹⁹⁹² April

That secluded home in the country now is even more of a dream if a government decision made Monday in Thurlow Township is any indication.

Earl Mitchell, owner of 110 acres on the township's seventh concession had his bid to sell a parcel of land to a prospective home builder turned down by an Ontario Municipal Board judge.

The decision marks the first instance in Thurlow of an application reaching the hearing stage. Council for Mr. Mitchell and for the department of municipal affairs met in Cannifton April 4 before OMB vice-chairman W. Shub.

In making his decision, Mr. Shub termed the proposed sale "an isolated random development which would give rise to a permanent residence."

"This," he stated, "is urbanization extending into a rural area."

Government policy deems it unwise to accept applications for rural residences where no official plan exists. Since water and sewage facilities are part and parcel of an official plan, areas serviced by only septic tanks and wells can be ruled out for city-dwellers seeking a rustic retreat.

Such is the situation on Thurlow's seventh concession. The problem there is ac-

centuated by adjacent swamplands which Mr. Shub feared might cause contamination of the water supply.

The problem is likely to re-occur with increasing frequency, township clerk Clare Horton predicted Thursday.

"There are few lots available in the city any more and builders are finding them difficult to obtain," he said.

More hearings are scheduled for the future, some deferred since last fall.

"People sometimes ask who owns a particular parcel of land or they hear about them through friends," said Mr. Horton, explaining some of the country's attractiveness.

The OMB rarely turns down municipality requests once they have been approved by the local Committee of Adjustment. Since 1969, 316 applications for land adjustment have been approved in Thurlow Township against three refusals, and the latter applications were all withdrawn.

Dictating this policy has been the desire "to increase the efficiency of farming operations being carried on," according to Mr. Shub.

April 3 & 4 - Freak snow storm

Oct 21, 1975 - Dec. 2, 1975 -
Dominion-wide Postal strike
- 42 days - involved 23,000 mail handlers. Our rural mail carriers continued to collect mail and deliver the daily paper which came to our Post Office from Belleville by bus or truck.