

In Book I - Memory Lane - reference was made to a familiar community character who was commonly known as "Clippety Clink". It has been learned his real name was Jack Johnston.

1974. New homes are being erected throughout the country.

July 23/74 - Gordon Roy and his son Gary began preparation to build a home for Gary and his bride on the site where Gordon's father lived when he first came to Thurlow to live. Anything of any value was saved from the structure, and with the Thurlow Fire Equipments standing by, the old house was burned. The ground was cleared and a new modern house was erected.

1975. The Metric System was introduced, and although not very popular, we must admit to the fact that North America is about the last of the nations of the world to adopt metric weights and measures.

1976. - January 1 - Seat belts in cars was made mandatory.

March 1, 2, + 3. - The worst sled storm to hit the area in 5 years, accompanied by high winds left roads in a hazardous condition. School buses were cancelled for 3 days. The whole of Southern Ontario was severely hit. There was wind, snow, rain and sled and even thunder storms in some regions.

March 1. As the height of the severe wind, the new house built by Jim Boisvert on the site of the old Maple Leaf School, burned to the ground. Everything was lost in the blaze. Investigations by the Fire Marshall showed the fire to have been the result of the use of aluminum wiring.

In an attempt to cut the cost of Health Care, the Minister of Health for Ontario has ordered some hospitals closed and cutting the use of some beds in others.

March 29 - April 5. - Many of the farms on the south side of the 8th Concession which extend to Mud Cat Lane have been flooded in that area when the Mica River went on a spring rampage.

During the summer Bill Sills, second son of W. Donald Sills, built a new home - W 1/2 lot 15. Con 7.

Feb. 1 - Fred Regensburg took over our mail route left vacant by Frank Emerson

Over the years the young people of this community have always participated in sports. In summer it was baseball and in winter it was hockey. This last few years there has been no rural hockey league which included a team from Bethel Zion although some of our community boys are involved in the sports with other