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## Train Hit Car From Rear At Blanshard Crossing

A St. Marys veterinarian, Dr. Glen Schiedel, Jones St. west, must count himself most fortunate in escaping serious injury when the late model car which he was driving was struck by a CNR freight train at a crossing in Blanshard Township around 3 p.m. Tuesday of this week. The car was completely destroyed by the collision and resultant fire.

Peter Mark, Stratford, engine driver of the freight, said Dr. Schiedel was approaching the crossing, not protected by flashing signals, at a normal rate when he first noticed the car. The driver apparently applied the brakes and the car spun out of control on the icy surface of the township gravel road approach down a slope from the west. Mr. Mark said it was fortunate the engine struck the car at the rear, pushing it along the track some distance before

the train could be halted. Mr. Mark noted it was about the best argument in favour of a return to studded tires that he could imagine.

According to reports, Dr. Schiedel was assisted from the burning wreck of his car by St. Marys Motor Sales proprietor Peter Newton, on a two truck service call in the area, and the rear brakeman on the train, Maurice Dick, Listowel. Dr. Schiedel was taken to St. Marys Memorial Hospital. A report Wednesday morning said the doctor was "as well as can be expected", with no bones broken.

The crossing at which the collision took place is located on the 8th of Blanshard, about five miles west of St. Marys, one mile west of the former No. 7 Highway. St. Marys firemen and ambulance were called to the scene.



**AND THE DRIVER WALKED AWAY!** This picture was taken down-track a few hundred feet from the C.N.R. Sarnia line crossing of the 8th Concession of Blanshard, around 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Dr. Glen Schiedel, Jones St. west, well-known St. Marys veterinarian, escaped the collision with no broken bones and was reported on Wednesday morning "as well as can be expected" in St. Marys Memorial hospital.

## May 16 Start For Downtown Sewer

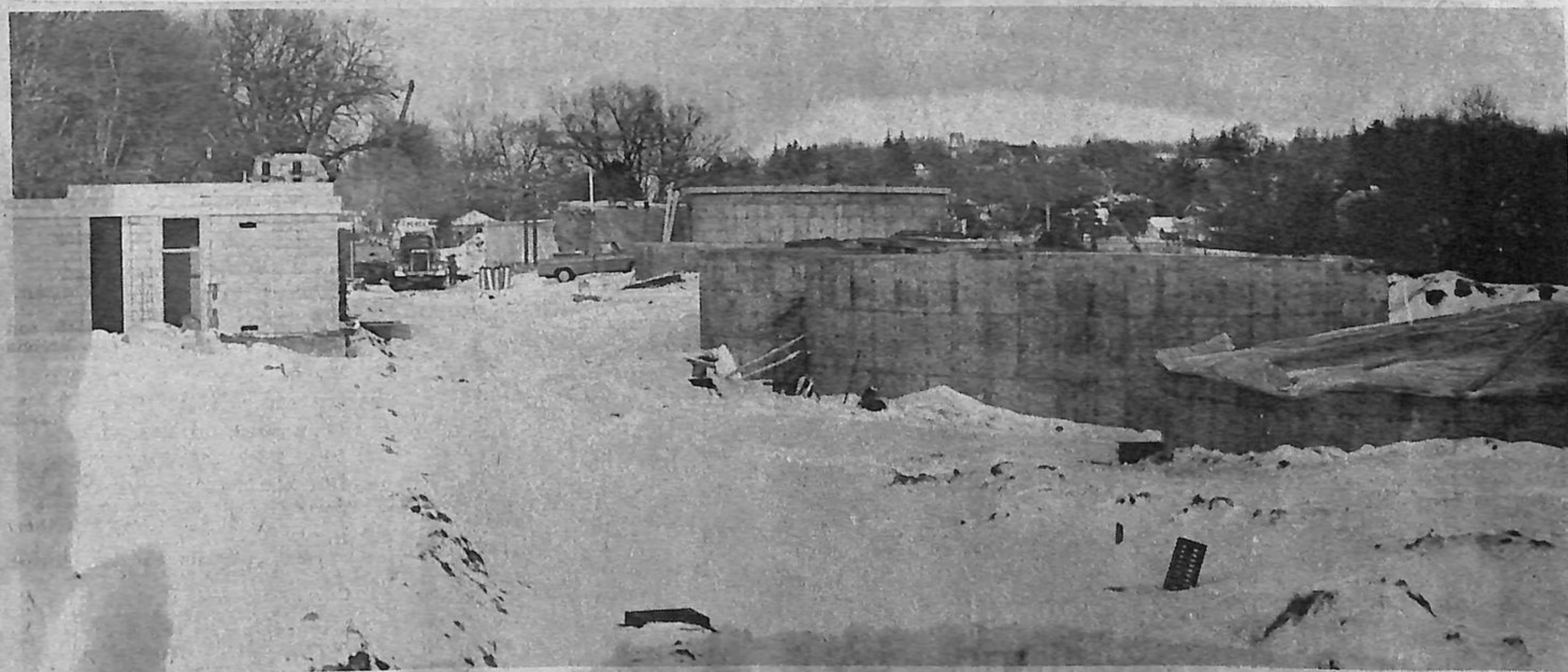
The present anticipated 'start' date for downtown sewage installation is May 16th of this year. This was the word from Proctor & Redfern's project engineer, Bruce Mellar, to town council Tuesday evening. Mr. Mellar said he was attempting to get the date moved ahead, but doubted if many days could be gained ahead of the May 16th date. Construction time, under the contract terms, is six weeks.

E. N. Mroy, also a project engineer with Proctor & Redfern, submitted detailed plans to council for the re-building of downtown sidewalks once the sewage is completed. Councilors appeared united in the belief that this would be the time for special treatment providing the project is financially acceptable. The financial aspect will no doubt hinge on the amount of subsidy paid through government sources on the sidewalks re-construction.

Mr. Mroy was asked to prepare detailed costs on proposed improvements of several different types over and above the standard for downtown Queen plus business portions of Wellington and Water Sts.. It is hoped tenders may be called for the reconstruction of downtown Queen, Queen St. west and James St. north by the middle of April.

In other matters, council gave a definite "no" to a request from the Huron-Perth Roman Catholic Separate School Board for the closure of Peel St. north at the north end of Lot 15. On motion of Coun. Mrs. Doris May and Thos. McGiveron, agreed to the drawing-up of a by-law banning the erection of signs overhanging sidewalks and providing for the removal of said existing signs by Dec. 31st, 1973. Approved installation of an additional street light on Jones St. west.

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**SANITARY DISPOSAL IS A COMPLEX PROCESS** as this recent photo of the St. Marys plant along Thomas St. indicated. The system, worth about a million dollars when completely equipped, is expected to be ready for operation this Fall.