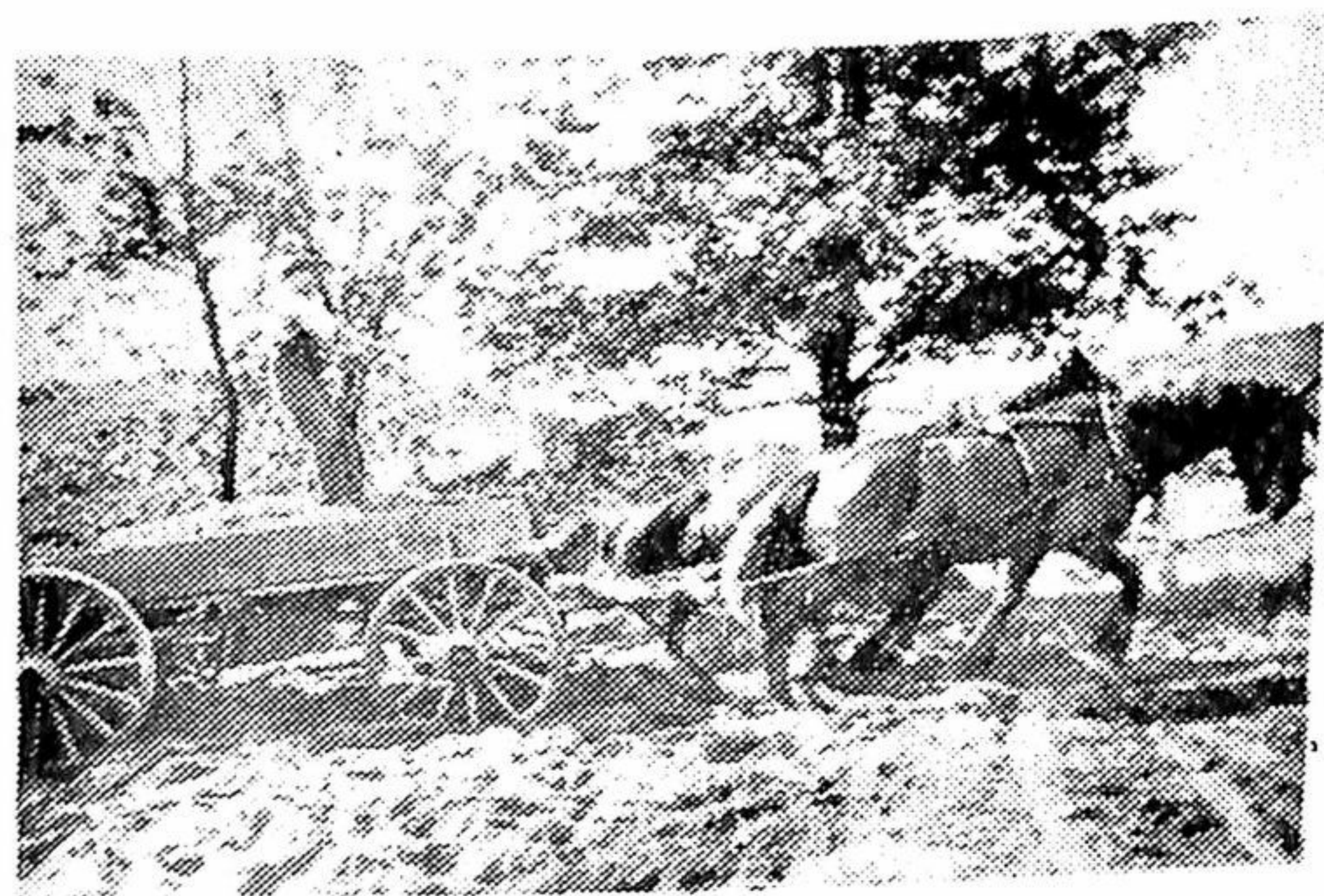


the Thames River through their property. Also a grant was given to the treasurer of West Oxford cemetery board, Mr. Clarence Scott to be kept as a trust fund.

In May 1944 there was a motion before council to purchase a 2½ to 3 ton Fargo truck with 136 inch wheel base equipped with a reinforced frame and 8.25x20 12 ply tires, one H3584B Brantford steel dump box with reinforced frame; one No. 188S.P. Frink snow plow and one No. 97RH hydraulic wing from J.E. Eichenberg for \$3,679.40. This was later purchased.

In January 1945 council consisted of Charles M. Swartz reeve, Councillors F.C. Shelton, J.G. Masson, W.B. Blancher, and Percy Sage. Clerk treasurer was F.J. Curry. As Mr. Curry was sick and incapable through illness of performing his duties, Charles C. Brink was elected deputy-clerk and treasurer. At the February meeting, L.B. Curry was elected West Oxford clerk and treasurer following the death of his uncle.

In 1946 Gordon Wiseman was engaged to help with snow plowing. He was guaranteed \$500 for mounting



Road repairs were done by Statute Labour in early days. This picture shows Lloyd Gee doing the share of his father, Levi Gee. Gravel was hauled from near by gravel pits by team and wagon.

plows on two trucks. He was now paid \$4.50 an hour for truck and driver.

In June of 1947 the township council purchased from Bovle Motors, London, a model WB22 White truck with 148" wheel base 10.00-20 tires, 5 speed transmission 385 cubic inch motor, 135 horsepower and 40 amp. generator with 17 plate battery, lights, shock absorbers, tools and helper springs; also 158s Frink snow plow with 11 ft. wing and a model 54B dump box with L70 hoist. Total cost of the above was \$9,484.99. Road maintenance expenses this year had climbed to \$23,384.39.

The year 1956 was the 100th anniversary of West Oxford Municipal government. Mr. J.R. Hargreaves, reeve, expressed the hope that the present council would give as much thought to the future as our predecessors did one hundred years ago. This year the W.O. township council purchased a new grader Adams 440, 100 horse power at a cost of \$21,764.

In 1960 the township purchased a Case 440 tractor and mower for \$2,670. The township purchased a weed sprayer. This was used to spray and control weeds along the road allowance. The councillors voted to raise their remuneration to \$10 per meeting, plus car allowances, and extra meetings. Two years later they increased this to \$14 per meeting. At the time of restructuring it had increased to \$25 per meeting.

In 1964 the department of highways was considering the location of the historic plaque commemorating the "Big Cheese."

The township resolved to purchase (in 1970) a Wabco Motor Grader with a windrow eliminator for the total price of \$23,285.85 including the trade-in of the present Adams grader subject to the Department of Highways approval. The following year a new mower was purchased for road side trimming with a hydraulic lift at the cost of \$5,565.