



ONE OF ONTARIO'S BIGGEST annual paint jobs involves laying new marker lines on 14,000 miles of provincial highways. Specially designed Department of Highways mobile painting units have two steering wheels and double driving controls to help facilitate operations. Loaded with 400 gallons of paint and 2,000 pounds of fine glass beads, used to produce a reflective surface, these painting units can lay down 15 miles of marker lines a day. (Department of Highways Photo)

## Painting 14,000 miles of Highway far cry from Tom Sawyer's methods

Give a child a pot of paint and a brush and he'd paint a fence—at least that used to be the summer chore in the old days.

But if you give 200 men 200,000 gallons of paint today, what happens?

They spend the summer on one of Ontario's biggest annual painting jobs—redoing more than 14,000 miles of lane marker lines on paved highways throughout the province.

Department of Highways road painting crews are now half-way

through the annual \$300,000 project. But by the time they finish they will have gone through enough paint to spruce up a small city.

The white lane lines and yellow pavement edge lines not only make driving easier, they also are an important safety aid.

With solid white lines laid down in areas of restricted visibility, motorists are warned not to attempt to pass. Should they do so and become involved in an accident, they face prosecution—if they are still alive!

The cost of the annual paint job works out to a little more than 10 cents for each of the 2,750,000 vehicles registered in Ontario.

Department of Highways paint crews operate only on the King's Highway system of the province, while local road and street painting is carried out by crews employed by municipalities.

Although he was a pretty shrewd operator, Tom Sawyer would have been envious of the methods used to paint lane stripes on our highways today. Not a hand touches a brush.

All the painting is done mechanically by spray guns in painting machines specially designed and built by the Department. Each machine is mounted on a four-ton truck that can be driven from either the left or right-hand side so that the driver can accurately follow the existing line.

The most recently-designed painting units, which make up more than half of the Department's fleet, are rated as some of the finest of their kind operating on the Continent.

The design gives them the capability of laying paint from either or both sides of the vehicle, always going with the traffic. Operated by a four-man crew, they can cover 15 miles a day.

In addition to spraying solid or broken lines, the machines release a topping of fine glass beads on the paint a split second after it is laid to provide a reflective coat for easier night driving.

That's an extra touch that Tom Sawyer really would have liked.

## Police charge youths with malicious damage

During the week of August 11 to 17 officers of Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, investigated 44 occurrences including four assaults resulting in two charges, two investigations of malicious damage resulting in five youths

and four juveniles being charged, two thefts, one missing person reported and 124 located, two liquor investigations resulting in one person being charged under the Liquor Control Act, two investigations pertaining to vicious dogs resulting in one owner being charged, and four other criminal investigations which were unfounded, Cpl. K. Kingman reports.

A total of 17 accidents were investigated including five personal injury accidents resulting in five persons being injured, and 12 property damage accidents. Total property damage for the week was \$7,830.

Many motorists have little confidence in their parking brake and ignore it. This may lead to it rusting up. Cpl. Kingman reminds you to use your parking brake regularly to keep it in condition.

## Campbellville plans own fire substation

Nassagaweya Council learned Monday of a plan for the Village of Campbellville to set up a substation for the Milton Fire Department. Trustees of the village Robert Elliott and Gordon Agnew explained they had a suitable building adjacent to Early's Garage and asked permission to put a 1,000 gallon water tank on a truck.

Mr. Elliott said the first 10 minutes of any fire was crucial, and although the Milton brigade has always been prompt a small brigade right on hand could be very helpful.

Mr. Agnew pointed out fire insurance rates would drop for a five mile radius of the village if they had a substation to the Milton Department.

A committee from council was appointed to meet with a delegation from the new brigade and a representative from the Ontario Firefighters Association to set up the substation.

## 1 1/3 trustees for township

Reports from meetings held recently to decide the allotment of municipal representation on the coming county school boards were received and discussed at the regular meeting of Esqueping Township council Monday evening.

Proposed separate school board make-up will give Esqueping one trustee to be shared with Milton and Georgetown.

In the public school board, the township has one representative to serve it alone.

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## John Root's report

# Liquor sales, 40-hour week, open Sundays debated during last session of legislature

"It is a great honor to have the privilege of representing the Riding of Wellington-Dufferin in this, the 28th Legislature of the Province of Ontario," said M.P.P. John Root when he released a full report.

On February 14, the Honourable Earl Rowe, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, opened the first Session of the 28th Legislature. The Session closed at 3:30 p.m. on July 23, when the Honourable Ross Macdonald, the new Lieutenant-Governor, read the Prorogation Speech.

Between February 14 and July 23, more hours were spent in debate than in any previous session in the history of the Province. The new Parliament had nine extra Members, bringing the total membership to 117.

The larger House, with more Opposition Members, led to longer debates. Dr. Morton Shulman, a new addition to the NDP Party, took a lot of time during the Debates, but actually did not live up to expectations, says Mr. Root.

During the Session, 195 bills became law, when they received Royal Assent. There were 154 government bills and 41 private bills. Two pieces of Legislation that caused considerable debate were Legislation to amend The Lord's Day Act, permitting local councils to pass by-laws that would permit fairs, trade shows, and horse racing to operate on Sunday.

Some of the major Legislation included provision for the payment of the Basic Shelter Grant on the first \$2,000 of assessment on residential property. The grant amounts to approximately \$55 per household. This grant will cost the province of Ontario approximately \$150 million and relieve the home owners of a similar amount of municipal tax. In another move to relieve the property owner the Government is assuming the full cost of the administration of Justice. These provisions, along with other changes, would increase the Province's aid to Local Government by \$191 million in 1968-69.

A Select Committee was established to hear additional submissions and make recommendations on the report of the Ontario Committee of Taxation. This Committee will conduct hearings throughout the summer months, and report in the fall.

Legislation was passed to establish larger units of school administration. County Boards of Education will be elected on a ward system, using the assessment on homes and farms as a basis for establishing the wards. The total assessment on homes, farms, business and industry will be used to finance the county schools.

Another piece of Legislation that caused considerable debate was a Government Bill to establish a 48-hour week, and an 8-hour work day. Both the Liberal and NDP Members gave unanimous support to an amendment to reduce the work week to 40 hours. The amendment was defeated. "I spoke against this amendment, and pointed out that a 40-hour or five day week would create great problems for farmers, in particular livestock farmers, and the same is true of small business," Mr. Root said. During this and other debates, it was quite apparent that the NDP is an urban-oriented Party.

Near the end of the Session, there was considerable debate on the reports of the Liquor Licence Board and the Liquor Control Board. Mr. Nixon suggested that the House would support a Government that was prepared to move into liberalization of these regulations.

Some of the Opposition Members' suggestions for changes were to sell beer in grocery stores, reduce the age for legal drinking, and do away with Local Option.

George Ben stated that Ontario took in over \$154 million in revenue from the Liquor Industry and Ottawa got its cut of over

\$158 million. He went on to say there are 100,000 alcoholics in Ontario. Alcoholic workers will lose a million man hours. Five hundred people will die of liver cirrhosis in 1968. Alcohol will be a factor in nearly half of the fatal traffic accidents.

Mr. Ben said a report of the Ontario Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation says the average Canadian now drinks the equivalent of 450 bottles of beer or 25 bottles of whiskey a year. He takes "three drinks" for every one he imbibed in 1937, and evidently in some people's opinion liquor is too hard to come by.

The Honourable Robert Welch, when winding up the Debates for the Government, said the Government would launch a review of the liquor laws in the province and invited members to submit suggestions and recommendations.

During the Session, Premier

Robarts introduced a resolution permitting French-speaking Members to speak in French in the Legislature. This resolution legalized what these Members have been doing from time to time. Mr. Robarts said Canada is a nation of many cultures.

Mr. Root explained, "I realize that I have only mentioned a few of the highlights of a very long and interesting Session. The last week, sitting in the intense July heat in a Legislature Chamber that has no air-conditioning, was very trying on the Members. We started our Sessions in the morning at 10:00, went through till 12:30, had an hour-and-a-half break, and came back at 2:00 and sat till 6:00; had a second break till 8:00, and then sat from 8:00 till 11:30 at night. These long hours of sitting made it difficult for Members to keep up with their correspondence and other responsibilities that go with a Member of the Legislature."

## Graduates as teacher still working



Marilyn Kirkwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Kirkwood, R.R. 4, Acton, has graduated from Hamilton Teacher's College.

She has also successfully completed her second year this summer at the University of Guelph.

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