

Township Telephone System Sold to Bell

The Chinguacousy Municipal Telephone System has been sold to the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Reeve Cyril Clark announced this week. Transfer of the property will take place on Friday, May 16th.

Ratepayers voted in favour of the sale in a referendum last December, and the transaction has been approved by the Ontario Tel-

ephone Authority.

In a letter mailed to subscribers this week, commissioners of the Chinguacousy system point out that to implement certain improvements the commission has contemplated would involve increasing the tax rate five mills, or else raising telephone rates 100 per cent.

The commissioners state that to provide for Phase 1 of the Bramalea and Irmac developments would involve additional telephone installations costing \$750,000 and that would mean a debenture issue of

\$1,500,000 to cover principal and interest over 20 years.

Although the township could finance that installation, future telephone expansion would cause financial embarrassment the commissioners state.

Better Position

"It is felt that the Bell Telephone Company of Canada is in a better position to provide for the future development of Chinguacousy than any small independent company," said the commissioners. "We know that when you have had

Bell Telephone service for a time you will realize as many already do, that we did the right thing for Chinguacousy Twp. in selling our system."

The letter is signed by Reeve Clark, as chairman of the Chinguacousy Municipal Telephone System, and E.-G. Blair, W. Reid, R. Reid and N. O. House, commissioners.

The Chinguacousy system serves some 1,200 subscribers in the northern portion of the township through three exchanges — Hut-

tonville, Snelgrove and Victoria.

The majority of Chinguacousy employees will continue their telephone careers with the Bell Telephone company.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Phil Wade, 7 Charles St. and Jake Spence, 34 College St. returned home on Tuesday, April 8th from Daytona, Fla., where they had been vacationing since the 1st of the month. They made the trip by car.

Terra Cotta Park to Be Operated by Conservation Authority

Operation of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's new Terra Cotta Park on a limited basis for the coming summer was approved at a meeting of the Authority recently in the Agricultural Office in Brampton.

It was decided 1958 should be devoted mainly to preparing an overall plan of development for the 485-acre Terra Cotta playground recently acquired. This will include roads, parking areas, picnic area, buildings, nature trails, swimming facilities and any other works deemed desirable and necessary for such an area. A three or four-year program of development was felt advisable.

Mr. Murray Johnston of the Ontario Dept. of Planning and Development will be asked to undertake a study of the wildlife conservation potential in that area, particularly as regards ponds management and the laying out of nature trails.

A suggested budget of \$7,200 was approved for this year's work with estimated revenue of \$5,000 leaving an operating deficit of possibly \$2,200.

The Credit Valley Parks and Recreation advisory Board under chairmanship of Roy McMillan of Toronto Township has accepted an invitation from the Metro Conservation Authority to visit two or three of their conservation areas in the near future as well as similar projects in other nearby authorities.

For this year the general administration of the Terra Cotta area will be handled by a committee composed of Mr. McMillan, Authority chairman, A. M. Greenaway and J. Pawley, vice chairman of the advisory board.

Work will start in the playground area about April 15th in preparation for the summer activities. It was decided that owing to the limited accommodation this year no permits will be extended for group picnics. This policy will be reviewed next year in the light of work completed at that time of year.

Every effort will be made by the Parks and recreation Board to try and obtain the Erindale Park area from the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission to provide recreational facilities in the lower part of the Credit watershed.

Authority members were assigned to the various advisory boards as follows: Pollution and Flood Control, R. R. Parker, Acton, the chairman; T. Glassford, Caledon Township, vice chairman; Albert E. Bryan, Amaranth Township; Farm Planning, Alex MacLaren, Georgetown, chairman; Albert Wheeler, Erin Township, vice-chairman and Peter Sinclair, Erin village; Parks and Recreation, Roy McMillan, Toronto Twp., chairman; Jack Pawley, Brampton, vice-chairman and Howard Speck, Toronto Twp. Reforestation, W. M. Curry, Orangeville, chairman; Eric White, Mono Township, vice-chairman, George I. Nodwell and Mr. Marshall, Historical Records. William Robinson, Brampton, chairman; Alex MacLachlan, vice chairman and Reeve Bath of Trafalgar Twp.; Publicity & Public Relations, A. S. Mendell, of Streetsville, chairman; Norman House, Chinguacousy Twp., vice-chairman; Campbell Sinclair, Esquesing Twp.

Other members appointed to the Publicity and Public Relations Advisory Board and approved by the Authority include: William E. Doole, editor of the Brampton Conservator, representing the weekly newspapers; Oakley Daglish, editor in chief of the Globe and Mail representing the daily press; John Larke of Station CFJB representing radio; E. R. Underhill, Brampton Public School Inspector, representing Education. Additional members may be approved from time to time as required.

Speaking at the meeting M. Macdon, secretary of the Toronto Twp. Planning board urged legislation with greater control over the cutting of trees. He also said conservationists in the Credit area are "running out of steam" waiting for the higher officials to make public a report prepared last summer for the Minister of Planning and Development and Premier Leslie Frost concerning the Credit watershed.

Chairman Greenaway replied the issue was far from "dead" but said matters of this kind require serious consideration to be fair to all concerned and he expected the report would be forthcoming shortly.

STEWARTTOWN

The united choirs of Hornby, Norval and Stewarttown Anglican churches presented a program of solos, duets and choruses a week ago Sunday, each organist accompanying their choirs in the solos. The music was all very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baily of North Bay were visitors with Mrs. Baily for Easter.

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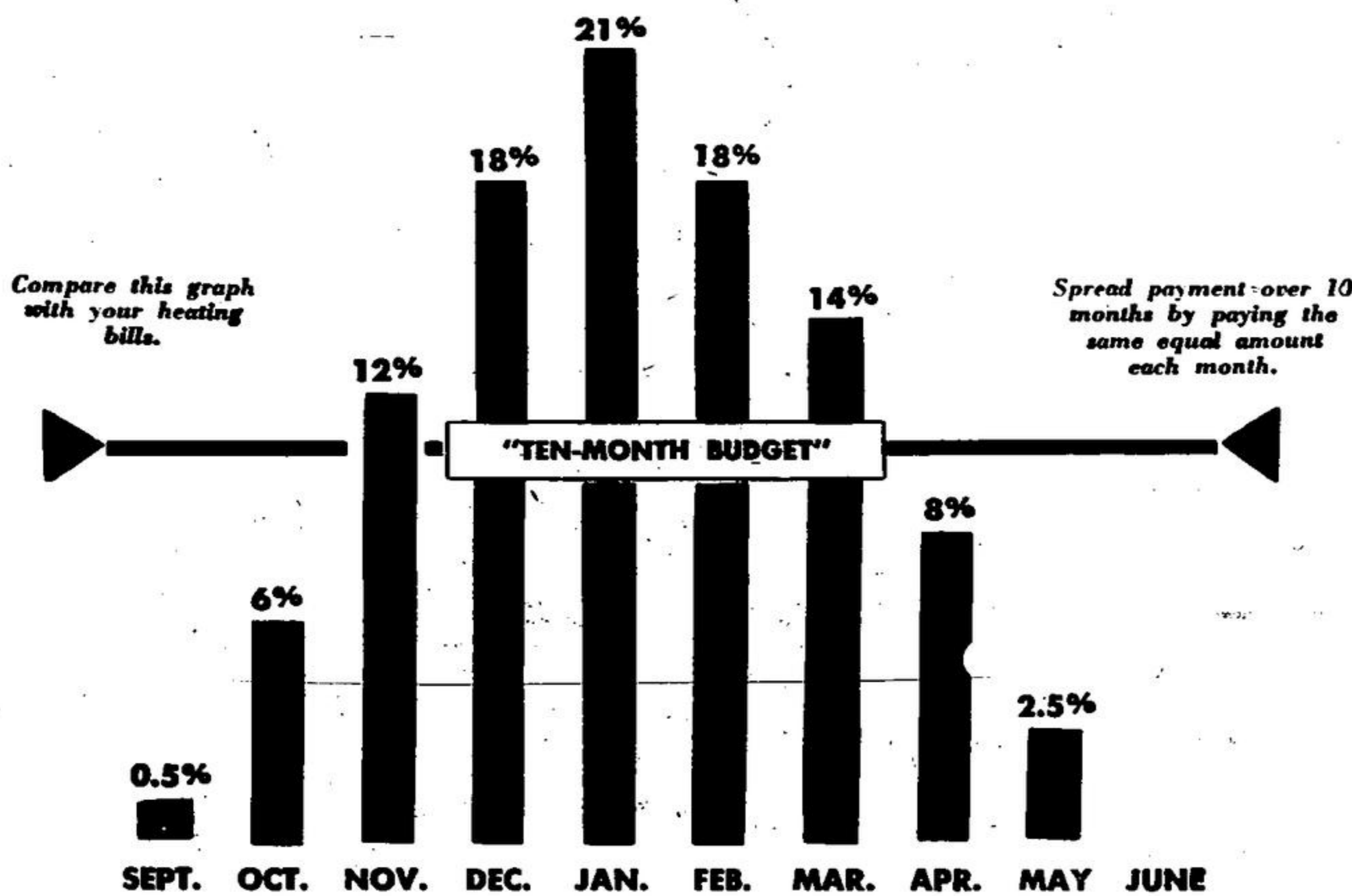
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