

To extend Highway 25 north from Ospringe

An election promise is going to be fulfilled, and people in this area have a new route to the north.

This week Gordon Carton, Minister of Transportation and Communications made a joint announcement with M.P.P. John Root that Highway 25 will be extended from Ospringe to connect with Highway 89 and provide a new route to the north. The province will assume the road in April, 1974.

The proposed alignment of the new portion of Highway 25 will start at the junction of Highways 24 and 25 at Ospringe, and follow Highway 24 to the junction of County Road 24. It will follow Wellington Road 24 and Dufferin County Road 6, northerly to Highway 9.

At this point, the new highway will turn westerly to Highway 104 and then northerly along 104 and Dufferin County Road 4 to

Highway 89, about midway between Mount Forest and Shelburne.

Election promise

John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, promised residents of his riding the new highway prior to the last provincial election, and this was the first public indication that work would proceed although Reeve Lloyd Lang of Erin township said the Department had kept his council abreast of

the route the road would take.

The route was chosen following a study which the Department says took into consideration environmental as well as economic factors involved. It will provide an alternate route from the Niagara Peninsula to the Georgian Bay-Bruce Peninsula vacationland.

The highway will be assumed by the province in the Spring of 1974 to allow time

for the orderly transfer of maintenance responsibilities from the counties to provincial jurisdiction.

Mr. Root said the highway should benefit the whole area and tourists travelling north will be able to go through some of the most beautiful parts of Ontario.

Prime surface

Meanwhile, there was still no word from the Department when that portion of High-

way 25 from Acton to Ospringe will be paved. The Free Press called them on Tuesday and was advised a prime asphalt surface composed of oil and asphalt would be applied in May or June of this year, similar to the surfaces of other years.

A Department spokesman said the road would likely get a permanent surface within the next few years but no specific date has been set.



Citizen of Year ... and the band plays on

CITIZEN OF the Year - Dr. George Elliott. The decision was made Tuesday night by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They considered 17 names before making their announcement, and reveal that Dr. Elliott received 14 nominations as a result of their request for suggestions. The town's bandmaster and church organist, a professor at the University of Guelph, will be honored at the annual dinner later this month.

(Photo by H. Coles)

Sub post office opens precedes carrier service

Acton's first sub post office opens this week.

It's located in Glenlea drug mart with pharmacist Gary Barton now duly sworn in as sub postmaster in charge and clerk Mrs. Jeanette Stuckless as clerk.

Postmaster Gordon McKeown had made the customary request for a sub post office, expecting letter carrier service in Acton soon. While his request has been granted all necessary equipment

sent, it now seems carrier service will be delayed by quite a few months. It had been expected by the first of September but the postmen likely won't start walking till January or February.

Expect more

When mail is delivered door-to-door, the subpost office becomes a necessity. People no longer need to go to the main post office

The executive of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) has proposed that trucks laden with bagged garbage set out from Esqueving, Pickering, Port Hope and Harrison meetings simultaneously at the Toronto city hall. There they will contact Mayor David Crombie and other city dignitaries and suggest the cement pool in front of Toronto's deluxe city hall would make a good garbage site.

GUARD hopes to stage the demonstration at an early date before farmers are occupied with seeding and ploughing.

At a meeting of the GUARD committee last Wednesday at the home of Fred Brooks, Limehouse, it was agreed that the efforts of those opposed to rural dumping by the cities in the Esqueving, Port Hope, Pickering and Harrison areas should coordinate their efforts and it was felt that the demonstration would be an effective tool to demonstrate the solidarity of the various groups.

Contact groups

Rick Sales was authorized to contact Derail Dumps today at Harrison, Group Against Garbage at Pickering, Derail Dumps Today at Port Hope, Pollution Probe and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and other concerned groups to coordinate the demonstration.

Mayor Crombie is to be told the country people have supplied beef, beans and bacon to the city, but if Toronto buries them in garbage rendering farm land unusable for crops or cattle, and watersheds become polluted, there will be no delivery of those commodities.

It was reported that GUARD

membership has risen to 900 and many lists have yet to come in. The committee has sent for topographical and hydrography maps of the area in order to pinpoint wells, depths and types of soils and gravel.

The committee was also concerned about the level of sodium chloride in Lake Ontario,

Three hurt in crash

Three people were injured in a single-car accident on Knox Ave. at 1 a.m. Saturday, March 31. Driver of the car Sheldon Barker, Peel St., and one of the passengers, Linda Soper, Mowbray Place, were the more seriously injured. Sharon Gordon, Main St. had cuts and bruises. All were taken to Guelph General hospital by ambulance.

The car struck a tree on the south side of Knox. Damage to the car was estimated at a minimum of \$1500.

after receiving information that it has risen from 40 parts per million in 1960 to 50 parts per million. Figures show the level is increasing one part per million per year. Drinking is considered unsafe after 250 parts per million, the committee was told, and the nitrates are harmful to pregnant women and heart patients.

7.5 per cent increase in county tax levy

Facing a 7.5 per cent increase in spending for 1973, Halton County Council will levy for \$3,720,275 from municipalities in the county.

The budget calls for an expenditure of \$1,426,000 for roads and \$2,302,127 for general expenses. Acton will pay \$73,517., Burlington \$1,628,760., George-

town \$261,531., Milton \$112,814., Oakville \$1,427,560., Esqueving \$150,220., and Nassagaweya \$68,171. The amount levied averages a 7.5 per cent increase over last year.

The budget was reduced by \$22,000 when members of county council cut a \$20,000 grant for Oakville Harbor from the budget and reduced the budget for the Warden's Dinner by \$2,000.

Individual committee budgets were presented to the administration committee earlier and with the exception of the two cuts the budgets were accepted as presented.

Milton Deputy Reeve Marjory Powys and Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannel voted against raises for county council. They were easily outvoted and the move brings the salaries up from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for Councillors and \$10,000 to \$11,500 for the Warden.

Council approved expenditures of \$88,250 to cover councillors fees, travel allowances, conventions and similar expenses of that nature.

The budget makes provision for \$177,936 for general administration, which applies chiefly to personnel in the office operation and another \$244,700 for general government which includes maintenance of buildings, janitor service, repairs and other expenses involved in maintaining property and buildings.

Even though the council was notified of Emergency Measures Co-ordinator Ron Beatty's resignation the council budgeted \$19,700 for EMO expenses.

Council approved a budget from Social and Family Services of \$1,109,171, a budget for Halton Centennial Manor of \$1,911,550 and a budget of \$53,840 for Children's Aid society.

The total expenditure required for Halton County Health Unit amounts to \$835,980. The Halton County Museum Budget, one of the smallest at \$52,825, caused most discussion. The budget is up over last year's estimate of \$46,500. Councillors objected to phone bills of \$1,200 and to salaries which accounted for \$25,184.

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Request reopening Acton Speedway

Ron White appeared before Erin Township council Tuesday on behalf of Eugene Seminara to request a licence to re-open Acton Speedway, just south of Ospringe, on 25 Highway.

Shortly before, council had read a letter from 15 nearby residents opposing the application. Reason for the opposition were cited as: noise, traffic problems, parking on the side of the 25 Highway, littering,

dust, and general intrusion on their day off.

Reeve Lloyd Lang told council that while the track was in operation, there were few complaints. He added that it was there long before zoning bylaws were thought of and existed as a non-conforming use. Half the residents had moved in before the track was opened and half after.

Deputy-reeve Donald Matheson thought that perhaps if

meets were held on Friday evenings, there would be no more complaints and suggested that if owner Mr. Seminara, a Toronto construction worker and Ron White, appearing on his behalf, contacted surrounding residents, they could maybe come to some agreement.

Mr. White said it was a waste for the track to just be sitting there, but if he himself had it he would open it on only one or two

nights during the season and invite the Imperial Hell Drivers to appear.

"In that case," Reeve Lang commented, "we might consider granting a licence." He added that council needed a written application stating explicit intentions.

Councillor Bill McLean added "And people who object can maybe go away that weekend."

GUARD signs 900

Garbage demonstration planned in front of Toronto city hall



95 YEARS OF age on Tuesday, Mrs. Albert McCutcheon still has good health. She lives on Young St. with her daughter Mrs. W. Struthers; another daughter is Mrs. Lula Sinclair. Mrs. McCutcheon was born at Everton and came to Acton in 1942. (Photo by H. Coles)

No fooling — man charged

Two April Fool's Day incidents investigated by Acton O.P.P. proved anything but funny for the people involved.

Just an hour and a half after the expiry time, a local driver was stopped by police and charged with having overdue license plates. The man became upset and as a result was also

charged with causing a disturbance.

About an hour later a parked car in the Dominion lot, owned by Michael Wilson of Milton, was struck by an unknown vehicle. Damage was estimated by police at \$100.

A car stereo and tapes were also reported stolen from a car on April 1.

Seizure, charges

On April 2 a drug and liquor seizure was made as a result of information from Guelph police. Five local youths in a vehicle were stopped. One was charged with possession of marijuana and another with having liquor in other than a residence.

Other liquor charges were laid during the week and a local youth was charged with creating a disturbance.

Student chosen

Sharon Barber has been chosen to participate in this year's Rotary-sponsored Adventure in Citizenship. Sharon, who's in grade 12, will go to Ottawa May 14 to 17 to join students from all across Canada in the annual program there.

to pick up mail, so appreciate a facility nearer their homes. Other sub post offices will also be set up before long; it's not known yet where they'll be.

Milton and Georgetown each have several sub post offices in conjunction with their carrier service.

"It's a convenience," explains post master Gord McKeown.

The new sub office will sell stamps and money orders and register letters, and there will be a mail drop. But there will be no facilities for parcels. It takes a different category of office for that, complete with scales.

Mr. Barton will set up his own hours for the post office in his store.

Mr. McKeown explains he made a request for the sub post office as soon as Acton had qualified through population growth for letter carriers.

All tied up

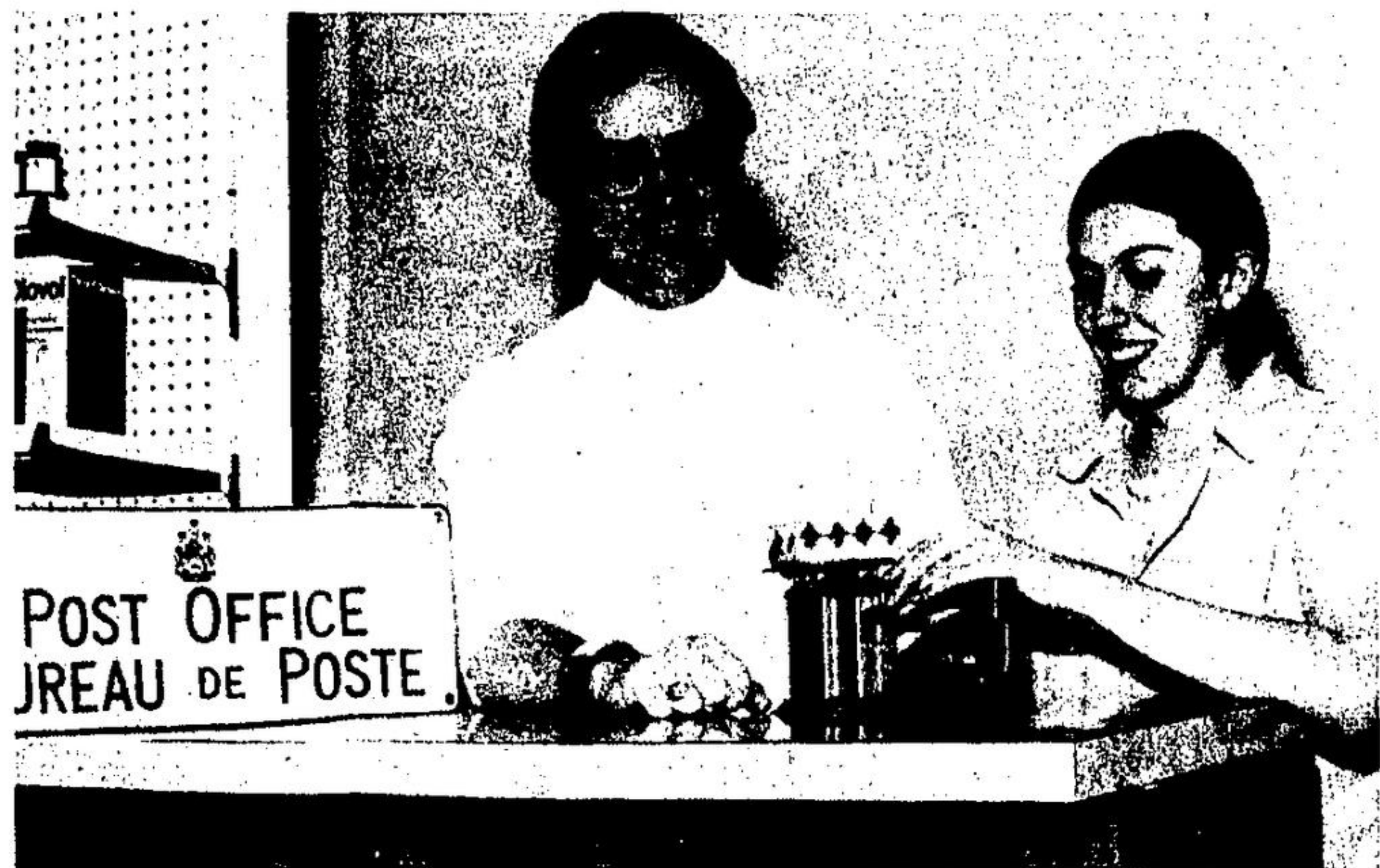
However, an agreement requires that every postal walk must have a count done by letter carrier post officers, and they're all tied up with work for the time being.

Equipment came from the post office stores.

Last to arrive, delaying the opening from Monday, were the money order imprinter and requisition forms.

Decade ago

The date of the opening of the sub office co-incides with the tenth anniversary of the opening of the new post office building on Bower Ave. It was on April Fool's Day in 1963 that George Barbeau and Les Doby officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony there.



POSTMASTER IN a white coat... pharmacist Gary Barton is sub postmaster at a new facility in Glenlea Drug Mart, and Mrs. Jeanette Stuckless is postal clerk. Both will handle their new duties along with their regular service in the store. The

sub post office will be especially handy when mail carrier service begins here and residents don't have to go to the main post office for their mail. The wicket opened for business Wednesday. (Photo by H. Coles)