



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.

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 oper-

ations. 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)

Ex winners Need engineer for sewer job

Surodana Marquis Greta, a Holstein junior yearling heifer owned by Howard Tarzwell of Hornby, placed first in her category at the Canadian National Exhibition recently.

William J. Bennett of Burlington had a third-prize entry in the Holstein bull, senior and junior calf division.

A resident engineer will be requested to supervise the installation of the trunk sewer pipe, Milton Council agreed at last week's meeting. Councillor C. Smillie objected that the cost had not been included in the original estimates on the project.

Mayor B. Best admitted the cost had not been included in the total estimates, but it would be part of the capital cost of the project.

NOTICE

PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Friday, August 30, between 9 and 11.30 a.m., each Milton Public School principal will be in his office to receive registration of children who moved to Milton during the summer vacation.

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We take this opportunity in congratulating the Town of Milton on its dramatic growth this last year and welcoming into this community the new businesses and industries annexed and presently locating here. We feel sure these new industries will find adequate skills within our community.

We would also like to join in extending to these employees an open invitation to join us in organized Labor where three new contracts have been signed this year by the sponsors of this message, which brought to our union members considerable increases in benefits and wages.

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