



Champlain parting with Brule

Cost shared with government

Tiny roads improved at little cost

After two years of negotiations it looks like Tiny Township will have several stretches of road completely reconstructed at very little cost to the township.

The roads are concession 16 from County Road 6 to a sideroad which goes to the provincial park reserve at Methodist Point.

After a December 9 meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Com-

munications along with the Ministry of the Environment, a tentative agreement over cost sharing was reached.

The MTC will subsidize 60 per cent of the estimated \$534,000 rebuilding cost. The MNR will pay for 38 per cent (a figure still waiting for the minister's approval) and the township will pay the remaining two per cent plus financing costs. The total

cost estimated for the township is between \$27,000 and \$28,000.

The work will begin this year and finish in 1976, hopefully in time for the opening of the Etienne Brule Provincial Park. It is going to be done over two years to split the cost over a longer period.

The sideroad from concession 16 to 18 is presently

lined with trees creating a "tree canopy" which creates a pleasing natural tunnel effect.

A suggestion from the MNR in a letter is to upgrade the road but not widen it any more than necessary. "creating as much as possible a pleasing, natural, treed roadside edge, avoiding a more sterile, straight line, cleared allowance approach more common to highways."

Whatever it will finally be called, the government does own the land at the site of the park, and does plan to have it operating next year.

Provincial park at Methodist Point still in the making

by Bob Faulkner

A new provincial park for the area has been in the making for about 10 years and will be for a while yet. The 10 square miles of hardwood bush at Methodist Point is not officially a provincial park, but a provincial park reserve which requires an order-in-council before it becomes a park.

At one point, a sign declaring it the Etienne Brule Provincial Park was the only marker which told anyone it was more than just a bush. The sign, according to park superintendent Tom Stott was eaten by porcupines.

A new sign has not been erected and it is not officially known yet if the park will carry the name of one of our first pioneers.

Still under development, the park reserve is expected to be in "some phase of operation for the summer of 1976," according to Stott.

The park reserve is now being referred to as the Etienne Brule Provincial Park, a name suggested by a local MPP. Until recently, it was called the Methodist Point Park, a name which many people still seem to want.

Roberta O'Brien, an archaeologist who has been digging in the park for three years, thinks it should be called the Wendat Provincial Park — for a word the Huron Indians used to refer to themselves.

Another part of the park will include a display of how archaeologists work and reconstruct ancient ruins, almost a step by step demonstration.

According to Roberta O'Brien, they went into the site looking for anything they could find and were totally surprised at the number of historical items unearthed.

After they surveyed the 10 square miles and took stock, they had discovered 20 sites. There are 14 Huron sites, seven of which are large villages ranging from one to four acres. Much of their findings date between 1450 and 1630.

Some "older stuff" from about 500 A.D. was found. It

is from what is referred to as the Middle Woodland period or the Point Peninsula Culture, when the people were hunters or gatherers.

They also found four "very strange sites" from the pre-ceramic period, dating back to 5,000 B.C. "and could be older."

"That was a real surprise to find those," said O'Brien. She is doing the research during the winter in Toronto with the help of an assistant.

In the summer from four to eight students are employed to help with the digging. When the interpretive centre is built, she will be able to do all her work at the site.

According to O'Brien, it is very doubtful people will be allowed to attempt any of

their own digs. They will have to be satisfied with watching the archaeologists do it.

A research program is now being established, and she added, "there is enough material and interesting things you could dig for 500 years." Some evidence has even been found to indicate the Jesuits were in the

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Big Brothers looking for more big brothers

It is over a year since Contact first began thinking about a Big Brothers Association in the Midland-Penetanguishene area.

It finally took official shape last spring and since then has been growing quickly, but still not quick enough, according to an association spokesman.

To date, nine matches have been made between big and little brothers. Three more are now going through the screening and matching process. Another 15 young boys are waiting to be matched up with a big brother.

The only problem is there are no Big Brothers on a waiting list.

The association is looking for men of almost any age to provide a service to boys from 7 to 17 years old who do not have a father living in their home, and do not have the benefit of adequate male guidance.

According to Gary Westgarth of the association,

it usually takes four interviews before a match is made between a big and little brother. The first thing which happens to a prospective big brother is a check with the police. Then the person is interviewed and his interests are determined. Then the mother of the little brother is interviewed. A conversation with the little brother follows.

Finally, if the interests between the parties show a basic similarity, the group is brought together for a final interview and the little brother then has a big brother.

The big brother is expected to see his little brother regularly. At least once a week for an average period of three to four hours. It is important the big brother acts naturally and uses his example and image as the foundation of his assistance to the boy.

A recent association release outlines the main

objectives of Big Brothers. Firstly, by providing individual guidance in sound character development for boys who lack wholesome adult male companionship, and hopefully preventing juvenile delinquency.

It is for boys who for any reason lack a father. In their association with mature and responsible men, they will stand a greater chance of reaching their highest physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual development, according to the association.

"Youths' problems today are serious and alarming and affect the present and

near future. The cost to our community (moral and physical) can be staggering. The most effective, immediate and long-range strategy is one of prevention. Every responsible study made clearly reveal the fact that maladjusted children come most frequently from homes in which there is not a father or adequate male figure," stated the release.

The association feels Big Brothers is the best way to help correct these situations and urge — almost to the point of pleading — all interested men to call 526-7828 and offer their services.

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 Minister: Rev. Sydney McDonald BA
 Phones: The Church 322-1411, The Manse, 322-2453
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 Knox Church, Flos: One mile south of Ray's Shell Station Christian Worship and Church Sunday School at 1:30 p.m.

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 Minister: Rev. B. Gazzard
 Worship: 11:00 a.m.
 (Nursery during Service)
 Phones: Church 322-1472, Manse 322-1522
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 Waverley United Church: 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. E. John Gazzard, Minister



Notice: Employers and Employees New Employment Standards Act

Effective January 1, 1975 the new Employment Standards Act covers the existing standards: minimum wage, vacation pay, overtime pay, termination pay, collection of wages and provides for:

Public Holidays
 Employees are entitled to seven paid statutory holidays; New Year's Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. (Conditions and exceptions apply in certain situations.)

Overtime Pay
 Overtime pay at time and one-half the regular rate for hours in excess of forty-four in a week.

Equal Benefits
 The Equal Benefits provision will be brought into force at a later date.

Pregnancy Leave
 Pregnancy leave is extended to seventeen weeks for employees with one year's service or more and covers all employers having one or more employees.

Transportation
 The Act no longer requires an employer to provide transportation for female employees finishing or starting work between the hours of midnight and six o'clock in the forenoon or prohibits females under 18 working after midnight.

These are the principal amendments and changes to the Act.
 For detailed information regarding exemptions and application of the standards contact your nearest Ministry of Labour office.

- Hamilton—1 West Ave. So. 527-4501
- Kenora—808 Robertson St. 468-3128
- Kingston—1055 Princess St. 542-2853
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