Planner recommends county establish planning department

by Wilma Pavlik Though it may take a number of years to set-up, Simcoe County must establish its own Planning Department or face provincially imposed restructuring, according to County Planning Committee Chairman James Belcher.

"If we do not become strong masters in our own house, we can foresee

DAN HERBERT

directives coming from Queen's Park", Belcher told County Councillors, Wednesday. He said the committee's long-range outlook calls for an established Planning Department within years, with a great deal of careful consideration going into its inception.

Some regional planning boards such as those of Tiny-Tay and

absorbed by a countywide department Belcher but assured Councillors that the work done by these boards as well as that of the individual municipalities will provide valuable assistance to the new

> Interest in county-wide planning is growing rapidly in many Ontario ties.

Couchiching may be county systems, as land use studies reveal uncontrolled industrial, residential and recreational growth in of prime agricultural land

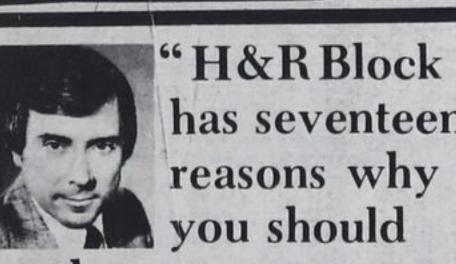
Belcher says industrial parks and residential developments must be planned in harmony with the needs of the agricultural communi-

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Simcoe

by Wilma Pavlik Time-honoured tradin County elections.

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mittee report recommending that the Grey County resolution be "not endorsed" sparked prompt rebuttal from Wm. Ogilvie, Deputy Reeve of Midland. "An open vote is not in the best interests of either Grey County or Simcoe County" he said. "The practise is devisive not only within this Council but also between our municipalities. As a result geographical allegiance is often evident in the voting and scars are sometimes perpetrated which linger indelibly" Ogilvie said.

Rama Reeve Russell Cooper told the Council that no other form of government requires an open vote and described it as "unfair and undemocratic". Gordon Priestman,

editorial.

Mara Reeve Peter Forbes shrugged of the criticisms saying "I don't believe anyone was ever intimidated by the open

only Councillor to speak in favour of the open ballot system, the would like future elections to be conducted by secret ballot.

Grey County will have to go elsewhere to gain support for its proposed amendment to the Municipal Act. for there is none forthcoming from Simcoe County.

won't go for secret ballot

Police report

Man bites

officer

Charges of causing a disturbance, resisting

arrest, and assaulting a police officer were laid

against a 32-year-old Penetanguishene man

Saturday afternoon, as a result of an incident

Edward Lapensee, and another man, Michael

Moreau, 20, of 3 Fox Street, were involved in the

incident, and both were charged by Constable

Michael Brady, with causing a disturbance by

using obscene language, at about 5:00. Lapensee

began to resist arrest, and Constables Thomas

scene to assist Brady. During the fracas, Con-

Constable Tiffin laid the charges of resisting

Collision

Accident

Snowmobile accident

7:30 p.m. Saturday, but was not reported until

9:20 a.m. Sunday. Angela Lindhorst was a

passenger on the back of a snowmobile driven by

Charles Corbeau, of 58 Burke Street, when it

went out of control, and struck a chicken coup.

Lindhorst was thrown from the machine, and

went through a window on the structure. She

No charges were laid as a result of the in-

Accident

failing to yield at a yield sign Friday night as a

result of an accident at the corner of Church and

The accident occurred at about 8:30 p.m., and

Ivan Hall, of Ingersoll, was charged. His car

struck another driven by Gerard Marchand, of 23

Richelieu Street. Hall's car sustained \$1,500

damage, while the damage to Marchand's car

amounted to \$2,000. No one was injured.

Constable Thomas Marchand laid a charge of

suffered lacerations to the face.

Brock Streets.

Marchand and Thomas Tiffin were called to the

stable Marchand was bitten on the leg.

arrest and assaulting a police officer.

outside the Hotel Brule.

ition won out over change in Midhurst Wednesday as County Councillors resoundingly rejected a Grey County resolution calling for a secret ballot

The requirement for an open recorded vote for Wardens of Counties or chairmen of regions is spelled out in Section 197 of The Municipal Act. It is this requirement that Grey County wants changed but Simcoe County says 'nothing

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Administration Com-A Penetanguishene man was charged with failing to yield from a parked position, after he allegedly caused an accident on Main Street last Patrick Bechard, of 63 Burke Street, was charged in connection with an accident which occurred in front of 87 Main Street at 10:00 a.m. Friday. He struck a vehicle being driven by Geraldine Forget, of Midland, causing \$600 damage to her car. There was no damage to Bechard's car, and no one was injured. No charges were laid in connection with an accident which occurred at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, at the corner of Brock Street and Brock Street The accident involved two cars, one driven by James Ball, of 9th Avenue, Port McNicoll, and the other driven by Steve McDonald, of 117 Yeo Street. No one was injured, and there was \$300

damage done to McDonald's car, and \$100 damage to Ball's car. A 46-year-old Cambridge woman was taken to Penetanguishene General Hospital for treatment Saturday, following a snowmobile accident. The accident, which occurred on private property, at 58 Burke Street, happened at about

Reeve of Matchedash Township, called the secret ballot "the bulwark of democracy" He said the tendency in an open ballot is for the popular man to be elected rather than the man with the most ability.

Robin Talbot, Reeve of Port McNicoll, also speaking in favour of a change, said that this "undemocratic process" was brought to his attention by a newspaper

Though Forbes was the

recorded vote found 37 Councillors supporting its retention against 9 who

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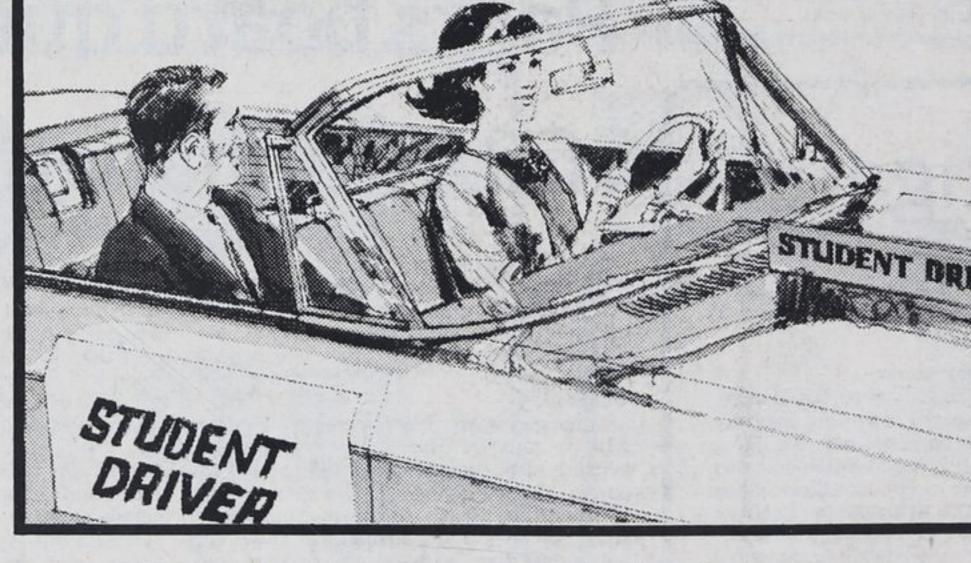
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