



## King Haakon Commands Award for Mulock

Hon. W. P. Mulock, the former postmaster general, was decorated with St. Olaf's Medal for distinguished services rendered Norway during the war at a special cere-



mony at the Norwegian consulate in Toronto Monday. Dr. H. J. Cody, former chancellor of the University of Toronto, also received the medal, the two men being the only Canadians to be so honored.

The award was made at the command of King Haakon of Norway.

The decoration is named after the patron saint of Norway who was converted to Christianity during one of his Viking raids on England in ancient days. The decoration is awarded to Norwegians and foreigners for outstanding services and without any citation as the award itself is considered proof enough of exceptional ability.

The medal is suspended by a ribbon in the Norwegian national colours of red, white and blue in vertical stripes. The front has a profile relief of King Haakon surrounded by the words "Haakon VIII Norway's King" and the king's personal motto "all for Norway." On the reverse side is the old St. Olaf's cross in a relief: a cross and two battle axes.

## DANIEL NORTON DIES IN HIS 85TH YEAR

Following an illness of only a month, Daniel Norton, beloved husband of Jessie Shaw, passed away at his home in Uxbridge on Thursday, Nov. 20th, in his 85th year. The funeral took place to Uxbridge cemetery on Saturday, services being held in the Uxbridge Baptist Church, by Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville.

The late Daniel Norton was born in Pickering Township in 1862, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norton, and for some years he farmed in Uxbridge township and later, for many years he was engineer for the County of Ontario

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## Province of Ontario Operates Twenty Sign Shops to Make Highways Safer

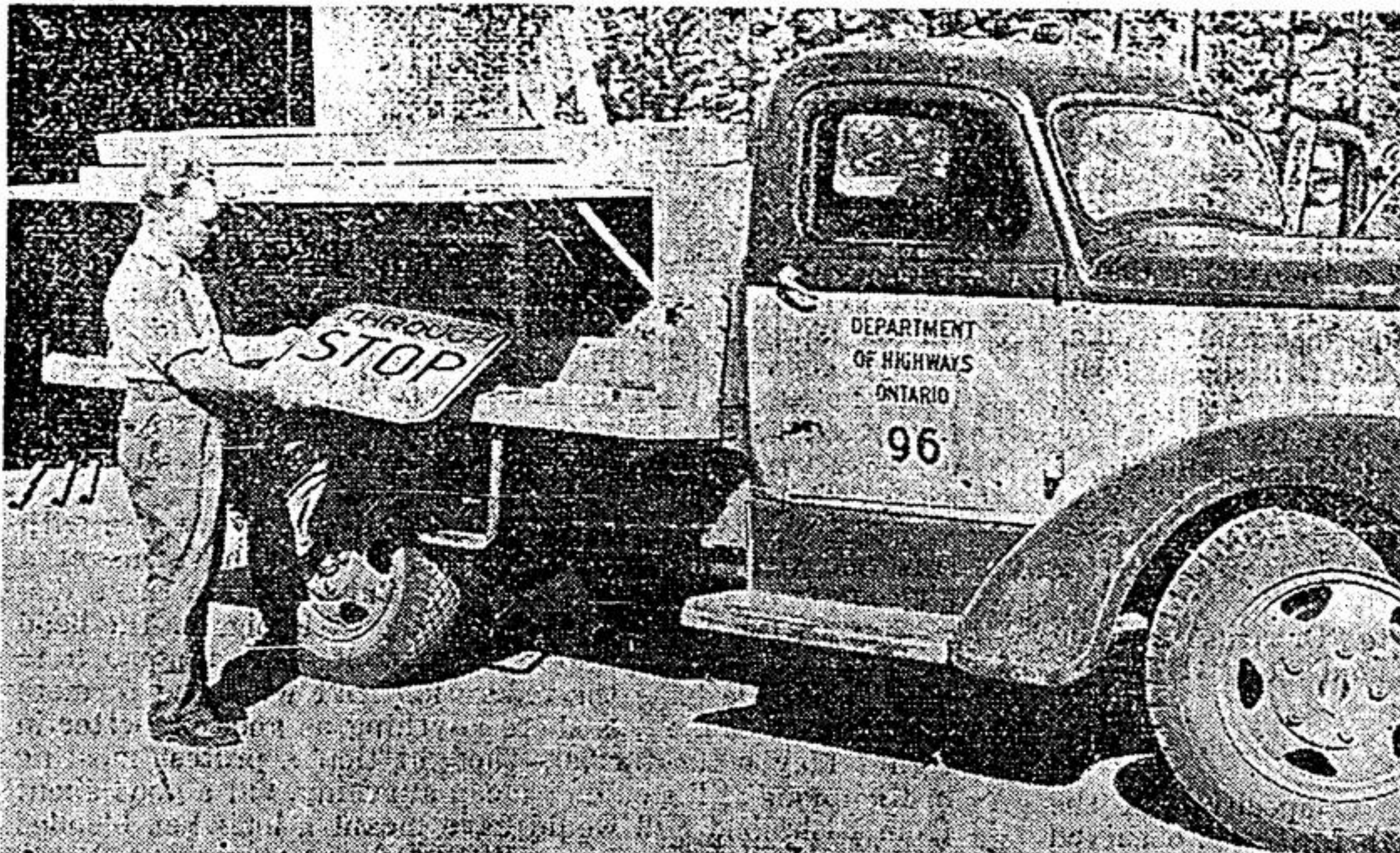
Wide Variety of Signs in Use—Constant Study To Make More Effective for Safety—Making Signs Reflect Light for Night Driving

Believe in signs? There are a great many people who don't, according to the Department of Highways. In spite of the time, money and effort spent on posting signs at intersections, curves, hills, railway crossings, schools, and other danger points, there are far too many careless or thoughtless motorists who fail to respond to these warning signs, the officials say. Moreover, they point out, many seem to engender a positive hatred of highway signs as evidenced by those mutilated for no apparent reason. "Highway traffic signs, says the Hon. George Doucett, Minister of Highways, "are posted for the protection of the public. Those who ignore their warning, deface or damage these signs are a public menace."

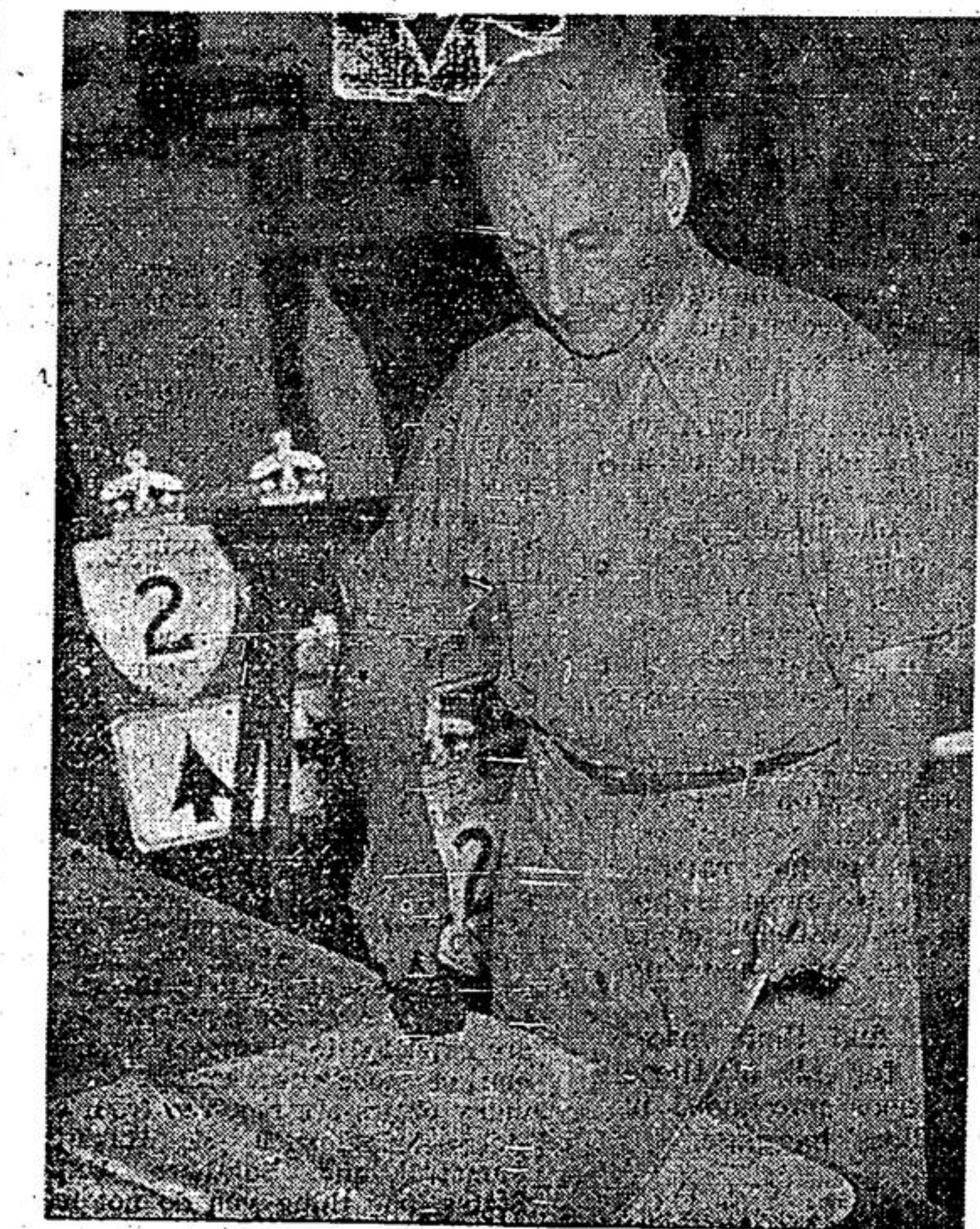
### Many Kinds of Signs

In Ontario, the Department of Highways operates 20 sign shops located in various sections of the province. Each shop is equipped and staffed to construct, paint clean and repair the different types of signs used on the highways. The various classifications of signs include: the route numbers, finger boards, symbol signs, railway crossing signs, school signs, speed limit signs and special signs such as checkerboards, etc.

Chief signs man of the province, George Stockdale, emphasizes that the signs are for the safety as well as the convenience of the travelling public. Everything possible is being done, he says, to make the signs clearly visible and easily readable. By research and actual tests, new designs are studied for effectiveness before being put into general use.



Highway signs are painted every two years but replacements and repairs are a constant requirement. Art Jelly of the Toronto division loads a truck for a replacement trip.



To make highway signs visible at night and increase their safety factor, a material known as scotchlite is applied to the face of the signs. Claude Leech shows how its done.

Edna of Uxbridge and a sister Mrs. Louis Harris, Minesing, Ontario.

on the tractor and grader, until 11 years ago, and for the past 28 years has been a resident of Uxbridge, where he was well and favorably known.

In 1895 he married Jessie Shaw, who with five sons, Daniel of Uxbridge, Fred, Samuel, Harry, Toronto; Newton of Duparquet, Que., and four daughters, (Sylvia) Mrs. W. H. Coles, Burlington, (Maud), Mrs. C. T. Logan, Toronto; (Ella) Mrs. M. G. Holden, Stouffville, and

The charge made that 18 men employed as storemen in the army had been employed "to play hockey" at \$180-a-month salaries has been flatly denied in Ottawa with the incidental remark that of 3,000 employees at a depot mentioned merely 20 play hockey.

Emphasizing the need for helping the unfortunate children of Europe, Senator Cairine Wilson told a meeting here that in one section of Rumania there are no children because all have starved to death.

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and other factors have much to do with selecting a sign for a particular location.

A new type of sign is now being used throughout the province to indicate bumps on the road. Signs are posted 300 feet to 500 feet on each side of the bump and another sign marked "Bump" right at the obstruction.

Another design warning of through traffic ahead is being tested with a view to replacing the old one that read "Through Highway 500 feet." The new signs will say "Stop Ahead." The new wording follows the safety trend to make the signs as effective as brevity will allow.

### Vandalism: Costly

Vandalism, says Mr. Stockdale, is responsible for much of the wear and tear of highway signs. The little reflector buttons that make the signs visible at night seem to have a special attraction for vandals, he says. Last fall it was necessary to replace 10,000 of these on Ontario highways. Came the spring and another 4000 had to be replaced. These buttons are of no use to anyone, but boys and grown men (and some women) will gouge them out with a knife or smash them with a stone.

Another kind of sign wrecking, according to Dan Dyer, head of the Toronto sign painting division, is the "strong man" who wishes to impress his girl and bends one of the metal signs out of shape. A surprising number of these signs are damaged this way, he says.

Highway signs riddled with bullets are a common sight in the north, says Mr. Dyer, explaining that hunters frequently use them for targets. He points out that this not only detracts from the safety value of the sign, but poor marksmanship might result in death or injury to any in the vicinity.

### Making Signs Visible at Night

The symbol signs that indicate Stop, Curve, Hill, etc., are treated with a fabric known as "scotchlite" that has the ability to reflect any light cast on it, warning the driver of the hazard well within the braking distance of a vehicle travelling at the maximum authorized speed, and thus adding to the safety of night driving. Reflectorized signs are used on all dual highways, and the signs on all two lane roads are being reflectorized as rapidly as possible.

In 1942, the Province introduced a new type of railroad sign that indicated the number of tracks at the crossing. This was for the benefit of those prone to start across the railway as soon as the obstructing train had passed by, and who fail to make allowance for another train approaching on the second or third track. The use of the railway signs to indicate the number of tracks is thus an important accident preventive.

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## Dickson's Hill Farmer Buys Markham Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. G.O.T. Gamble who bought the Harvey Moyer farm at Dickson's Hill, are shortly to leave the farm having purchased an interest in the Tremont Hotel in Markham together with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who recently arrived from England. Mr. Gamble and Mr. Anderson are typical of the best of Englishmen, and look enough alike that folks take them for brothers.

The Gambles have a reputation for conducting attractive and appetizing menus, since at their Dickson's Hill farm they made the serving of evening dinners a special sideline. Last month about 240 meals were served, indicating they were working up quite a trade, despite the fact that the stone farm house is not very conveniently located to the highway.

Mr. Gamble in addition to conducting a farm, is a chartered accountant, and has been the municipal auditor for Stouffville for several years. Since his new position in the hotel business will make further demands on his time, he may now relinquish the work of town auditor, a position that demands a chartered accountant under the Act.

According to the Rt. Hon. Francis M. Forde, Australian High Commissioner to Canada, Australian women today, with a new sense of their own power and responsibilities, are uniting to plan a postwar world "in which women will play a more important role than ever before."

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\*The exceptions referred to above are veterans discharged subsequent to January 1, 1947, pensioners and veterans whose entry into training was delayed by the necessity for medical treatment under authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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