

## Consider Reflectors For Railway Crossings

Markham Township Council was encouraged at a recent meeting by a reply received from the Board of Transport Commissioners regarding their recent suggestion that as an added safety measure all railway equipment be required to carry reflectorized markings on their sides.

The letter stated this matter has already been reviewed by the Board on different occasions. Such markings would provide additional warning to motorists, particularly during night hours.

One of the main problems facing such a plan is the fact a great number of the railway

cars in operation in Canada from time to time are owned by American lines. However, the Board is of the opinion some effective action should be taken to institute such a system of markings for Canadian equipment. The whole matter was discussed with representatives of the railways and the unions at a recent meeting in Ottawa.

At present the Board is making a study of railway crossing accidents to determine the circumstances involved in side-of-train collisions at public crossings. The railways will be required to file a formal submission on the subject.

## MT. PISGAH

Mr. Ted Marlow is improving following a painful injury to his ear. He was under his baler doing some repair work, when a stiff piece of stubble pierced his ear canal and caused serious damage. His sense of balance was badly disturbed but is gradually returning to normal.

Mr. Wallace Scott had a fine new cement slab silo constructed beside his barn on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Botham and boys spent Sunday visiting relatives at Georgetown.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gamble and Fern who had birthdays last week; also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Elias, who were married 30 years on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pattenden, Mary Howard, Elwood and Elvin Thompson enjoyed a motor trip to Haliburton on Sunday.

The ladies would be grateful for donations to the 'Save the Children Fund' of Castle or Ivory soap, face cloths, combs, etc. Also there will be an Apron Sale at the next meeting, so ladies get your aprons made ready.

The Institute are invited to Aurora on Friday, October 4 to attend the Extension Service meeting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The subject will be "How to Conduct A Meeting."

Don't forget the Turkey Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Tickets now on sale.

The Women's Association will meet on Wednesday, October 9, at the home of Mrs. C. Pattenden at 2:30 p.m. Devotional will be in charge of Mrs. G. Leary and the program Mrs. G. Boynton. Roll Call - Name a member of the Presbytery W.A. executive.

Sunday school at 1:30 p.m. and Communion Service at the church at 2:30 p.m.

Miss Etta Stephenson spent the last couple of weeks at Richmond Hill keeping house for her uncle's family who were on a motor trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sproston and Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sproston of Unionville visited Mr. and Mrs. Elias at Conestoga on Sunday.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clem Elias were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Betz and Joanne of Mongolia.

Mrs. Lambert and son Bruce of Niagara-on-the-Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Biddlecombe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Minns have moved to Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Ash and Sheila, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Elias and Linda attended the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Will Knappit at Belhaven on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Marjorie Sproston attended the official opening of Beverly Acres public school at Richmond Hill on Friday evening. Marjorie is a teacher on the staff at Beverly Acres.

The Institute of Gormley and District held their September meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Noble, Gormley, last Wednesday. Mrs. Schultz, District President attended and addressed the meeting.

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## BUTTONVILLE

Neighbourhood Notes—  
Last weekend, Isobel Hood, who recently started to work in London, Ont., was home with her parents.

Ross Baker, who spent the summer at Port Arthur and Capreol, returned to the University of Toronto to resume his engineering course.

On Saturday evening of last week, following the Felgate-Wood wedding, Mr. and Mrs. George Felgate entertained friends at their home here. Among those present were Mrs. B. C. Sisler, Rebecca Sisler and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, and other wedding guests.

Home & School—  
Buttonville Home & School Association will hear a speaker on Dental Health on Wednesday evening of next week when the second meeting of the season is held. There will be many helpful suggestions regarding dental problems which haunt us from the cradle to the grave (if we're lucky!) Come along and find out how to help Junior keep his molars.

On Sunday of last week Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop, Arleigh Heights, entertained at a wedding reception for their daughter, Sybil Jane, whose marriage to Mr. Winston Bradley took place in Los Angeles, California on July 29. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are now living in Oshawa. A shower for the new bride was held at the home of Mrs. Ken Stephenson. Guests were Arleigh Heights neighbours whose good wishes accompanied their gifts.

Guests at the Murison—Bruce wedding in Whitevale United Church on Saturday of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood, Mr. L. A. Hood and Mrs. S. J. English and Miss Dorothy, Hood who played the wedding music. The wedding reception was held in the St. Andrew's Church in Markham.

Congratulations to Mr. Norman Reid who celebrated a birthday last week, and to Mr. and Mrs. John Brown who were married 22 years on Sept. 25, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller whose 33rd wedding anniversary was on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Mrs. Miller entertained at a dinner party, and the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tibbles who were the bridesmaid and best man at the original ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson. The latter acted as flower girl for her sister.

We received a letter last week from Mrs. Betty Madsen, stating that the John Madsen Folk School will not be held this fall. The need for Arts and Crafts classes today is being filled by the many good night school courses in the area, and Mrs. Madsen feels the need to renew and clarify the Folk School programme. The Folk School dancing group which formerly met at Cherry Hill Farm will meet on Wednesday evening of each week at Buttonville Hall. They invite new members.

Home and School members—reserve the second Wednesday (Oct. 9) for the monthly Home and School meeting. It means a great deal to your children to know you are interested enough in their welfare to attend; but more than that, you will enjoy yourselves thoroughly, and become better acquainted with your community and your neighbours.

Next Monday evening C.G.I.T. members will meet in Brown's Corners United Church at 7:30, and Explorer groups will meet in Victoria Square church at 7 o'clock. If transportation is required, please contact Mrs. Maw, Unionville 173-J-3 or Mrs. Norman Reid, AX3-5022.

When Friendship Club members met at the home of Mrs. Jane Dunlop for the first meeting of the season, movies of a recent trip to Florida were shown. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening of next week Oct. 10 at the home of Mrs. Jack Harrott, and the programme will include a talk on "Table Displays".

On Wednesday of last week several members of Brown's Corners W.M.S. attended the York Presbytery Fall Rally at Sutton West. Included were Mrs. Wm. Rodick, Secty. for Mission Circles; Mrs. Wilfred Turner, Secty. for Mission Bands; Mrs. Douglas Hood, Mrs. F. W. Baker and Mrs. E. H. Leaf.

UXBRIDGE TP. GIRL INJURED BY BINDER

Three-year-old Nancy Parratt, Uxbridge township, who had her leg caught in a corn binder last Wednesday, was reported in satisfactory condition this week in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Dr. George Walker, who is treating the girl, has put her leg in a cast. He is unable to tell at this time whether one of Nancy's feet will have to be amputated.

Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parratt, highway No. 47, near Uxbridge, had her leg caught in the machine, when she went into a grain field to call her father for lunch.

Parratt did not see the girl from the machine he was riding, and the blade caught her leg.

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## \$2.00 Potato Price Seen for 75lb. Bag

Because the yields of marketable potatoes have been reduced 50 percent or more in Ontario, growers may expect to receive \$2 a 75-pound bag on the Toronto market.

This prediction was made by R. E. Goodin, assistant director of the field crops branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture at the first annual four-day potato industry conference at the Ontario Agricultural College.

He said the late crop suffered too much rain immediately after planting. This was followed by a month-long dry spell, resulting in small potatoes. Lack of rain has cut the yield as well as frost in northern Ontario. United States prices have been higher than those for Canadian potatoes.

Upswing Falls  
The situation wasn't so optimistic at the beginning of the season, Mr. Goodin pointed out. Here is how he described the situation:

Beginning in late winter and early spring, prices failed to take the usual swing upwards as experienced the three previous seasons. Fortunately, more of the Ontario crop had been marketed before that time, but it was disappointing for those with regular established accounts, and also a few speculators.

The reason, of course, is well known. Literally, trainloads of potatoes from United States saturated the markets. For example on the Toronto market alone, 62 carloads arrived the week of May 27, 81 the week ending May 22. This total of 143 carloads at wholesale to retail selling price would mean approximately \$500,000 on one market in two weeks. But it meant even more, Mr. Goodwin said. The effect continued to influence prices downward for many weeks to follow.

When June 15 arrived, and the duty of 3 1/2 cents became effective on "new" potatoes, further carloads continued to arrive. Normally, early Ontario growers begin harvest and market operations the last part of June. This year, it was delayed in hopes that imported supplies would be cleaned up.

In the meantime exceptionally heavy rains fell in early potato producing areas of southwestern Ontario—six inches in one week. Growers could not get on their fields, harvesting operations were delayed, production per acre doubled, quality was not up to standard, prices went down to an unprofitable level.

To make matters worse, acreage had been increased this year in the early sections, and old stock of potatoes particularly from the Maritimes were available. Their shipments were about 3,000 carloads less than the same time a year previous by June 1. In fact, for many weeks, old potatoes from the 1956 crop sold for as much as \$1 more per bag than 1957 new potatoes. This, of course, is unusual and some carloads of old stock continued to be marketed as late as the first week of August.

In the meantime supplies from home gardens were getting plentiful and crops from early and intermediate growers in other sections were ready to dig. This bumper-to-bumper condition continued. It has been further aggravated by delays in digging, and Irish cobbler becoming rough and scabby.

Potato acreage in Ontario has dropped to 53,650 this year compared to 55,150 last year and 171,000 in 1951, indicating that with more than doubled population Ontarians are eating one-third less, Mr. Goodin said.

Small Grower Vanishing  
Like the one-time farm flock of poultry, the small acreage potato grower is fast disappearing and giving way to the large scale operator with more machinery. He said many farmers now buy their potatoes in plastic bags in the chain stores.

Ontario growers are being squeezed by American growers who can still make money even though the tariff is increased and by maritime growers who have received increased freight subsidy from the government. Industrialization has resulted in high labor costs for Ontario growers. However, the specialized grower who caters to a local market is making out well.

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## Hospital Debt Cut to \$6,000

Although not "out of the woods yet," the Uxbridge General Hospital Board can now "see through the trees," said their solicitor Thomas Harris, of Port Perry this week. County Judge John E. Pritchard set Nov. 7 as a date for the hearing of a lien action brought against the hospital by builder L. S. Scott, of Markham.

Work on the 36-bed hospital is almost three-quarters completed, but ground to a halt on May 1 when the hospital board ran out of funds. The builder seeks approximately \$100,000.

Mr. Harris, representing the hospital board, met with Mr. Scott and his solicitor this week to try to negotiate some agreement which would keep the partly completed building from being sold. Mr. Scott has had a motion before the courts asking that a trustee be named to sell the building to satisfy the courts.

When the meeting was over, the motion was adjourned. His Honor set Nov. 7 to hear the lien action.

Mr. Harris says that the hospital board now lacks only \$6,000 of meeting the lien. He says that he expects that this amount will be subscribed by Uxbridge citizens in time to prevent even the lien action from proceeding.

"We are not out of the woods yet," he said, "but we can see through the trees. I am very sure that Uxbridge will finally have a hospital."

When the lien is satisfied, the board still needs approximately \$72,000 to complete the building. This amount has been promised by the provincial and federal governments, who each grant \$1,000 per bed when the hospital is completed.

WEDDING  
FELGATE—WOOD  
On Saturday, September 21st, a wedding of local interest was solemnized in the Newtonville United Church, when Maxine Yvonne Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood of Newtonville, became the bride of George Frank Felgate, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Felgate, of Buttonville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a classic gown of white bridal satin. The bouffant skirt fell to a chapel train, and she wore a shoulder length veil of tulle illusion and carried yellow and white baby mums. Her three attendants wore waltz length gowns in shades of rose, yellow and pale green, and they carried bouquets of mums in autumn tones.

Larry Briggs of Richmond Hill was best man, and one of the ushers was Bill Dodds, also of Richmond Hill.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlours, and Mrs. Wood received the guests in a blue embossed taffeta afternoon gown with matching accessories and a corsage of roses. Mrs. Felgate chose a Queen's blue crepe sheath, lace trimmed, and white feather hat.

For travelling, the bride changed to a blue tailored suit with beige accessories. After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Felgate motored to Kingston, where the groom will resume his engineering course at Queen's University.

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