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NEWS ITEM  
**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE OUT IN FORCE TO NAB DRINKING DRIVERS OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS**

## Ontario County Favour Tractor Licenses For 14-15 Year Old Farm Boys

Ontario County Council has endorsed a resolution put forward by the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, calling for an amendment to the Highway Traffic Act that would licence 14-16-year-old boys to allow them to drive tractors on highways. At present, only boys 16 years old and over may drive farm tractors on highways.

The resolution from Northumberland and Durham states:

"Whereas Section 52 (1) of the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1950, as amended by 1953 c.46s. 13 (in force Jan. 1, 1954) provides that no person under the age of 16 years shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or farm tractor on a highway,

And whereas statistics assembled by the Ontario Farm Safety Council indicate that the 14 to 18 year age group have the lowest per capita accident rate of any age group,

And whereas farm economy depends to a great extent on the assistance of the 14 and 15 year old on farms, especially in the driving of tractors,

And whereas a great number of farms in Ontario border on public roads,

And whereas tractors must travel on these highways to get to parts of the farm,

Now therefore this resolution witnesseth that this Council assembled doth humbly petition that the Legislature of the Province of Ontario (or the Honourable Minister of Highways) give consideration to the amendment of the said Act to permit minors from 14 to 16 to be licensed for the operation of farm tractors only, upon Provincial Highways."

**Wide Open**  
 Reeve William A. Heron, of Whitby Twp., speaking on the resolution, said that it was "too wide open" as presented. He said that some boys would be able to take the tractor to town for other than farm business if the resolution were adopted by the Department.

Deputy-reve Heber Down, of the same township, said that he would like to see the resolution be endorsed without any amendment.

"We have a tractor on our farm," he said, "and when it is on the highway, a man must drive it. But when it comes to putting that tractor into the barn, we have a boy there who can do it better than any of the men. Help on the farms is getting scarce and as boys grow up on the farm, they can handle the tractor as well as I can."

Reeve Cyril Morley, of Pickering village, suggested that the resolution be endorsed only in principle.

Mrs. Jean McPherson, Deputy-reve of Pickering Township, said that her experience had been that boys over 16 were not interested in taking the tractor to town. They wanted their own car instead.

Deputy-reve Irwin Cowie, of Mara Twp., said that boys from 14-16 are taking the place of men on some farms. He said that he had a son who drove a tractor since he was 14. "If there was something to be done with the tractor that I could not do, I would get him to do it."

Deputy-reve Down said that a lot of farmers could not get along without boys.

"They can really drive tractors, too," he said, "Make no mistake about it. But if we wait until they are 17 before we let them, they won't be here."

The resolution was then adopted by the council.

## Buttonville and District News

**Neighbourhood Notes—**  
 This Christmas was busier than most for some local families, with wedding celebrations added to the usual festivities.

On Wednesday evening there were several local guests at the Clark-Paisley wedding ceremony and reception. Besides the immediate family (Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Syl Savage) there were Mr. and Mrs. George Felgate Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke Sr., and Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. M. McNeilish among the guests.

Since the Reesor-Hood wedding was to take place in the Brown's Corners Church on the evening of December 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid held Christmas at their home with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood and their family and Nancy and Gordon Brown. Mrs. John Brown is still convalescing from her recent operation, so she and Mr. Brown were not able to attend the Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fuller and Joy joined a family group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gohn, and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stephenson and their families.

Mrs. Belle Glendenning was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craigie, and Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyington were invited to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Jr., at their Newmarket home.

Mrs. S. J. English had dinner with the W. J. Russell family at Unionville, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig had invited Mrs. Craig's brother and sister, John Craig was home from the East Coast Naval Training station where he is stationed, so it was an especially happy day for that group.

At the Rodick farm Rev. and Mrs. Morrison Sellar, Mr. and Mrs. James Rodick and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodick were present, with Grace and John home for Christmas from Dryden and Newmarket, and the Miller family celebration included Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Jamie, Jeffrey, Michael and Joel; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mingay, Paul Jr., Andrew and Martha; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waterston, Pam, Judy and Doug.

**Trousseau Tea—**  
 Prior to her marriage to Donald Reesor of Markham on Dec. 26th, Dorothy Hood was guest of honour when her mother entertained at a trousseau tea for her on December 19.

Tea assistants in the afternoon were Darlene and Donna Dimma and Mrs. John Brumwell, cousins of the bride, with Mrs. Lyn Reesor, Mrs. Foster Hagen and Miss Nancy Brown in the trousseau rooms. Pouring were Miss Edith Hood, Mrs. Rene Atkinson, Mrs. John Ash, Mrs. Robert Thompson and Mrs. S. English. Also assisting were Mrs. Lorne Dimma, Mrs. J. R. Rutherford, Mrs. Norman Reid, Miss Margaret Barry, Mrs. Wm. Rodick and Mrs. Fred Leaf.

Flower arrangements and the corsages worn by Mrs. Reesor, Mrs. Douglas Hood and Miss Dorothy Hood who received the guests, were by Miss Adele Caruthers.

**Christmas Sunday—**  
 Brown's Corners Church had a warm and welcoming atmosphere on Christmas Sunday for the morning services. There was a lighted tree at the chancel, and evergreen boughs decorated the

windows. Our student minister, Mr. Tom Phillips, gave an appropriate message, and the choir with Miss Dorothy Hood at the organ and Mrs. S. J. English conducting, sang two special anthems: "A Christmas Roundelay" and "O, Holy Night." There was also a beautiful solo, "I Wonder as I Wander," sung by Mrs. Clayton Jones.

During the service came a moment of special interest when, on behalf of the congregation, the presentation of a silver tea service as a wedding gift was made by Mr. Walter Craig and Mr. Harold Wright to Miss Dorothy Hood.

At Victoria Square United Church in the evening came the service which for this correspondent always sets the Christmas mood — the Candlelight Service for C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups with assistance this year from the TYRO group.

The church, lit only with candles and Christmas tree lights, glows pleasantly, and creates an effective setting for the candlelit faces of the girls in the professional. There is a quiet, and joy about this particular time which is contagious.

As the girls entered, singing "O come all ye faithful," their candles were lighted by Art Storey and Roger Kedwell, TYRO leaders. The CGIT girls occupied the choir loft and the Explorers were seated at the front centre of the church. There was the reading of the Christmas Story as told in the Bible and the CGIT group sang "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"; "Fairiest Lord Jesus" was sung by the Explorers, and Carol Morrison, Margaret Smith and Anne Buchanan sang "O, Holy Night."

The leaders, Mrs. John McQuaig, Mrs. F. Maw, Mrs. John Storey, Mrs. P. Bennett and Miss Carol Morrison are to be commended on their fine work.

TYRO boys assisted with the offering and ushering, and among those from this area who helped with the service were Misses J. Fuller; Pat and Margaret Patterson, Janet Craig, Marcelle Storey and Donna Denby.

## BLOOMINGTON

Mr. J. Burnett and son John spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burnett and Mrs. Elmer Burnett and family.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Shantz and daughters of St. Catharines with Mr. and Mrs. O. Trammer were at Mr. H. Kee's, Orangeville, with their family group on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fockler celebrated Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Tomlinson of Weston, Mrs. R. Leask, Bruce and Alex. O. Greenbank, Mr. and Mrs. Carr and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Smalley and sons of Mt. Albert were at Mr. J. K. Trammer's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fisher, John and Elizabeth of Windsor spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker.

One of the large gatherings met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Storey, including Mrs. Graham of Ballantrae, Mr. and Mrs. Barkey and family of Markham and the F. Byer family of Stouffville.

A blessed New Year 1960 to the Editor, Staff, and the thousands of readers of the Stouffville Tribune.

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and Mrs. Roy Smith, Bethesda for dinner and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Brownsberger for supper; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steckley, Marilyn, Gary and Kevin of Hamilton and Miss Shirley of Toronto with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley.

We feel sure the rest of the folks in the community spent a happy day, though we have not mentioned all of them. We wish everyone a good and happy 1960.

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