

Ratepayer's Assoc. President Charges Planning Bd. "Biased" on Rail Route Asks For Independent Survey

The Pickering Township Planning Board was the target for further criticism at the inaugural meeting of Council on Monday night. Dr. Gordon Edmunds, President of the South-West Ratepayers' Association charged that the Board's members were "biased" in their views on what C.N.R. bypass route would be in the best interests of the township. The original line would pass through the village of Dunbarton. A second route would extend north of conc. 2. Dr. Edmunds favored the latter proposal.

"The Planning Board turned down the idea in a rather extraordinary meeting," said the spokesman. He said that the board members favored the original route. He stated that he would refuse to accept any recommendation presented by the Pickering Planning Board to the Metro Board. "They are biased," he suggested.

One Member Resigns
Mr. Wm. G. Newman, a former reeve and member of the Planning Board has resigned. He, and two other members, Messrs. Kenneth Clarke and Hardy Craig are up for re-appointment this year. Messrs. Clarke and Craig have expressed willingness to continue in office. The reeve was informed at Monday's meeting of council that Mr. Newman wished to be relieved of the job. Dr. Edmunds suggested the names of Messrs. Reg. Bozak and Lorne Milne as possible candidates for the board. He noted that the south-west portion of the township did not have any representation on the Planning Board.

"I don't feel that area representation is absolutely necessary," argued councillor Harry Ashton, "the ability to plan should be considered". Reeve Scott suggested that the bylaw to appoint the members to the 1960 Planning Board should be held over for another meeting.

Independent Survey
Council agreed, on a split vote, that an independent team of experts should be acquired to give an unbiased opinion on whether the bypass line should be located on the original route through Dunbarton or north of conc. 2, the alternate route. The report must be in the hands of the Township by Jan. 15. The cost of the survey has been estimated at between \$500 and \$1,000.

"I feel we won't get our money's worth," contended ward 2 councillor, Edgar James. He voted against the motion.

"We need a fresh viewpoint on the problem," advised Dr. Edmunds, "a firm with no axe to grind," he said.

Vacant Farm Land
Dr. Edmunds stated that the planning aspects of both rail routes had been considered by their Ratepayers' Association. He contended that the alternate line, north of conc. 2, would pass mainly through vacant farm land and the township's industrial area. He suggested that only at the Valley Farm and Brock Roads would any residents be severely affected.

"The survey may cost the residents of Pickering Township a few hundred dollars, but if the rail line is "rammed" through a heavily populated area, it could cost the Township millions," he said. He noted that the proposed line, north of conc. 2 was only one-half mile longer than the original route.

"It would be of much greater expense to the C.N.R.," suggested Councillor Laycox.

"We're not concerned with the C.N.R. but with the welfare of the people in Pickering," replied the spokesman.

"The railroad and the Board of Transport will make the final decision on where the line will go and not the Metro Planning Board," stated councillor Ashton.

"I don't agree with you," argued Dr. Edmunds. The Metro Board will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

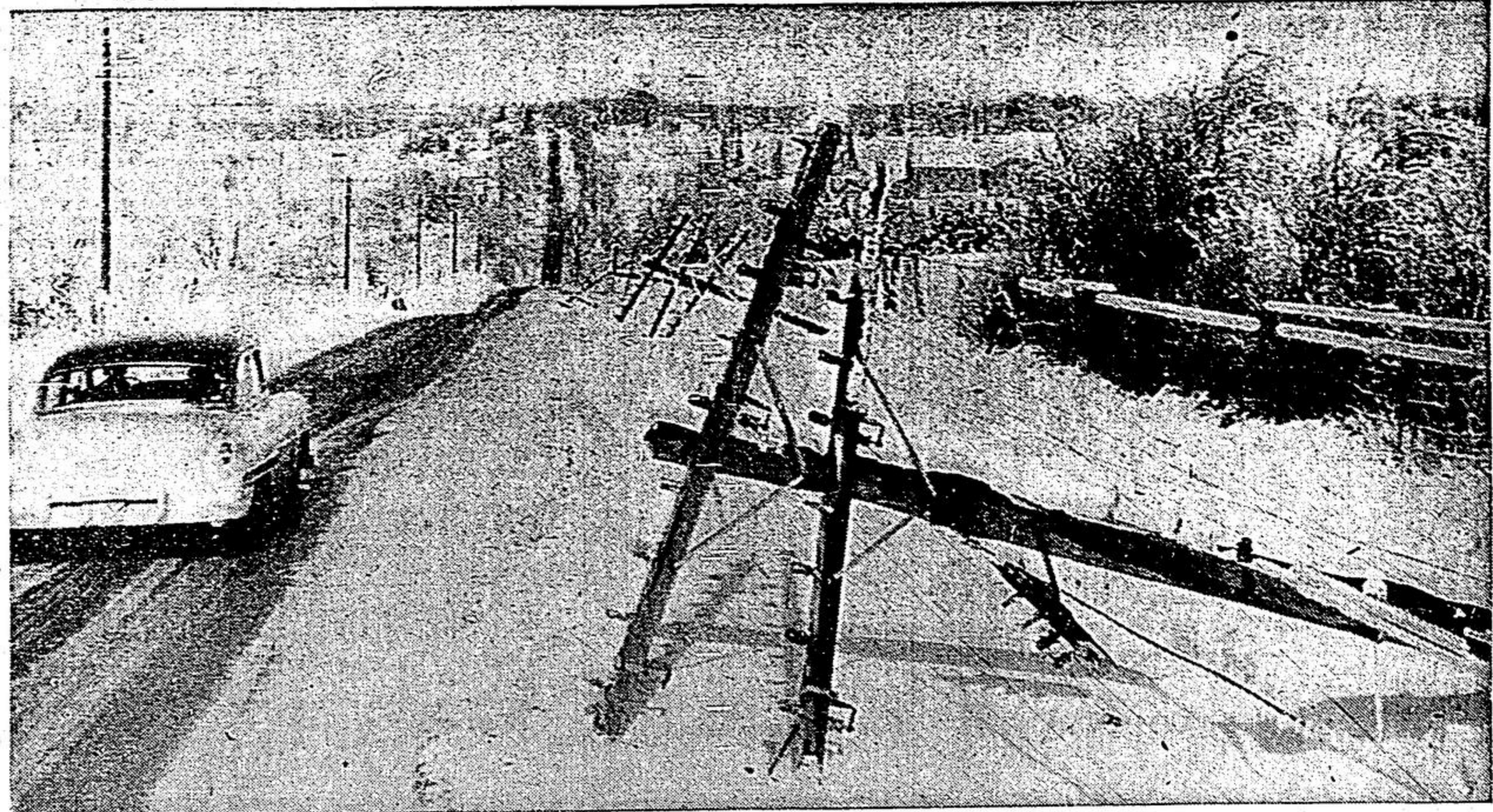
Thirty-two Attend New Year's Gathering

One of the largest family gatherings in Claremont on New Year's Day was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson. Thirty-two adults and children were present. This number included Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Les Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Wilson and family, Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson travelled the farthest distance for the reunion. They reside at Lakefield, north of Peterboro.



Mr. William G. Newman, a former Reeve of Pickering Twp., and an ardent worker in the field of municipal politics, has submitted his resignation from the Planning Board. Members of Council were informed of his decision at their inaugural meeting on Monday night. Although no reason was given for Mr. Newman's withdrawal from the Board, he had previously expressed concern over a lack of support and co-operation the members had received during 1959. He was slated for re-appointment this year.

A man who worked for an outfit for 40 years was given a wrist watch. He now has time on his hands.



Tangled Communications

The police village of Claremont was one of the hardest-hit communities in the recent ice storm that swept through the area last week. Hydro power was cut off for almost four days and a number of telephones are still out of

der. A partial reason for the communication tie-up may be seen in the above photograph. On the Brock Road immediately south of Claremont some eight poles were toppled. This picture was taken from the top of the hill, looking north toward the Village. —Staff Photo

Rev. T. Fleetham Attends Inaugural Meeting

Rev. T. Fleetham of Greenwood-Mt. Zion charges, officiated at the Inaugural Meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday evening. He was introduced by the Reeve, Mr. Sherman Scott. A number of ratepayers were in attendance.

"You, as members of the 1960 Council, are held in high regard by the electorate," said the Pastor. "You have been given a sacred trust, a position that will often require guidance and foresight," he continued. "Only through co-operation and brotherly love may your problems be solved," he said. "You must endeavor to work together just as the people of this Township must live together in a common bond of fellowship." Rev. Fleetham said that he

Three Year Old Boy Killed In Car Accident

Three year old Stephen Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack V. Thompson of Ottawa, was killed in an auto accident near Madoc on Dec. 27th when the car in which he was a passenger collided with another vehicle. The family were returning home after spending Christmas with Mrs. Errol Carson, near Greenwood. Mrs. Carson was in the Thompson car and is presently confined to the Belleville Hospital. Mrs. Thompson is in the Ottawa Hospital.

Funeral service for the victim was conducted by Rev. T. Fleetham in the Zion United Church on Wednesday, Dec. 30th. Interment was made in Salem Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have one other child, Gregory, 5 years.

GREEN RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. B. Draper spent the weekend visiting friends at Peterboro.

News, no doubt, will be limited this week, owing to the ice storm. There is no phone service yet but when one reads and hears of the discomforts and hardships suffered by some communities, we can only be thankful that we were the more fortunate ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter spent New Year's with their son Lorne and family of Markham.

The Hutchings spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Hutchings, at Claremont.

We extend belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Shirk on the gift of a son.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. L. Roberts on Wednesday, Jan. 13th at 8 p.m.

Mr. C. Anthony will be in charge of the devotional programme. All ladies welcome.

A woman who lives in a 3-room apartment gave birth to triplets. There'll be some changes made.

Make Committee Appointments In Township Council

The following members of Council and ratepayers will comprise the various committees and fill other vacant positions in Pickering Township for the year 1960. The suggestions as put forward by Reeve Sherman Scott were approved at the inaugural meeting on Monday evening. (The first name mentioned will act as Chairman.) Finance — Councillors Laycox, James, Deakin, Spang. Police and Fire — Councillors Deakin, Laycox, Spang, Ashton. Property and Pub. Relations — Councillors James, Laycox, Deakin, Deputy Reeve Hawthorne. Roads and Bridges — Dep. Reeve Hawthorne and members of Council. Welfare and Dog Control —

BROUGHAM NEWS

The Young People of Saint John's Church are planning for a Bus Trip to Maple Leaf Gardens on Saturday night, to see a hockey game.

The Sunday School of Saint John's Church will hold their annual meeting in the Church on Friday evening, January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Storry visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon of Cannington on New Year's Day.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Geo. Mutch, who is in St. Michael's Hospital, has had another surgical operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Castill of New Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duncan at Green River on Sunday.

Communion service will be held in St. John's Church next Sunday, January 10.

Mrs. Lemmon went to Toronto on Sunday, where she expects to remain with friends the rest of the winter.

Word was received here of the sudden passing of Mr. Chas. Hood, in Ajax Hospital, from a heart attack. Mr. Hood was the last surviving brother of Mrs. Lemmon. Sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

The next regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in the Township Hall on Tuesday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Program convener will be Mrs. N. Burton, assisted by Mrs. Matthews. Motto for the month — "Best Board of Education is the 'Shingle'." Roll Call — What we can do to beautify our community. Hostesses — Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. A. J. Gray and Mrs. Perry.

The Institute Euchres will start for the coming year on Tuesday, January 5. The highest scorer for the two months of January and February will receive a special prize a beautiful table lamp.

Mrs. D. Dawson of Claremont visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry visited with their son Allan and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostle and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Winton and family, all of Oshawa, visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beer, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey of London spent New Year's weekend with his parents, Al and Mrs. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gray, also Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gray and little daughter had New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray and family.

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pascoe and Jackie were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allman Jr. and son, Gregory of Toronto, were Christmas Day visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allman. Mr. Allman's mother, Mrs. E. Allman of Toronto was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson and family were New Year's Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Briscoe of Toronto spent New Year's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Briscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harton and daughter and Mrs. Blanche Cook, all of Willowdale, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook and family on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Linstead and family of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Linstead and family of Port Perry and Paul Linstead of Toronto were visitors with Rev. and Mrs. A. Cresswell and family on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall enjoyed New Year's Day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schneider, Ashburn R.R. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wideman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stan McMullen and Mrs. Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton and Donna were guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason, for New Year's Day. On Saturday, Mrs. Norton's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dadds of Kingston were visitors at their Claremont home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morley and family, of Scarborough, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Morley and family, of Stouffville, were New Year's Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morley. During the holiday period, the family were pleased to receive long-distance telephone calls from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morley of Montreal and from Mrs. Morley's sister, Mrs. Gladys Stallan in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mansell and family spent Christmas in the Laurentians on a skiing expedition. On Sunday, they enjoyed skiing in the Barrie district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutton of Toronto were New Year's Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ward.

Miss Daisy Duerdon entertained Mrs. Alf Petty at her home on New Year's Day. Relatives from Hamilton were also visi-

ALTONA

Mountain, Georgia, brother of Mrs. Hazel Carruthers and Mrs. G. Beverley, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill and will visit with other members of the family in Claremont.

Lonnie Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McLeod, was rushed to Uxbridge Hospital on Saturday night where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Later in the week she will have a tonsil operation. All her friends in Claremont wish Lonnie a speedy recovery.

The Goodfellowship Class will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. McConnell on Tuesday, Jan. 12. The programme will be in charge of Mrs. J. Norton and Mrs. E. Britton. Roll Call is to be answered with a verse containing the word "New".

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beare have departed on a three week vacation in the Sunny South. They will reside at the Dakar Beach Hotel in Datona Beach.

Christmas Cards
The Claremont Baptist Young People are again collecting used Christmas Cards to be packaged and sent to Missionaries. Will you please leave your cards in the box in the church, or contact one of the young people and the cards will be picked up.

Pickering Not Hard-Hit By Ice Storm
The Township of Pickering was not hard-hit by the recent ice storm, according to Road Superintendent, Mr. Jack Chapman. He told the Tribune that across the municipality, some thirty trees were toppled and had to be cleared from the road. He said that any limbs coming in contact with hydro or telephone lines did not come under the road department's jurisdiction. He suggested that the main clean-up job would likely be in the Spring.

No roads in the township were blocked for more than one hour. Approximately one thousand man hours were spent both during and following the storm. One crew was retained for all-night duty during the height of the storm but no telephone calls were received. Mr. Chapman said that the sanding operation did not constitute a major drain on the road budget. He noted that last winter, it was almost a weekly chore. The purchase and application of sand during the winter months of 1959-59 reached a near-record cost.

Pair To Stand Trial For High School Break-in
Magistrate F. S. Ebbs, in the Whitby police court last week, was told that the safe in the Pickering District High School had been burned open with welding equipment belonging to the school, which had been hauled from the school's machine shop to the principal's office for that job. Cpl. Don Matheson, of Pickering Twp. Police Department, was testifying against Ronald Foote and Everett Hugh Black, both 26, of Toronto, charged with breaking and entering the school. They were committed for trial before a judge.

Cpl. Matheson said that during a routine check of the school, on the morning of Nov. 22, he noticed a window broken out of the machine shop and 2 windows broken in the principal's office. Inside the office, he said, he noticed that the safe had been burned open.

Closer examination, he said, revealed that an 18-inch by 24-inch hole had been burned out of the safe door. He said that a welding outfit from the machine shop had been brought in to do the burning.

At the school, he said, he found a broken button and a wax match.

On Dec. 2, he said, with a warrant he searched Foote's home and found him wearing a wrist watch. This was taken from him, he said, and later identified as one of the \$200 worth of watches missing from the school safe.

Found in a drawer at Foote's home, he said, was a scribbler, containing two drawings of safe locations. One of these was marked Ajax Lumber Co. and the other was possibly a drawing of the high school safe. The scribbler, he said, had started out to be the accused's wife's cook book.

Two days later, he said, he searched a truck driven by Black and found a coat, belonging to Black, with a button broken off. A. V. Sharpe of the Attorney General's Laboratory staff, said he had examined the two pieces of broken button submitted by Pickering Police and found that they matched exactly. Wax matches submitted, he said, were made of wax which had the same melting point.

David Keene, a Pickering District High School student, said that he had identified a watch shown to him following the break-in which was his.

The pair were committed for trial. Ball was set at \$1,000.

and boys were Christmas Day guests of his parents at Dickson's Hill and on New Year's Day were guests of Mrs. Wideman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schneider of Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wideman

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