



Going to "Pot Holes"

There would appear to be something woefully wrong with the maintenance program presently employed in the Ontario County road system. The stretch of "pavement" extending in a westerly direction from Claremont to the Markham-Pickering townline has continued to plague motorists throughout the entire winter. It has been an obstacle course of pot holes and icy ruts for the past three months, nor did this condition have its beginning with the first blast of wintry winds. The "bump" signs were hoisted late last summer and they continue to flash their danger signals to this day. One or two half-hearted attempts were made to patch up the depressions, but they still remain, as rough and as deep as ever.

The appearance of "ol' Sol" during the past few weeks has helped to cut through the ice. Prior to this welcomed warming trend it was not uncommon to see numerous cars marooned on the hills or bogged down in the ditch. Many Claremont residents refused to complete the treacherous five-mile trip.

From the initial stages of the County's paving program we never felt that this application of hard-top would withstand the wear and tear of heavy truck traffic. Last summer it was put to a severe test and the results are still plainly visible. If the County of Ontario hopes to extend its paving program we would hope that they have learned from past experiences that the cheapest job can sometimes be the most costly.

According to a reported statement made by the County Road Chairman, the department is dependent on the co-operation of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Pickering Twp. Police to signal the need of sand, snowplows, etc. during the winter months. We cannot understand why the O.P.P. or the Pickering forces should shoulder this "watchdog" responsibility. If there has to be any buck-passing on the issue, let it be kept within the county and not tossed in the laps of either township or provincial employees.

It wasn't too many years ago when the County maintained a gravel section of road extending west from Claremont. There wasn't a better gravel road in the district. Graders were continually levelling off the surface. Seven months have now passed since the first major pavement break-up occurred. That was in August, 1959. In February, 1960, the situation remains unchanged. It's the same story on the Brock Road north of No. 2 Highway. One hub cap-deep hole has existed in the pavement for the greater portion of an entire year.

If the County road department cannot keep pace with its maintenance requirements, then its staff should be increased. We realize that increased vehicular traffic brings increased demands. No one expects over-night action on some of these problems but we contend that three, six and eight months is a little too long.

DEATH

HAMILTON, Ada — Entered into rest at Lakeview Manor, Port Perry, on Friday, Feb. 12, Ada Burton, beloved wife of Milfred L. Hamilton of Brougham, Ont., and dear mother of Fredrick H. Hamilton of Brougham, and Marie (Mrs. Clarence Baleson) and Mabel (Mrs. Clifford Hub-

bard) both of Pickering. Loving sister of Robert of Detroit, William of Cleveland, Norman of Claremont, Orville of Stouffville, George of Brougham and Margaret of Detroit. Mrs. Hamilton was resting at the new McEachern Funeral Home at Pickering, with service in the Brougham United Church on Monday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Whitevale Cemetery.

Rough Roads

The Ontario County road, extending from Claremont, west to the Markham-Pickering townline has been sorely neglected during the past 8 months. Large holes (above) which appeared in the pavement late last summer, are still very prominent and little or no attempt has been made to fill them in. Other signs of disrepair are noticeable on the Brock Road, south of Brougham. The warning sign (lower) were erected in August, 1959.

This winter, these roads have never been in worse condition. Drivers have been plagued by deep ruts, ice and snow. The use of sand has been curtailed and accidents have been occurring with monotonous regularity almost daily. Many Claremont residents have elected to use the township's gravel roads rather than take a chance on the pavement between Brougham and Stouffville.

Let Contract For Goodwood-Manchester County Road

A contract in the amount of \$144,958 has been granted to Peel Construction, Brampton, for work on the first phase of a new development road in Ontario County. The contract covers preliminary work on a 4 1/2 mile stretch of the fifth concession of Reach Twp. leading west from Manchester.

The Peel Construction tender was the lowest of 16 tenders received and was \$40,000 below the estimated cost. Because the tender was called in mid-winter when construction firms are normally idle, the price was lower than anticipated.

The contract covers grading, gravel, installing new culverts and widening the road. The road, known now as County Road 1A, was last year adopted by the province as a development road following negotiations between the county and the Department of Highways.

During negotiations, Hon. Dr. M. B. Dymond, MPP for Ontario, took a lead part, say county officials. As a development road, the Department of Highways pays the cost of reconstruction and eventually the road will be returned to the county road system. It was under a development plan that the Baseline, between Whitby and Liverpool, was paved last year.

This new road, when completed, will link Highway 47, at the west side of the county, with Highway 7A, at Manchester, and will be the only major east-west road in the county north of Highway 7.

Work on the road will be undertaken in three phases and this contract marks the first phase. For the past two and one-half months, county workmen have been employed on the road as a winter works project.

Ask \$2,000 Grant To Aid Museum Project

The Township of Pickering has been asked for a \$2000 grant to assist in the promotion of a museum in the hamlet of Brougham. The Chairman of the Pickering Township Historical Society, Mr. W. G. Layson addressed a special meeting of Council on Monday evening.

Mr. Layson informed the members that the Society hoped to raise \$10,000 in their current fund-drive campaign. The acquiring of the Brougham and Green River school buildings, the expense involved in the moving of the log cabin to the Brougham site and other expenditures will amount to \$5000. An additional \$5,000 will be required for refinishing work and working capital.

"I feel the response will be very good," said Mr. Lawson. He assured the Council that he hoped no further grants would be requested. An admission fee will be charged to the museum and a small Provincial Government grant will be made available. All items will be donated.

"I feel we will receive enough items to fill a half-dozen museums," said the spokesman. Mr. Lawson pointed out that the property would be owned by the Township and they, in turn, would lease it to the Historical Society.

"The advantages of a museum are self-evident," noted Mr. Lawson. He pointed out that considerable time had now elapsed in the organizing of such a worthwhile project. "We are not too late, but almost too late," he said.

Claremont Asks \$60 Rental For Firehall

The Trustees of the Police Village of Claremont have requested that the Township of Pickering should pay a monthly rental fee of \$60 for the use of their firehall. The Citizens League of Brougham have asked for a rental fee of \$50 per month. The halls will be heated.

was agreed that the rental fee should be \$50 per month to both Claremont and Brougham.

Councillor Edgar James contended that the same figure should be paid to both Claremont and Brougham.

WOULD REROUTE HYDRO LINE

Mr. David Lennox of Cherrywood appeared before a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night to request that the proposed hydro line should bypass his apple orchard. He informed the members that the orchard was the result of 20 years work and he didn't wish it destroyed. Reeve Sherman Scott informed the ratepayer that he would accompany the hydro officials on a tour of the area on Saturday and would pass on the request to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and Mr. Gord Taylor attended the Boat Show at the CNE grounds on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooper left on Sunday for a one month vacation in Florida. The Young People of the Baptist Church attended a Valentine Party in Aurora on Monday evening. The Aurora Baptist Church Young People were the hosts.

Councillor Harry Ashton Submits Resignation To Take New Municipal Post

Former ward 3 councillor, Mr. Harry Ashton is Pickering Township's new Bylaw Enforcement Officer. He was officially appointed to the post at a special meeting of Council on Monday night. He had earlier submitted his resignation from the council seat that he held for more than thirteen months. He commenced his duties on the township staff on Tuesday. He will work out of the Municipal Building at Brougham. His salary will be \$3,600 per annum plus car allowance.

The position had been previously handled by Mr. Albert Cane. Mr. Cane will now act only as Welfare Officer. The enforcement of township bylaws will be in charge of Mr. Ashton. An appointment to fill the now-vacant council seat will be made on Monday, Feb. 22nd. Mr. Harry Boyes, defeated ward 3 candidate in the last election, has been suggested as Mr. Ashton's possible successor.

Mr. Wm. Fairgrieve, a Dunbarton resident, suggested that in future, no members of council should be permitted to apply for such municipal posts. "They have a decided advantage over other applicants," he said. "It was a very skillful maneuver on Mr. Ashton's part," he continued. Mr. Fairgrieve charged further that the salary of \$3,600 per year was an exceedingly poor wage for any employee. He noted that the take-home pay would amount to approximately \$56.00 per week. He contended that it was most unfair that Mr. Ashton should start in at the same salary rating as Mr. Cane. "I feel that the Welfare Officer should get \$4,000,"

he said. "The Council will spend hundreds of dollars on a railroad debate," he continued. He suggested that ratepayers would not resent seeing municipal employees receive a liveable salary. In touching further on salaries, Mr. Fairgrieve pointed out that the township's garbage men were receiving only \$66.00 per week. "Would you like to work for \$66.00 per week?" he asked Council. "The Office Manager, Mr. Turk gets \$7,500 per year and hasn't even proved himself," he continued. The spokesman charged that it was possible that a number of welfare cases in the township were receiving more money than the Welfare Officer. Reeve Sherman Scott defended Mr. Ashton's right to file an application for the position. He said that he had legally submitted his resignation from council and had every right to apply. He noted that the starting salary had been recommended by the Office Manager, Mr. Turk. Referring to the Garbage Dept., Reeve Scott said that they were paid on a similar scale to employees on the Township Road Dept. "We've never had any trouble filling the vacant positions," pointed out the Reeve.

Found Injured After Blackout

An Uxbridge district man, Fred Dynes, 54, of RR 2, Uxbridge, was taken to the Port Perry Hospital for examination last week, after he was found unconscious in the seat of his stalled car on Highway 12 near Myrtle.

Preliminary investigation indicated that Dynes had "blacked out" while driving along the highway north of Myrtle Station. His car had veered across the road and finally ran into a steep snowbank.

The driver's head struck the door handle of the car and it appeared that he had been unconscious for some time until spotted by a passing motorist. PC Arnold Summers, of the Whitby Detachment of the OPP, investigated.

Pickering Council Not "Sold" On Advantages of New University

Three members of Pickering Twp. Council, Reeve Scott, Dep. Reeve Hawthorne and Councillor James questioned the advantages for the municipality in promoting the erection of the new York University within the borders of the township. They expressed their views at a public meeting conducted in the Municipal Chambers at Brougham on Wednesday evening of last week. Some fifteen interested ratepayers were in attendance.

"I would certainly hope so," replied Reeve Scott. He noted that some members were not in complete accord with the promotion. "The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages," he stated. He agreed that the tax-free property was one of the main problems presently confronting the Council. "It will be like a very large industry without taxation," he said. "Every other adjacent municipality is attempting to get it," he pointed out. Mr. Newman suggested that the project would not be an over-night venture. He contended that the university would start on a rather small scale and expand with the area.

dep. Reeve Hawthorne suggested that the university might attract some forms of industry to the area.



Wm. G. Newman "many advantages"



Reeve J. S. Scott "Can we afford it?"



Dep. Reeve Hawthorne "deny others services?"

Sheared Off Pole Youth Fined \$100

An Uxbridge youth, whose car sheared off a hydro pole and a traffic sign, while skidding into a field, was fined \$100 and costs or 10 days in jail when he pleaded guilty to careless driving. Cameron Arens, 18, of 88 Main St. S., Uxbridge, appeared before Magistrate Crawford Guest in Whitby traffic court last week.

Reeve Sherman Scott contended that Council must look at the proposed project from an angle of increased or decreased tax rates. Can the ratepayers here afford a university? he questioned. He noted that the majority of Pickering's 16,000 residents were in the low income bracket. He suggested that if Pickering Village was anxious to promote the venture, the township should give them every assistance. "We should put no blocks in their way," he said.

The Committee Chairman is Mr. W. G. Newman. The Vice Chairman is Mr. Ronald Hall. Secretary is Mr. Lloyd Johnston. Members of various committees include — T. O. Jefferson, Edgar James, J. M. Spiers, Charles Cooper, Doctor Gordon Clarke, Clark Richardson, Dr. Wm. McKay, Harvey Fenton, Prof. LaBrie, Wells Ritchie, C. E. Ingram, Dr. G. Edmunds, Ross Hawthorne, Robt. Byron, Ray Doble, Harold Mitchell, Clare Baleson, T. J. Wheeler and Mrs. J. M. Spiers. The various committees will bring in their reports on Wednesday evening, March 9th.

EUCHERE

Results of the Euchre held in the Legion Hall on Monday evening were as follows: Ladies 1st, Mrs. S. Hardy; 2nd, Bev. Wilson; Men's 1st, Cecil Redman; 2nd, Lenora Loyst. Travelling prize, Mr. Arvilla Lehman and John Murray; Consolation prize, Grace Redshaw; Door prize — Evelyn Carruthers. We are glad to report Mr. Dean is home after a stay in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, and we wish him a speedy return to health.

CLAREMONT, PICKERING TP. NEWS

The Boy Scouts are planning to hold a sleigh-ride party on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Further particulars will appear in next week's issue.

Mr. Kenneth Ward left on Feb. 7th for an eighteen day trip to the British Isles as a guest of the Austin Motor Car Co. The group comprises more than 80 salesmen and dealers who have been handling Austin vehicles for a lengthy period. Mr. Ward will tour the British Motor Car plant and will then be free to travel wherever they wish to go. A car will be provided. Mr. Ward will return home on Feb. 24th. He travelled both ways by B.O.A.C. aircraft.

Claremont girls under the leadership of Mrs. E. Britton and Mrs. J. Ward completed a cotton dressmaking course. They received lovely silver spoons with Ontario Home Making Club Crest, and modelled their dresses. Claremont 4-H also gave a demonstration on the four stages of making a dress, and an exhibit on the four stages of shrinking material.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion held their regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, with Com. E. Murray presiding. Reports of Committees were given and general business was dealt with. Many ladies have received letters from the adopted veteran in Sunnybrook Hospital. He says the gifts and letters are bringing him much happiness, and is pleased to know he has so many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and Mr. Gord Taylor attended the Boat Show at the CNE grounds on Saturday.

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The Women's Association will meet on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, at 7:30 in the Sunday School Room of the United Church. Mrs. R. Redshaw, Mrs. C. Norton, Mrs. E. McMullen and Mrs. F. Ward are in charge of the program. At 8:30 p.m. pictures and commentary of Canada and the Yukon will be given by Mr. and Mrs. T. Orme. Everyone welcome.

Plans were made for a bazaar and bake sale to be held in the fall. Members are asked to bring suitable bazaar materials to the April meeting, and other meetings until the fall. The meeting ended with a tasty lunch and social half hour.

Mr. John Beelby is still confined to the Ajax Hospital. A card or letter from his friends would be appreciated.

Mr. Edward J. Lewis returned home on Saturday after a five week stay in Toronto Western Hospital, for treatment and surgery. Mrs. Lewis, who had been staying with a friend in Toronto, returned at the same time.

Many people from Claremont attended Achievement Day in Uxbridge High School on Saturday, Feb. 13. Members of 4-H Clubs of Southern Ontario that are sponsored by the Women's Institute participated in demonstrations and exhibits. Nine

involved in a serious accident on the Brock Road. He is in Scarborough General Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beare have returned home from a three week vacation in Daytona Beach in Florida.

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