

Homes Flooded

Will Occur Again — Reeve

STOUFFVILLE — The backup of sewage that flooded the basements of several Stouffville homes, April 2, will occur again unless the owners affected take steps on their own, so remedied the problem.

This was the grim prediction of Reeve Ken Laushway, at a meeting of Council, April 6.

SPECIAL MEETING

Reeve Laushway said that homes fronting on Russell Street and Rose Avenue required sump pumps and traps on their sewer outlets. "It will happen again, maybe not for five years or maybe tomorrow. I don't know how we can prevent it and the engineers don't know either." He said that he had experienced a similar problem at his own home on two occasions but later corrected it. "Should the ratepayers be forced to cover a half-million dollar expenditure when a few can solve the problem for themselves for \$200?" Mr. Laushway suggested that

the residents who had experienced the sewage backup, should attend a special meeting of council where the problem could be discussed.

TAXED TO CAPACITY

Councillor Jim McKellar noted that the Town Administrator and employees had worked until 6:30 in the morning, following the storm. He said that the pumping station was taxed to capacity at the height of the flood. He noted that large quantities of surface water was carried in the town's sanitary sewage system. "People must cooperate," he said. He called for a town-wide investigation to learn if illegal drainage into storm sewers was widespread.

Reeve Laushway said that such a policy was permitted in the first hookup stage but later changed. He noted that some homes with flooded basements, April 2, had surface water running in to their own sewage laterals.

Portable Oxygen Equipment In Whitchurch Cruisers



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Supplied By Township Firm

BALLANTRAE — All cruisers of the Whitchurch Township Police Department are now equipped with portable oxygen equipment that Erie Manufacturing Co. at Ballantrae is supplying to all the N.A.T.O. Air Forces. They are used by pilot or crew members who must eject themselves for aircraft in high altitudes.

Erie Manufacturing also made the Portable Oxygen Equipment used by United States astronauts in the Gemini 4 and 6 program when an astronaut walked in space.

The civilian equipment is currently being supplied to police departments and Department of Transport personnel across Canada.

At Private Crossings

Whistle Posts Not Practical

VANDORF — C.N.R. officials, attending a Coroner's Inquest at Vandorf, April 11, suggested that it would be impossible for the railroad to erect whistle posts at every private crossing along the line.

Dr. Blair Mitchell of Stouffville conducted the Hearing into the death of Timothy Joseph O'Brien, 59, of Capreol, killed, Feb. 22 when his C.N. truck was struck by a southbound express train. The accident occurred on a private road leading to Slater's Lumber Mill, Albert Washington, 50, of Gravenhurst, was seriously injured.

When his small car was hit by a northbound train. At that time, it was recommended that visibility be improved and that whistle signals be posted. Several clumps of cedar trees were removed.

Last week, the jury further recommended that the old Vandorf Station and C.N. toolshed be removed immediately; that the private service road be re-located to insure better visibility and that the responsibility for crossing maintenance be defined.

The locomotive engineer testified that he saw the truck moving toward the tracks and blew the engine's whistle but it was then too late. He said that the train was travelling at about 60 miles per hour from Capreol to Toronto.

Cycle Club Wants Whitchurch Licence

BALLANTRAE — The site of the former Canadian Nutria Limited property, Highway 48 at Ballantrae, has been selected by a Metro Motorcycle Club for headquarters.

Walter Whelan of Toronto and a former Nutria Company official, said that a building on the farm would be used for a clubhouse with ample parking facilities off the road. He said that Sunday meets were planned. An applica-

tion was submitted for a township licence.

Reeve Ross Farquharson suggested that noise by the machines, especially on Sundays, would meet with opposition from residents in the community. Mr. Whelan said he had approached only one home-owner and found him favorable to the idea.

Council agreed to discuss the club's request and inform them of their decision.

Feasibility Of Pickering Split Requested By Township Council

PICKERING — The Department of Municipal Affairs will be approached by Pickering Township regarding the feasibility of dividing the township, north from south.

A resolution to this effect will ask for terms of reference of other municipalities dividing into rural and urban areas, and will ask for assistance in a study of the feasibility of such a move.

The resolution was won by a six to one vote, with Deputy Reeve Mrs. J. M.

Pherson opposing in a recorded vote.

Reeve C. W. Laycox was inclined to put this matter aside for the time being, because although four delegations appeared before council to request it, no petition had been placed in the hands of the clerk.

PETITION FILED

When Councillor Donald Beer said that a petition was filed with the Department, Mr. Laycox said there was no reason it could not go through.

Councillor Ron Chatten said the resolution simply

should have been presented to council and as far as he was concerned, any resolution would be based on having heard four people.

Councillor John Williams reminded the reeve that the resolution had been passed in committee. He said there was a similar resolution in 1964, one in 1965, and even prior to that, to get some sort of action, and it had never been done.

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Travelled From British Columbia By Bus

By KATHLEEN MAY GOODWOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wesley Whittleton of White Rock, British Columbia, visited with friends and relatives in the Stouffville-Markham area. They travelled the entire distance by bus.

Mr. Bill Plant will address both the morning and evening service in the Baptist Church, April 23 and 30. Mr. Plant will be married next month and asks for information, and there was nothing wrong with passing the resolution. He said he was sure the petition did exist and that a copy would be supplied.

move to the West Coast. Mrs. Pat Collins flew to Florida to visit her daughters.

Mrs. Fred Baldwin spent a few days with Mrs. Morton of Beaverton. Mr. Morton was able to return home from hospital, Thursday.

Mrs. Howard Thaxter called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Findlay Thompson, Monday.

Mrs. John Sheehy is suffering from a sprained knee at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symes and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Norton visited with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hook on the occasion of their fif-

teenth wedding anniversary. Toronto visited with Miss Mr. John Criscionni of Terry Ferguson, Sunday.

New Ready-Mix Plant Under Construction Near Bloomington Completed In Six Weeks

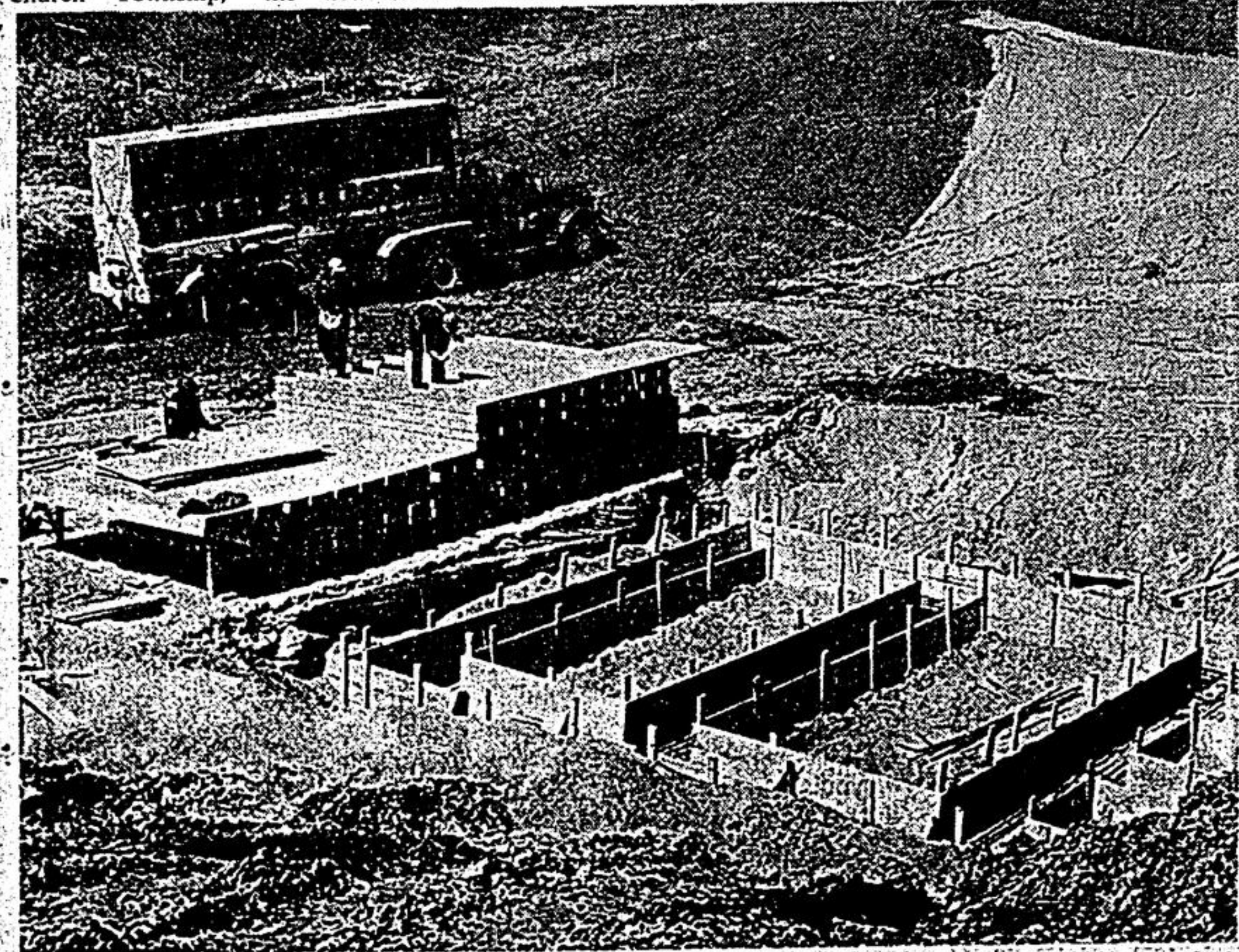
BLOOMINGTON — Near Bloomington in Whitchurch Township, the

building of a new business is underway. It is also a new venture for Russ and

David Forfar. It will be known as the Centennial Ready Mix Company.

"What we are building is something that is badly needed in this area, said

Russ, "the nearest ready mix plant is fifteen miles away." He feels that the location is ideal since the plant is easily accessible to the entire district. The only other one like it in Canada is in Peterboro.



Construction work has been started on the new Centennial Ready-Mix Company, north of Bloomington in Whitchurch Township. The owners, Russ and David Forfar, hope to have it in full operation within six months.

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