

# Country estate home is rocked by dynamite blast



Damage has been estimated at \$50,000, in the alleged dynamiting of a home on Faulkner Avenue, west of conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Friday. One of the investigating officers (above) is Detective Clifford Cox, York Regional Police. —Jas. Thomas.



From the outside, damage appears minimal, but a closer check of the downstairs interior, reveals complete devastation. The property, known as the Rahey Estate, was purchased from William Kirby, now believed somewhere in Spain, last spring. It is alleged that Kirby, head of the Chinchilla Guild of Canada, left the country, owing an estimated \$300,000. Carl Rahey told police he had received several phone calls from persons demanding to know the whereabouts of the former owner. —Jas. Thomas.

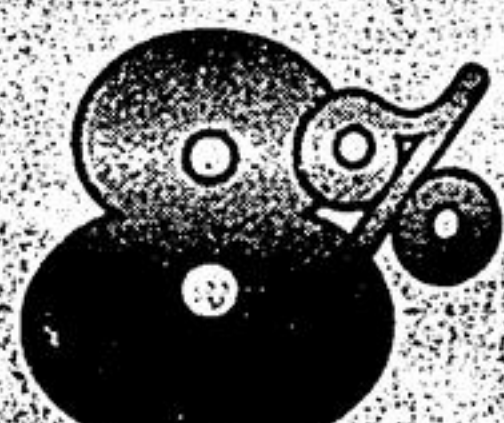
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**GOODWOOD** Which should hold precedence on a rural township road, scenery or safety? Uxbridge Twp. Road Superintendent, Ross Pew feels safety should hold priority, particularly where school buses are concerned. This is why he favors the cutting of trees on the 6th con-

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cession. He feels the road should be widened to permit two lanes of traffic. But two residents in the area disagree. They are Patrick Vernon and R. K. McConnell, both of Clarendon, R. R. 1.

Reeve Bob Nesbitt explained that because the concession, at this point, is a "forced road" consent of the landowners is required before the trees can be removed. Mr. Nesbitt admitted he liked the beauty of the area, but also wished the roadway maintained. Mr. Pew warned that three school buses used the route, five days each week. He said the narrowness of the concession represented a very real hazard.

Councillor Frank Hendy said a letter should go to the Board of Education, asking them to approve an alternate route. Reeve Nesbitt warned that such a recommendation could result in grant withdrawals by the Dept. of Highways. Councillor Clark Muirhead suggested that only a few trees were to be cut, each be marked by the road department and the landowners consulted. Councillor Darcy Higgins recommended the erection of "slow" signs in the area.

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## Pit purchase 'ludicrous' - councillor

**GOODWOOD** A recommendation by Uxbridge Twp. Road Superintendent that the municipality invest \$50,000 in the purchase of a 52 acre gravel site, was shot down in flames by councillor Clark Muirhead at a meeting, Sept. 22.

Ross Pew explained that, in his opinion, the price and the size of location represented a good investment.

"It's ludicrous," argued councillor Muirhead. He said that last year alone, 5 million tons of aggregate had been mined out of Uxbridge. He said the landscape was being ruined in this way. "And besides," he said "I object to money being

Noticeably irritated, the Road Superintendent scoffed at the suggestion that such an operation would impair scenery in the area.

Beautiful country, beautiful the two-way debate, he chided. "We've all got stones in our throats," Higgins interrupted said.

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