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of the Special Equalization Committee. He said he was pleased with the harmony which existed among the members.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Carlton, and ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn until Monday, Nov. 20th, at 2 P.M.

*J. Simpson*  
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

*G. D. Banting*  
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Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S  
of the 1944 November Session of the  
Municipal Council of the  
County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
November 20th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the June Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Miller and Arnold, who were absent on account of illness, and Councillors C. T. S. Evans and A. Cook.

The minutes of the June Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

The Warden addressed the Council and welcomed the members to the November Session, the last session over which he would have the honour of presiding.

He was sorry to report that two members of the Council would not be able to attend this session on account of ill health; they were Reeve Miller of Coldwater and Reeve Arnold of Medonte, and he felt he expressed the wishes of the whole Council that they would soon be restored to good health.

He referred to the death of Sir William Mulock, whose birthplace was at Bond Head in the County of Simcoe, and remarked on his long and useful life. He also referred to the death of Ex-Warden W. H. Hamilton of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, who was Warden in 1900, and Ex-Councillor Joseph Spicher of Sunnidale who was a member of the Council for many years, and David Williams, publisher and editor of the Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin, who was always a public-spirited citizen and took an active interest in not only the affairs of his own town and the County but in the whole of Canada. Councillor Miller and his son had also been bereaved by the death of a wife and mother, and the sympathy of the Council had been forwarded to all the bereaved.

Some months ago Councillor George Patterson received word that his son Jack was missing on active service, and all rejoiced with him and his family to know that he is now a prisoner-of-war in Germany and hoped that in due time he would arrive safely home.

The Warden also referred to the offensive taken by the united nations and the success they were having on all battle-fronts. Many of our boys had paid the supreme sacrifice and the sympathy of all was extended to those who had been thus bereaved.

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He stated that the past season had been a very successful one from an agricultural viewpoint. The Junior Calf and Swine Clubs, which were being sponsored by the various service clubs, were making satisfactory progress and there was a marked improvement in the quality of the livestock. He had the privilege of attending the annual banquet of the 500-bushel Potato Club at Alliston last Friday evening, and although the yield wasn't equal to that of 1943 some of the growers produced more than 460 bushels to the acre.

With reference to the County Roads he stated that there had been very little construction done during the year, but the roads were in good condition although it was difficult to keep the road grading machinery in good working order on account of the difficulty in securing repairs. One new road maintenance machine had been ordered.

Since the June Session the Public Health Service had been organized, and although it was possible to secure the services of only three nurses assurance was given that three others would be available by March of 1945.

The work on the memorial entrance to the Court House was about completed, and the Special Committee was arranging for its official opening on Tuesday at 3 P.M. He thought the contractor and everyone else connected with the alterations and improvements deserved great credit.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts and they were referred to their respective committees:

From A. E. Wilson Company, regarding the renewal of the Compensation Policy for one year from Jan. 1st, 1944.

From Rev. A. C. Stewart, Midland, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and from Rev. W. R. Auld, Midland, of the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada, conveying thanks to the County Council for their letters of congratulation.

Expressions of gratitude, for sympathy received in their bereavement, from the families of the late Sir William Mulock, Joseph Spicher and W. H. Hamilton.

Statement of receipts and expenditures of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

Communication from the Clerk of the County of Waterloo, with a resolution requesting the Federal Government to return to Standard Time.

Communication from the Ontario Agricultural Council, with resolution to the Dominion Government, advising that the Council is strongly in favour of reverting to Standard Time.

From the Ontario Agricultural Council, with suggestions for post-war agricultural reconstruction.

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Resolution from the Simcoe County Agricultural War Production Committee re the live cattle marketing situation; a copy of this resolution was sent to the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

Report of the Special Committee of the Simcoe County Agricultural War Production Committee on Bill 52, an act respecting agricultural committees, passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

From S. W. Moore, President of the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society, with copy of the Society's resolution re closing the Children's Shelter.

Report on the condition of the boiler in the Court House by J. B. MacAuley, Inspector.

Report of the Grand Jury at the recent sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

From J. B. Sexton, guard at the County Gaol, applying for an increase in salary.

Statement from the Clerk & Treasurer of the Town of Orillia advising that there would be a refund on the County levy from the Town at the end of the year.

From the Deputy Minister of Education, approving of By-Law 2148 of the County, detaching School Sections 2, 10, 19 and 24 from the High School District of the Township of Tiny.

From the Workmen's Compensation Board, advising that by an amendment to The Workmen's Compensation Act compensation was now extended to all municipal employees.

From the Ontario Health Services Board, with copy of the Ontario Health Services Act providing for health services in any municipality.

From Glendinning, Gray & Roberts, County Auditors, advising that the firm name has been changed to Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts.

Communication from the Unemployment Insurance Commission, advising that John Sexton, Walter A. Armour, George A. Marks and Donald F. Wood, turnkeys at the County Gaol, were now accepted as permanent employees.

From W. W. Fair, solicitor for the Toronto Western Hospital, requesting a balance of \$22.50 on the account of Mrs. Carrie Crawley.

Notice from the Hamilton Hospital that after Aug. 1st, 1944, the rate for indigent patients admitted to that hospital would be \$2.00 per day.

Account from the Ontario Training School for Girls .....	\$341.00
Account from the Ontario Training School for Boys .....	286.50
Account from St. John's Training School for Boys .....	468.25
Account from St. Mary's Training School for Girls .....	184.00
Account from the Good Shepherd Industrial Refuge .....	91.00

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Resolution from the Council of the County of Prince Edward, re suitable gasoline category for members of County Councils.

Resolution from the Council of Kent County, re gasoline category and tires for members of councils and certain types of farming.

Communication from B. W. Heise, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare, re the amount of relief for unemployable persons.

Communication from Barrie Agricultural Arena Limited, re the transfer of shares of stock in the West Riding of Simcoe Agricultural Joint Stock Company.

Communication from D. H. Coleman, County Treasurer, regarding suggested amendments to By-Law 1947 providing for discount on County levies paid in advance.

Communication from A. E. Wilson Company, re bond for the County Registrar of Deeds.

Memorandum from the Inspector of Hospitals, re increased per diem for indigent patients in hospitals.

Certificate from J. B. MacAuley on the condition of the boiler in the Simcoe County Home at Beeton; he reports that it is in satisfactory condition.

Resolution from the Clerk of Perth County, re amendments to The Old Age Pensions Act.

Resolution from the Council of the County of Lincoln, re reverting to Standard Time.

Notice of insurance on prisoners while being transported from the County Gaol to Owen Sound Gaol.

Notice from the Chief Municipal Engineer of the Department of Highways, advising that application may be made for an interim payment of subsidy on the expenditure on the County Roads from Jan. 1st to Aug. 31st, 1944.

Interim statement of the expenditure on the County Road System to Aug. 31st, 1944, as approved by the District Municipal Engineer.

Notice of an accident on the County Road System from L. M. Silver, 3 Owen Street, Barrie.

Communication from the District Municipal Engineer enquiring at which Session the levy for County Roads is made.

Notice from the Legal Office of the Department of Highways of the reversion of certain portions of highways to the municipalities previously liable for their maintenance - portion of road in the Township of W. Gwillimbury and Tecumseth; portion in the Township of Nottawasaga from Duntroon west to the boundary line of Osprey and Nottawasaga Townships, thence south to Singhampton.

Notice regarding the Department of Highway's assumption of the County Road from

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Duntroon to Singhampton, and a certain portion in Tay Township.

Correspondence with the Department of National Defence re the construction of the County Road from Burns Church to Alliston, on the townline between Essa and Tossoronto.

From A. E. Wilson Company, re the renewal receipt of the liability policy.

Tax Notices from certain townships for the school taxes on reforestation lands owned by the County.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special PUBLIC WELFARE Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Barker,

Seconded by Councillor E. J. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special COUNTY CRUISE Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor E. J. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hall,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the report now read be adopted.

W. R. McVittie, Public School Inspector for Centre Simcoe, was requested by the Warden to make a report on the Historical Examination. He thanked the Council for placing his name on the special committee in charge of the examination, and congratulated them on setting up this fund. He said he had lived in the County for ten years and considered himself an adopted son. The examiners were well pleased with the accuracy of the answers given by the various contestants, and the prize winners were well distributed throughout the County. He approved of the suggestion in the report that next year the examination be held before the Easter holidays.

Dr. Maxwell appeared before the Council in connection with the transfer of the shares held by the County in the Barrie Arena Company Limited to the Town of Barrie, with the understanding that the Town would install an artificial ice plant.

He stated he was representing the Barrie Hockey Club, but that artificial ice was being installed not only for the benefit of the hockey club but for the purpose of having a place where all the citizens, both young and old, could have the pleasure of skating during all the winter months.

He requested that the shares held by the County be turned over to the Town of Barrie. A number of Councillors asked questions, and a discussion took place as to the

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authority the County had to transfer these shares for this purpose. The matter was left over until to-morrow's session when further information would be presented.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor F. Patterson, and ordered,

"Whereas Simcoe County Council, in opening session to-day, realizing that many of her native sons at present serving in His Majesty's Canadian services overseas, some having already paid the supreme sacrifice, fully realize that the need for reinforcements is most vital to the continued strength of Canada's war effort. The Council does strongly urge the Dominion Government to meet this need immediately by sending, in addition to volunteer enlistments, trained and fit draftees overseas." Copy of this resolution to be sent to Prime Minister Mackenzie King by wire, and also to our three sitting members, Earl Rowe, D. F. McCuaig and Geo. McLean.

Councillor  
Moved by A. E. J. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying the expenses of Miss Compton, winner of the Simcoe County Public Speaking Contest, to the provincial contest to be held in Toronto some time in January.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That Reeve Arnold of Medonte and Reeve Miller of Coldwater be granted leave of absence during this session on account of illness.

Ex-Warden Todd being in the chamber the Warden invited him to a seat on the dais. He congratulated the 1944 Council on the work accomplished during the year under Warden Banting. He had listened to and enjoyed the discussions during the afternoon, especially that on the Historical Scholarship Competition, with which he was in full accord. He wished the Council continued success.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Tuesday.

*J. Simpson*  
Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. W. Banting*  
Warden, Simcoe County

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Nov. 21st, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Miller, Arnold and A. Cook.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from Councillor Arnold advising that he would not be present at this Session on account of illness.

Letter from Esther Collins, Collingwood, expressing thanks for her Historical Scholarship prize.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,

Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special COUNTY ROAD Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McCracken,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Mr. Alexander, contractor, was invited to explain in detail the extra costs which were incurred in making the alterations. He answered questions and explained the difficulties encountered as the work progressed.

The Report was then adopted.

Mr. Coleman, County Treasurer, explained to the Council the expenditures for this year to the end of October. He said he expected there would be a small credit balance at the end of the year.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of recommending that the County Treasurer be authorized to accept Victory Bonds at par and accrued interest from municipalities in payment of County levies.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

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That the Committee on Education consider the advisability of making the usual grant of \$100.00 to assist the Victoria Harbour School Board.

D. F. MacLaren appeared before the Council and explained the terms of the transfer of the 105 shares held by the County in the Barrie Agricultural Arena Limited to the Town of Barrie. He said he did not know of any reason why the County could not transfer these shares, although the transfer would be subject to the Town of Barrie installing artificial ice.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That this Council approve of the sale of the building of the Barrie Agricultural Arena Limited to the Town of Barrie for nominal consideration and of the winding up of the Company following such sale, if made, and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to take all proceedings and sign and execute such documents in connection with the stock held by the County of Simcoe as may be necessary to effect these purposes.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor E. J. Evans, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of authorizing the Treasurer to lower the rate of discount on prepaid levies on the various municipalities to four per cent.

Councillor Carlton requested the Warden to vacate the chair as Councillors G. Patterson and E. J. Evans had a pleasant duty to perform. Councillor Patterson addressed the Warden as follows: "His Worship, the Warden, George Banting: Your term

Your term of office as Warden of Simcoe County is nearing its close, and at this time the members of the Council desire to express their appreciation and thanks for the splendid leadership and guidance given by you at all times in their deliberations and activities throughout the year.

The tasks with which you have been confronted during your term of office have not been easy, especially considering the times through which we are passing in this the fifth year of the world struggle for right against wrong and the preservation of democracy which is our privileged heritage. To uphold this, Simcoe County has and is doing its full share. Our young men and young women have gone forward, accepting the challenge, not counting the cost, and many paying the supreme sacrifice. They held, not their lives dear unto them, but were faithful even unto death.

In agriculture, in industry and in all other war efforts our citizens have done their full share, and in all these things you have given leadership which has been of immense value in keeping our County up to the high standard it has always sought to maintain.

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During your term of office has been completed the Centennial Memorial Entrance, marking a hundred years of municipal Government in this County, and thus tying the future with the past and providing a continuity of county business in the same building where it was first established.

A Public School Health Service has been established, which is a step forward and one which we trust will be beneficial to the young lives of the children of our County. The difficult task of a County Equalization was also undertaken and completed.

As a token of their esteem the members and officials of the County Council now present you with this watch, and we trust you may long be spared to take an active interest in the affairs of this County."

Councillor E. J. Evans made the presentation of the watch to the Warden and quoted the following verses:

"As it ticks away the hours  
And the days grow into years,  
May those years be filled with gladness,  
Free from worry, grief and tears.

As time goes passing on, George,  
May you prize it more and more  
As it brings to you fond memories  
Of Nineteen Forty-four."

The Warden returned to the dais and stated it was hard to express his feelings at this time. He could now realize the feelings of former Wardens under similar circumstances. It was a pleasure to preside over the Council sessions, and he appreciated the loyal support of all the members and officials. He thanked all very sincerely for their kindness.

Councillor G. Patterson, at the request of the Warden, explained the procedure which was approved for the official opening at 3 o'clock.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Wednesday.

*J. Simpson*  
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OPENING CEREMONY OF COURT HOUSE MEMORIAL

According to notice previously given the ceremony of opening the memorial entrance to the Court House took place at 3 o'clock.

The members and visitors foregathered in front of the new entrance, and Warden Banting explained the purpose of the ceremony and turned the proceedings over to Ex-Warden Todd, who was Warden in 1943 which was the centennial year of Simcoe County Council. Mr. Todd requested the County Clerk, J. T. Simpson, who was Warden in 1913 and the oldest available Warden, to cut the ribbon and declare the entrance officially opened. This ceremony was performed, after which Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair was called upon to dedicate the new entrance. Afterwards, the gathering adjourned to the Council Chamber where Ex-Warden Todd as master of ceremonies called on the following for short addresses: D. F. McCuaig, M.P., Mayor D. F. MacLaren, Ex-Warden and County Clerk J. T. Simpson, Ex-Warden C. H. Eplett, Miss Edna Moore of the Department of Health for Ontario, Ex-Warden Eben Todd, Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair, Ex-Warden Cunningham, County Treasurer D. H. Coleman and Ex-Warden George Barr.

Without exception each in succession complimented the Council on the erection of the new memorial entrance and the other improvements to the offices in the Court House, and frequent references were made to the historic County of Simcoe and the changes which had taken place during the last century. The County had advanced from a pioneer district in 1843, when the chief work of the District Council was to build roads and establish school sections and other improvements which occur in the pioneer work of all municipalities. A hundred years ago people had crude methods of transportation, whereas at the present time they were travelling on hard surfaced highways with automobiles and other methods of rapid transportation.

Chairman Todd expressed his thanks and appreciation to all who had taken part in the afternoon's proceedings, and hoped that all present would be able to attend the banquet in the Lions Club rooms at 6:30 this evening.

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Nov. 22nd, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Miller, Arnold and A. Cook.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communication: Letter from the Navy League of Canada, enquiring if the League could expect a grant from the County during 1944.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,

Seconded by Councillor McCracken, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor G. Patterson, on behalf of his wife and family, expressed his appreciation to all those who sent messages of sympathy when his son Jack was reported missing while serving in His Majesty's service overseas.

The Warden informed the Council that Mr. David Smith, representing the Community Life Training Institute, was present, and invited him to address the Council and present his report. Mr. Smith presented his report, a copy of which will be found in the appendix.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That a vote of appreciation be extended to the Community Life Institute, the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture for the program of adult education carried on in our County, and the hope that this work will be continued.

Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Desroches, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider taking over as a County Road the connecting link between the two portions of County Road No. 6, situated on the boundary line of Penetang and the Township of Tiny and including short portions in each of these municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of requesting the Department of National Defence to increase the per diem allowance for soldiers held in the County Gaol.

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Moved by Councillor Cumming,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Committee on County Property consider the advisability of selling the Children's Shelter.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of appointing a committee for the purpose of putting into effect some form of superannuation allowance for employees of this County.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Committee on County Property consider the advisability of buying ten vacant lots in the Town of Barrie for a gaol garden.

Moved by Councillor Moon,

Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That Councillor McCracken, Reeve of Tossorontio, be granted leave of absence for to-day to attend the funeral of a close neighbour.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor D. Banting, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the advisability of authorizing the Special Historical Scholarship Committee to take the necessary steps with regard to preparing the examination paper on this subject, the same to be written on the Thursday preceding Good Friday.

The Warden informed the Council that he and the County Clerk, together with their wives, had been invited to Collingwood on Sunday, Nov. 19th, to the unveiling of two memorial windows in All Saints Church to commemorate the death of two young Australian fliers who had lost their lives in Georgian Bay in February, 1941.

The Clerk reported that after negotiations with the parents of the two young men arrangements had been made to have a similar service held in Australia at the same time as the memorial windows were being dedicated in Collingwood. The Church and Parish Hall were packed to overflowing. Twenty-five Australian airmen from Camp Borden were invited to the service, and the Collingwood Branch of the Canadian Legion, together with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion, attended in a body. Bishop and Mrs. Beverley, of the Diocese of Toronto, were also present. The two airmen, during the course of their training here, had been entertained at a home in Toronto and at three different homes in Midland, and the heads of these homes were present to represent the airmen's families.

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Sir T. W. Glasgow, Australian Trade Commissioner in Canada, and Lady Glasgow, were also in attendance, and the address was given by Sir Thomas. He referred to the unique services which were being held at the same time in two parts of the British Empire on opposite sides of the world, and complimented the congregation of All Saints parish for their splendid gesture in having two memorial windows placed in the church. He also referred to the fact that the war had brought not only Canada and Australia, but all parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations, much closer together.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Thursday.

*J. Simpson*  
Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. D. Banting*  
Warden, Simcoe County

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Nov. 23rd, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Arnold, Miller and  
A. Cook.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts:

Communication from the Department of Education advising that the County would be required to raise \$6,121.58 as an equivalent to the legislative grant on equipment and accommodation in rural Public and Separate Schools.

Account from the County Solicitor.

The Warden welcomed to the meeting Mrs. Blackstock and her class, Grade VII, from Victoria Public School in Barrie, and requested Councillor G. Patterson to introduce the teacher and her class.

Councillor Patterson introduced Mrs. Blackstock and her class, and said the Council always welcomed young people to the sessions. He was sure their attendance would be a source of information and education to them.

Mrs. Blackstock very graciously thanked the Warden and members of the Council for their kindness in permitting them to attend this meeting. She stated the class was just finishing a study of Simcoe County and seeing the Council in session would make a very satisfactory conclusion.

Warden Banting then requested Councillor E. Evans, Chairman of the Education Committee, to address the class. Mr. Evans said he was quite pleased that Mrs. Blackstock and her pupils saw fit to attend to-day's session as, in his opinion, there was no better information for a boy or girl than to know as much as possible about his own municipality and County. He then quoted some verses of his own composition, which were very appropriate.

The Warden then informed the Council that Miss Alberta Letts, County Librarian, and Miss Margaret MacLachlan, Supervising Nurse of the Public Health Service, were present, and asked Councillor Barker to introduce them.

Councillor Barker accordingly introduced these ladies, and each gave a report of her work up to the present time.

Miss Letts reported on the number of new branches that had joined the County Association and on what had been accomplished since her last report.

Miss MacLachlan stated that she had come to the County on August 1st last, and that the other two nurses had commenced their duties on September 1st. She

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said assurance had been given that the other three nurses, which are required to satisfactorily cover the County, would be available by March, 1945.

The reports of both Miss Letts and Miss MacLachlan are printed in the minutes of the session.

The Warden thanked them for attending and for their very comprehensive reports.

The Warden reported that Major Goodman of Camp Borden was present and wished to address the Council; he asked Councillor C. Evans to introduce him. After introducing Major Goodman Mr. Evans assured him that his request would receive sympathetic consideration.

Major Goodman said he was present in the interest of the Camp Borden War Auxiliary Services. He stated there were many members of the C.W.A.C. branch of the army stationed at Camp Borden, many of whom were from homes in the West, and on week-end leaves they had no place in Barrie to stay; he had been informed that the County owned a vacant building, formerly used as a Children's Shelter, which might be available for that purpose. The Department did not provide money to purchase buildings, but if a suitable building could be obtained it would be furnished and a competent superintendent placed in charge. Members of the Auxiliary Forces, wishing to stay in Barrie for a week-end, could be accommodated at a reasonable rate.

The Warden assured him that the Council would give serious consideration to his request, and would advise him of their decision.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Desroches, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Curry,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Grant,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,



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That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brack,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the By-Law be not read a third time but be referred back to the Finance Committee.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Hall, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor F. Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McCracken,

Seconded by Councillor D. Banting, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hall,

Seconded by Councillor Brack, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor D. Banting, and ordered,

That the Committee on Education be requested to make provision whereby one pupil from the several public schools throughout the County will be given the opportunity of visiting the County Council at future sessions.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of requesting the Legislature to amend The Municipal Act with regard to the penalty imposed on unpaid levies.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden announced that Mr. B. W. Heise, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare, was here to address the Council, and requested G. R. Foster, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society to introduce him.

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Mr. Foster said it gave him great pleasure to introduce his chief who would discuss with the Council certain matters the Department were considering regarding welfare problems.

In commencing his address Mr. Heise stated that from time immemorial it was considered a religious duty to provide for the unfortunate, and different methods were adopted at various times for this purpose, but for a great part of the time public-spirited private groups and churches took charge, and not until recent years was there much municipal or Government support given.

Our County Houses of Refuge were the counterpart of the alms houses of the Elizabethan period. At first the County Houses of Refuge were established for the assistance of a certain class of persons, and in many cases funds were raised by private means.

As time went on municipal and Government aid was increased, and an Act was passed, known as The Mothers' Allowances Act, which is now paid by the Provincial Government; to assist widowed mothers with families; an Old Age Pensions Act was passed to assist persons who had attained the age of 70 years and who could not maintain themselves, the Dominion now paying 75% and the Province 25% of the pension. At the present time unemployable persons are given assistance, the municipalities contributing 50% and the Government 50% of the amount. Houses of Refuge were now maintained 100% by the municipalities.

In an address given some months ago to the Children's Aid Association of the Province of Ontario Dr. R. P. Vivian, Minister of Public Welfare, said that insofar as welfare projects were concerned the Department was considering the appointment of County Welfare units, and would co-ordinate health and welfare services with a program that would apply to all the Province. Such a unit or board would have the direction, under proper legislation, of the spending of public monies for welfare services in its particular county. The board would have charge of all investigations for admission to Houses of Refuge, various hospitals, Old Age Pensions and pensions for the Blind, Mothers' Allowances, public assistance (relief) and such other services as presently fall within the realm of Provincial or municipal public welfare activity, the County, Province and Dominion all paying for these services. The board would have representation from County Councils, from various organizations in the community and appointees of the Provincial Government. There might be several methods of financing; the County might pay on a mill rate to a certain point, and the Province certain other amounts. There was no definite program laid down as yet, the <sup>matter</sup> was only under consideration. The Minister had suggested that a counterpart of such an organization should be a private welfare organization, and suggested ~~that~~ the Children's Aid Society as it was

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the only private welfare organization to which a public responsibility had been delegated by statute. The problem of welfare will always be a major one, and he would like an expression of opinion from the Council.

On being asked if there were any questions Councillor Benson enquired if the project would be financed on a mill rate on assessment or according to population. Other members of the Council asked questions and Councillor Patterson expressed the opinion that it could be better administered if the administration could be kept close to home. Mr. Heise repeated that no definite plan had been adopted, but that it was only under consideration.

The Warden thanked Mr. Heise for coming to the Council and giving so much information on a very important subject.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Friday.

*J. Simpson*  
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Clerk, Simcoe County

*E. H. Banting*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Nov. 24th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday afternoon's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Arnold, Miller and A. Cook.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts:

Account for \$200.94 from Boys & Boys, up to the date of their resignation as County Solicitors in June, 1944.

Letter from Mrs. Blackstock and her pupils, extending their thanks for the privilege of attending yesterday's session.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE and the accompanying By-Law, which was referred back to the Finance Committee at yesterday's session, was presented and read. Moved by Councillor Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the By-Law as amended and now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Cook, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Kidd,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

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Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Hall,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Brack,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Orton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Reforestation Committee consider the advisability of erecting a suitable building to house the historic agricultural implements and other relics now stored in the barn at the Orr Lake reforestation plot, and that a report be brought before the Council at the January Session.

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Moved by Councillor Carlton,

Seconded by Councillor Robinson,

That the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the appointment of a County Assessor, following the report of the Committee on Equalization previously approved.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Robinson in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported as follows:

WHEREAS the Assessment Act now provides for the appointment of a County Assessor, whose annual report shall be the basis of equalization, and it is advisable that such an appointment be made,

AND WHEREAS such an Assessor, in order to properly qualify for the position, must have a superior knowledge in both practical building and assessment principles than any local assessor who must work under him,

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient, in the interest of the County of Simcoe and every local municipality, that such a person be found,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council advertise in The Municipal World and the daily press, inviting applications for the said position, so that the 1945 Council in January may be in a position to make such an appointment, and also that this Council strongly recommend to the 1945 Council to make such an appointment.

Moved by Councillor Barker,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to carry out the necessary advertising.

Moved by C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the appreciation of the Council be extended to the House of Refuge Committee for the splendid evening enjoyed by the members and the excellent arrangements in connection therewith.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 1:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden invited J. F. Simmons, District Representative of the Department of Lands & Forests to address the Council.

Mr. Simmons stated that all were interested in the reforestation situation in

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Matchedash. The Department was considering taking over the Crown lands in Matchedash and North Orillia Townships as a reforestation area, and it would be placed under a special management unit with a forestry officer in charge. This change would be of great importance; the Crown timber would not be given away or slaughtered, but the area would be patrolled and protected. This would provide a great rehabilitation project after the war, under the jurisdiction of the Province, and it would eventually extend across the Severn River into the Townships of Morrison and Wood in Muskoka District.

E. W. Jones, County Road Superintendent, was then requested by the Warden to address the Council on the County Road situation.

Mr. Jones addressed the Council and explained that up to Oct. 31st, 1944, \$101,000 had been spent on the County Road System, that in all probability the \$135,000 road expenditure provided for in the by-law would be fully expended, and that it was quite possible that a deficit of \$20,000 or \$3,000 might be unavoidable.

Council was further advised that repair parts for road machinery had been, during the year, and were at the moment, more difficult to obtain than at any time during the past four years, with the result that many temporary repairs had been made with worn or used parts and, consequently, our snow ploughing equipment was entering the winter season in a very doubtful condition of repair. This shortage of parts also accounted for the many tie-ups in dragging equipment during the past summer.

The Superintendent advised that 33,226 cubic yards of gravel had been distributed throughout the road system during the year under a contract which was awarded on a basis of a price per mile, per yard, and a price for crushing. It is quite possible that the average cost per cubic yard for crushed gravel would amount to approximately \$1.25. Much of this gravel was hauled long distances, and the average haul would probably amount to ten miles.

It was also reported that the County owned Four Wheel Drive Truck, complete with all accessories, such as snow-plough and underbody blade, had been sold to the Cook Construction Company for a price of \$6,500. It was explained that repair costs had been averaging \$1,800 per year on this unit, and that through the previous winter it had been seriously tied up for long periods of time just when it was needed most. The purchaser, however, had agreed to rent the truck to the County for the coming winter season.

The Warden thanked the Engineer for the information contained in his address, and asked him to remain as the Council wished to introduce a resolution.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

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That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Engineer E. W. Jones for the moving pictures, showing the County snow-ploughing equipment in action and the official opening of the new entrance to the Court House.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the disposal, either by sale or lease, of the children's shelter on Bayfield Street, which is owned by the County.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Benson in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the property known as Simcoe Lodge, or the Children's Shelter, be not sold but be leased to the military authorities for a nominal sum.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That Councillors C. Evans, Clark and the Warden be <sup>appointed</sup> a committee with authority to enter into an agreement with the Department of National Defence for Canada for the rental, to the Department, for a nominal sum, <sup>of</sup> the property at 175 Bayfield Street, Barrie, known as the Children's Shelter or Simcoe Lodge.

Moved by Councillor Barker,

Seconded by Councillor E. J. Evans, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4:30 P.M.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Barker,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor MacDonald, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Kidd,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to send a letter to Wm. Arnold, Reeve of Medonte, and Ernest Miller, Reeve of Coldwater, expressing the sympathy of the members of this Council with regard to their illness.

Moved by Councillor Barker,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to His Worship the Warden for the efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Council and conducted the affairs of the County during 1944.

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The Warden thanked the Council for its kind resolution, and said that if his year as Warden had been satisfactory it was mostly due to the splendid and loyal support he had received from the members at all times. At the end of his term he was retiring from public life for the present; he expected Deputy-Reeve McMaster would succeed him as Reeve, and he was sure he would give satisfaction to both the County and the Township of Essa. He thanked the press, especially the Barrie Examiner, for their fairness and the trouble they took in reporting the proceedings of the Council. He wished the members individually every success.

Councillor McMaster and other members expressed their thanks for the consideration that had been accorded them personally by the Warden and the Council.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn sine die.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

### MINUTES

of the 1945 January Session of the Municipal  
Council of the County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 15th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to statute.

The following members of the 1945 Council, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council board:

ADJALA Twp. - G. Edgar. Moon, Reeve, Caledon East.  
ALLISTON Town - Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve, Alliston.  
BARRIE Town - George W. Clark, Reeve, Barrie; Charles F. Christie, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.  
BEETON Village - George A. Ferguson, Reeve, Beeton.  
BRADFORD Village - Charles T. S. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.  
COLDWATER Village - Ernest Miller, Reeve, Coldwater.  
COLLINGWOOD Town - Victor A. Ellis, Reeve, Collingwood; Louis P. Dique, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.  
CREEMORE Village - George H. Shepherd, Reeve, Creemore.  
ESSA Twp. - Wm. J. McMaster, Reeve, R.R.#2 Cookstown; Howard Banting, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Alliston.  
FLOS Twp. - Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#1 Elmvale; John Kidd, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Elmvale.  
INNISFIL Twp. - Thos. Cook, Reeve, Stroud; Dalton Banting, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Cookstown.  
MATCHEDASH Twp. - Leslie Borrow, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.  
MEDONTE Twp. - T. Albert Orton, Reeve, R.R.#2 Coldwater; Boyd Miller, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Hillsdale.  
MIDLAND Town - Chas. Vent, Reeve, Midland; Wm. Offord, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.  
NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - Donald Brown, Reeve, Glen Huron; Dick McQueen, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Stayner.  
ORILLIA Town - Wallace Card, Reeve, Orillia; W. Melville Seymour, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.  
ORILLIA Twp. - Manford Horne, Reeve, R.R.#1 Orillia; Wm. C. Gowanlock, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Orillia.  
ORO Twp. - A. Mowat Tudhope, Reeve, R.R.#2 Hawkestone; John A. Woodrow, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station.  
PENETANG Town - W. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; Ovila Cascagnette, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.  
PORT McNICOLL Village - George Patterson, Reeve, Port McNicoll.  
SUNNIDALE Twp. - Herbert M. Barker, Reeve, New Lowell; Jos. E. Pottage, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Stayner.  
STAYNER Town - James Grant, Reeve, Stayner.