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

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That a schedule of salaries paid to all County employees be prepared and filed with the Finance Committee at the January Session.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Warden for the dignified way in which he presided over the sessions of the Council, and also on the many public occasions throughout the year when it was his duty to represent the County. He was courteous at all times, and fair but firm in his decisions, and was always considerate of the opinions of the members.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn sine die.

Red Hunter
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

W.R. Ransom
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

MINUTES
OF THE JANUARY SESSION, 1951, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 15th, 1951.

The Council met pursuant to statute and by-law of the County Council.

The following members, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council Board for 1951:

ADJALA Twp. - Claud Hall, Reeve, R.R.#1 Alliston.

ALLISTON Town - Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve, Alliston.

BARRIE Town - Jas. W. Hart, Reeve, Barrie; J. Harvey Paddison, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.

BEETON Village - W. E. King, Reeve, Beeton.

BRADFORD Village - Frank A. Allan, Reeve, Bradford.

COLDWATER Village - Andrew Dunlop, Reeve, Coldwater.

COLLINGWOOD Town - J. Ross Graham, Reeve, Collingwood; John A. McLean, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.

CREEMORE Village - Geo. H. Shepherd, Reeve, Creemore.

ELMVALE Village - Lawson Robinson, Reeve, Elmvalle.

ESSA Twp. - W. J. Wood, Reeve, R.R.#3 Alliston; Geo. A. Wilkinson, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Alliston.

FLOS Twp. - G. Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#1 Elmvalle; John Lambie, Deputy-Reeve, Phelpston.

INNISFIL Twp. - W. Clifford Lockhart, Reeve, R.R.#5 Barrie; Bruce Cowan, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Stroud.

MATCHEDASH Twp. - Leslie Borrow, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater,

MEDONTE Twp. - Fisher Ganton, Reeve, Hillsdale; Alvah Stewart, Deputy-Reeve, Vasey.

MIDLAND Town - John L. Cowan, Reeve, Midland; Alex. MacIntosh, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.

NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - W. Jas. Patton, Reeve, R.R.#3 Creemore; Fred Vancise, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Stayner.

ORILLIA Town - Hugh Johnston, Reeve, Orillia; Arthur J. Truman, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.

ORILLIA Twp. - Wilbur T. Reed, Reeve, R.R.#3 Orillia; Manford Horne, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Orillia.

ORO Twp. - D. Smith Campbell, Reeve, Oro Station; Lloyd Scott, Deputy-Reeve, Hawkestone.

PENETANG Town - Wm. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; A. H. Cage, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.

PORT McNICOLL Village - Albert G. Calvert, Reeve, Port McNicoll.

STAYNER Town - J. Aubrey Perry, Reeve, Stayner.

SUNNIDALE Twp. - Robt. J. Brockwell, Reeve, R.R.#1 Stayner; Abner J. D. Rawn, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Stayner.

TAY Twp. - Fred Kinnear, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater; Mervin Grigg, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Wyebridge.

TECUMSETH Twp. - Leonard Ransom, Reeve, R.R.#2 Tottenham; Albert Gilroy, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Cookstown.

TINY Twp. - Arthur Downer, Reeve, R.R.#2 Midland; Montcalm Maurice, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Penetang.

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TOSSORONATIO Twp. - Carl Stephens, Reeve, R.R.#1 Everett.

TOTTENHAM Village - Jas. R. McCurdy, Reeve, Tottenham.

VESPRA Twp. - Earl Richardson, Reeve, R.R.#2 Minesing; Roy N. Hickling, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Barrie.

VICTORIA HARBOUR Village - Wilfred A. Savage, Reeve, Victoria Harbour.

WASAGA BEACH Village - Anthony Beck, Reeve, Stayner.

WEST GWILLIMBURY Twp. - Herbert J. Hughes, Reeve, R.R.#1 Gilford.

The Clerk called the members to order and advised them that their first duty was to elect one of their number to be Warden for the current year. He then read the section of The Rules and Regulations of the Council Act which governs the procedure to be followed in electing a warden.

He stated that there were 14 changes in the membership of 49, nine of whom were attending County Council for the first time, the other five being former members. According to the certificates he had received from the local clerks regarding the number of municipal voters on their respective voters' lists, under Section 51, subsection (2) of The Municipal Act, both the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of the Towns of Barrie and Orillia and the Townships of Innisfil and Tiny are entitled to two votes each when voting in County Council, and the Reeve only of the Towns of Collingwood and Midland and the Townships of Nottawasaga and Orillia are entitled to two votes each, making a total of 61 votes.

He further stated that according to the Rules and Regulations of the Council, ten minutes was allowed for nominations for Warden. He appointed Councillors Richardson and King to act as scrutineers, and declared nominations open for the election of Warden of the County of Simcoe for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell,

That Councillor Shepherd, Reeve of the Village of Creemore, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton,

That Councillor Reed, Reeve of the Township of Orillia, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Grigg,

That Councillor Downer, Reeve of the Township of Tiny, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Graham,

That Councillor Campbell, Reeve of the Township of Oro, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Benson,

That Councillor Ransom, Reeve of the Township of Tecumseth, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Truman,

Seconded by Councillor Stephens,

That Councillor Johnston, Reeve of the Town of Orillia, be Warden for 1951.

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Moved by Councillor B. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Savage,

That Councillor Lockhart, Reeve of the Township of Innisfil, be Warden for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That Councillor Hart, Reeve of the Town of Barrie, be Warden for 1951.

The Clerk then declared nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillors Hart, Shepherd, Johnston, Lockhart, Downer and Reed, he proceeded to take the vote with the following result:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Allan, Beck, Cage, Calvert, Hall, Hart (2), Hickling, Lambie, McCurdy, Paddison (2), and Scott - 13.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Beattie, Benson, Brockwell, J. Cowan (2), Dunlop, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hughes, King, Kinnear, MacIntosh, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Ransom, Rawn, Richardson, Shepherd, Vancise and Wood - 23.

For Councillor Johnston:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Johnston (2), Stephens and Truman (2) - 7.

For Councillor Lockhart:- Councillors B. Cowan (2), Lockhart (2), Savage and Wilkinson - 6.

For Councillor Downer:- Councillors Downer (2), Grigg, Maurice (2), Middleton and Robinson, - 7.

For Councillor Reed:- Councillors Ganton, Horne, Reed (2) and Stewart - 5.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes, and Councillor Reed being low man, he dropped out, and the Clerk called for a second ballot, with the following result:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Allan, Beck, Cage, Calvert, Grigg, Hall, Hart (2), Hickling, Lambie, McCurdy, Paddison (2), Robinson, Savage, and Scott - 16.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Beattie, Benson, Brockwell, J. Cowan (2), Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hughes, King, Kinnear, MacIntosh, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Ransom, Rawn, Richardson, Shepherd, Stewart, Vancise and Wood - 25.

For Councillor Johnston:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Horne, Johnston (2), Middleton, Reed (2), Stephens and Truman (2) - 11.

For Councillor Lockhart:- Councillors B. Cowan (2), Lockhart (2) and Wilkinson - 5.

For Councillor Downer:- Councillors Downer (2) and Maurice (2) - 4.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes, and Councillor Downer being low man, he dropped out, and the Clerk called for a third ballot, with the following result:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Allan, Beck, Cage, Calvert, Downer (2), Grigg, Hall, Hart (2), Hickling, Lambie, Maurice (2), McCurdy, Paddison (2), Robinson, Savage and Scott - 20.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Beattie, Benson, Brockwell, J. Cowan (2), Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hughes, King, Kinnear, MacIntosh, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Ransom, Rawn,

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Richardson, Shepherd, Stewart, Vancise and Wood - 25.

For Councillor Johnston:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Horne, Johnston (2), Middleton, Reed (2), Stephens and Truman (2) - 11.

For Councillor Lockhart:- Councillors B. Cowan (2), Lockhart (2) and Wilkinson - 5.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes, and Councillor Lockhart being low man, he dropped out, and the Clerk called for a fourth ballot, with the following result:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Allan, Beck, Cage, Calvert, B. Cowan (2), Downer (2), Grigg, Hall, Hart (2), Hickling, Lambie, Maurice (2), McCurdy, Paddison (2), Robinson, Savage and Scott - 22.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Beattie, Benson, Brockwell, J. Cowan (2), Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hughes, King, Kinneer, Lockhart (2), MacIntosh, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Ransom, Rawn, Richardson, Shepherd, Stewart, Vancise, Wilkinson and Wood - 28.

For Councillor Johnston:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Horne, Johnston (2), Middleton, Reed (2), Stephens and Truman (2) - 11.

None of the candidates having still received a majority of the votes, and Councillor Johnston being low man, he dropped out, and the Clerk called for a fifth ballot, with the following result:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Allan, Beck, Cage, Calvert, B. Cowan (2), Downer (2), Grigg, Hall, Hart (2), Hickling, Horne, Lambie, Maurice (2), Middleton, McCurdy, Paddison (2), Hobinson, Savage, Scott and Truman (2) - 26.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Beattie, Benson, Borrow, Brockwell, Campbell, J. Cowan (2), Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hughes, Johnston (2), King, Kinneer, Lockhart (2), MacIntosh, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Ransom, Rawn, Reed (2), Richardson, Shepherd, Stephens, Stewart, Vancise, Wilkinson and Wood - 35.

Councillor Shepherd having now received a majority of the votes of the members, the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1951.

The Clerk requested Councillors Patton and Brockwell to escort the Warden to the dais where Judge Harvie addressed the Council before administering the oath of office.

Judge Harvie congratulated the Warden on his election, and stated that these were troublesome and difficult times and the County needed men with the best brains, hearts and morals as representatives; the decisions made by the Council in 1951 might be the most momentous in County's history. He referred to the great number of homeless refugees in Korea and Europe and stated that their plight made one wonder whether much money should be spent on local services when these appalling conditions were growing worse daily.

The Judge then administered the declaration of office to the Warden elect.

The Warden said that it would be putting it mildly to say he was pleased; he considered it a great honour to be chosen Warden of Simcoe County and hoped that he would be able to fulfil his duties as efficiently and capably as they had been carried out by previous Wardens. He thanked Judge Harvie for his kind remarks, and mentioned that the Judge had touched on many points which he had in mind

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himself. He thanked the members of the Council who supported him so faithfully, and hoped he would be able to merit their confidence. He congratulated all the members on their election to Council, and ~~he~~ hoped that they ^{would} enjoy their year's work. There are 32 municipalities in the County--16 townships, seven towns and nine villages; their problems were varied and the Council, in considering the questions brought before them, must keep in mind the welfare of all.

The Warden then left the chamber and returned wearing his robes of office.

Warden Shepherd asked Rev. F. A. Luck and Capt. Strachan to officially open the Session with religious exercises.

Rev. Luck read the forty-sixth psalm, and offered a prayer for peace and courage to maintain our freedom.

Capt. Strachan addressed the Council briefly and said he was glad to assist in the opening of the Council. He chose for his text, "I magnify my office." He compared the members of the Council to the Apostle Paul who went out to preach the gospel, and hoped that they would keep in mind when giving leadership in their municipalities, the good leadership given by Paul. Their responsibilities were heavy and varied, but he was sure that when the year ended they would be able to give a satisfactory account of their stewardship while leaders of their municipalities. He asked them to remember that wisdom comes from God and that their reward was the realization of a job well done.

The Warden thanked the members of the Ministerial Association for their remarks.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the declaration of office to the Warden elect and for his appropriate address, and also to the members of the Ministerial Association for their timely remarks and attendance here in opening the proceedings of this Session of Simcoe County Council.

The Warden announced that Mrs. Marjorie Hamilton, newly elected Mayor of Barrie, was in the chamber, and asked Councillor Hart to escort her to the dais.

Mrs. Hamilton, suitably and attractively attired in a black ensemble, very graciously congratulated the Warden on his election. She said it was an honour and a privilege to welcome the members to Barrie, and if she had enough keys of the town she would be glad to present each of them with one. In looking over such a handsome group of men she regretted that she had not worked up to the mayoralty and come to County Council as Reeve of Barrie.

Councillor Middleton presented Mayor Hamilton with a lovely bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her attendance at this Session.

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

The Warden appointed Councillor Hart as Chairman and the Reeves of all the other municipalities as a Striking Committee to name the Standing Committees for the year, and suggested that

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the Council adjourn for half an hour to enable the Committee to bring in its Report.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the STRIKING Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, and ordered,

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

Fred Hunter
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. H. Shepherd
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 16th, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor J. Cowan.

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

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

Financial Statement from Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts, Chartered Accountants, on the County's finances for 1950.

Memorandum from the Department of Education in connection with a suggested form of by-law to be used by county councils in altering high school districts.

Memoranda from the following organizations, giving notice of the Annual Convention and requesting that the County take membership and appoint delegates:- Ontario Agricultural Council; Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm; County Council Section of the Ontario Educational Association; Ontario Association of Assessing Officers; Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities; Blue Water Highway Association; Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association; Ontario Good Roads Association.

Communication from G. A. Meyers, advising that no further claim will be made for damages at the site of the 1950 International Flowing Match.

Letter from Mrs. Montagu Leeds, requesting that she be not reappointed to the Simcoe County Library Co-operative for 1951.

Resolution from Brant County Council, recommending that Section 23, subsections (L), (M), (N) and (O), R.S.O. 1950, which requires that the assessment rolls of all municipalities shall be set up in a geographical sequence, be made "permissible" rather than "compulsory" for 1951.

Account of D. F. MacLaren, County Solicitor, for legal advice during 1950.

Statement from D. S. F. Cameron, Secretary of the Simcoe County Hospital Association, with regard to the number of indigent patient days at each of the six County hospitals last year.

Letter from Miss Elsie Dunn, County Librarian, suggesting that the County appointees to the Board be paid \$5.00 per meeting, plus mileage.

Requests from the following organizations for grants:- Salvation Army; Navy League of Canada; Canadian National Institute for the Blind; County branches of the Women's Institute; Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis; Simcoe County Trustees and Ratepayers Association.

Financial Statement from the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association.

Tentative budget for 1951 from the County Library Co-operative.

Catalogue from The Municipal World, St. Thomas.

Communication from the Municipal Grants Division of the Department of Finance, Ottawa, with

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reference to the County's application for a grant to cover the hospitalization costs of certain patients from Camp Borden.

Correspondence in connection with the hospitalization of one Roy Mantle who was admitted to the Barrie Hospital from the County Gaol and who appears to have not acquired permanent residence in any local municipality in the County.

Statement from the Department of Municipal Affairs as to the amount of subsidy paid to the local municipalities in the County in 1949 on 1948 expenditures under the provisions of The Children's Protection Act and The Homes for the Aged Act.

Communication from Dufferin County Consultative Committee regarding High School Districts in that County.

Accounts from the various training schools for the maintenance of wards.

Resolution from Hastings County Council with regard to amending The Jurors' Act.

Resolution from Grey County Council in connection with the enforcement of The Armistice Day Act.

Resolution from the Town of Simcoe with reference to conducting penal executions in some provincial centre.

Resolution from Prince Edward County Council, recommending that local authorities be paid for all services rendered in connection with Old Age Pension applications.

Resolution from Waterloo County Council, recommending that the Provincial Government pay a bounty on foxes.

Communication from Jos. L. Mennill, Zone Forester, with regard to a right-of-way through certain County property.

Option on Hickling property in Vespra Township, which the County is considering purchasing for reforestation purposes.

Resolution from Tiny Township Council, recommending that a uniform valuation of \$6.00 per acre be placed on reforested land.

Resignation of J. A. Woodrow as a member of the County Road Committee.

Further communication from Fred A. Brock, Collingwood, in connection with the maintenance of certain roads at Brock's Beach in the third Concession of Nottawasaga Township.

Correspondence in connection with the railway crossing near Beeton at which six persons were killed last November.

Notice from the Department of Highways of the assumption of a certain road between the Town of Barrie and the Township of Vespra.

Reply from the Department of National Defence in connection with the maintenance of roads in the vicinity of Angus.

Communication from the Township of Tecumseth with reference to a proposed municipal drain in that municipality, to be known as The Camplin Drain.

Resolution from Lincoln County Council, recommending that traffic be compelled to stop in both directions when school buses are picking up or letting out school children.

Report from the Supervising Engineer on a recent inspection of the boiler at the Court House.

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The Warden suggested that in order to save time in committee the members get all the information on questions coming up before the committee met. He also mentioned that in the past there had been considerable whispering in the gallery by visitors and members of the Council, which distracted the attention of the Council, and he requested them to remember to be quiet when they left their seats to sit in the gallery; he thought it might be a good idea to have signs printed and placed at the back of the chamber to this effect.

The Warden announced that Capt. Moss of the Salvation Army was in the chamber, and with their consent asked him to address the Council.

Capt. Moss stated that in thanking them for previous grants he wasn't thanking them for the Salvation Army but rather for those who had received help from the organization in the past. Their only source of revenue was through the generosity of the public, and ^{the extent of} their work was limited by these contributions; those of the Salvation Army were grateful only for the opportunity of demonstrating Christianity with the money placed at their disposal. He referred to some of the activities sponsored by the Army, such as temporary homes for unmarried mothers in all parts of Canada, Sunset Lodge for aged women, assistance for children from broken homes, summer camps for children, Eventide Lodge for aged men, emergency services for disasters such as the Noronic fire and the Winnipeg floods, and prison and police court services to help rehabilitate prisoners. Their motto and purpose was to make man right with his Maker.

Councillor Hart introduced Mr. Harold Webb, who presented the appeal of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for a grant. He said he appreciated the cordial reception and support given the Institute in the past. He was glad to report that they did not find it necessary to ask for an increase in their grant this year, and he hoped that this year's grant would be on the same basis as last year's. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Lions Club had donated a book-reading machine for the use of the blind.

Councillor Paddison introduced Mr. Norman Clarke, who appeared before the Council on behalf of the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association. Mr. Clarke said he brought greetings from the new President, Mr. Garfield Case. He had sent a brief to each of the members and an audited statement of the Association's accounts for the past year to the Clerk; in order to maintain the interest of the tourists it was necessary to step up their publicity. Tourists were a vital factor in the prosperity of many municipalities, and several of the municipalities in the Huronia area had given grants; they had never asked the County for a grant before, but were now asking the Council to match these grants dollar for dollar, which would amount to a maximum of \$1,000.

President C. L. Chittick, Treasurer P. H. Fisher and Superintendent Miss Dorothea Jackson appeared on behalf of the Children's Aid Society, and were introduced by Councillor Richardson.

Mr. Chittick asked Councillor Richardson to present the Society's budget for 1951, a copy of which will be printed in the minutes. In explaining the increase in this year's budget

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he stated that the per diem maintenance rate had been increased to \$1.18; it had also been necessary to budget for increases in salary as it was anticipated that they would have a full staff this year, while in 1950 they had been under-staffed.

Mr. Fisher stated that their 1950 budget had come out very close despite the fact that they had been carrying a deficit from the previous year. He was quite certain that more protection meant less cost, and referred to the increased cost of food, clothing, salaries and per diem maintenance. He then went through the 1950 budget carefully and compared the actual 1950 expenditures with the proposed budget for 1951, and explained each increase shown. The one uncontrollable expenditure was the maintenance of children from Simcoe County who were maintained by other societies -- this was what made it hard to balance their budget. The campaign which had been conducted in 1950 netted the Society \$6,500. As they had found it very difficult to obtain voluntary help, the campaign had had to be conducted by the paid help of the Society so that when all things were considered, while he believed in the principle of the campaign, he did not think it paid off. He stated that they were continually being urged by municipalities where offices were being maintained to increase their services, and under continued pressure it was hard to refuse in a lot of cases. There had been some criticism of duplication of services between the Children's Aid Society and other organizations, but these were beyond their jurisdiction. Some questions were asked with regard to the deficit, which were satisfactorily answered by Mr. Fisher. In answer to a question as to what use was made of the Family Allowance cheques, Mr. Fisher stated that this money could not be used for the actual maintenance of children -- part of it was turned over to the Foster Parents for extras for the children, and the balance was kept in a fund for use at a later date for such requirements as music lessons.

A question as to the number of personnel on the staff was satisfactorily answered by Miss Jackson, who also designated the different places where the Society had offices.

Councillor Hart requested that some member of the Society's staff meet with the Finance Committee, and mentioned some of the items which he would like explained.

Mr. Chittick said he would like to say a few words in connection with the campaign. He agreed with Mr. Fisher that it was too costly to use paid workers to put the campaign over; it had been almost impossible to get voluntary workers, and he felt that if future campaigns were going to be successful the Society would have to get considerably wider support. He had given much of his time gratis, and had done his best to obtain the best returns for the money spent. The County Council members on the Board had a full knowledge of how the money had been spent, and he invited all the members to come to the office for information at any time.

Councillor Wood introduced Miss Louise Colley, Director of the Recreation Committee, and Gordon Todd, a member of the Committee.

Miss Colley stated that the Committee had been in operation for six years; she had placed a brief of her report on each member's desk, a copy of which will be printed in the minutes.

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She explained some of the more important items in the brief, thanked the Council for their co-operation and help in the past, and solicited their support for the future.

Mr. Todd thanked the Council for his appointment and stated that ^{although} he had been connected with recreation groups for some time, since becoming an active member of the Committee he was very surprised at the extent of the work being carried on by the Director and her assistants. He pointed out that the activities of the Committee included all age groups, and that the main object was to promote leadership. He directed the Council's attention particularly to the part of the brief which showed how many had been touched by the leadership training programme. In closing he appealed to the Council for their continued support.

Moved by Councillor Grigg,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report of the Simcoe County Recreation Committee be received and filed.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of preparing a by-law to authorize the Warden and Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary from time to time to meet the obligations of the County.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor King, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of granting \$7,500 to the County Recreation Committee for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Stephens,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making the usual grant of \$50.00 to each School Fair held in the County during 1951.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of giving the Medonte Telephone Company permission to move their lines to the south side of County Road No. 19, in the 6th Concession of Medonte Township, and allowing them to remove any trees which are in the way of erecting these lines.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of straightening the dangerous jog on County Road No. 10, between Concessions 8 and 9 in Essa Township.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

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That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of widening two bridges on County Road No. 6 in Tiny Township, one between the 1st and 2nd Concessions and the other at Lafontaine.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant to the Salvation Army.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Children's Aid Society for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of installing a new boiler or heating unit in the Court House, and providing for same in the budget.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,
Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of improving the sharp curve on County Road No. 23, 1½ miles east of Waverley, and also the hill on the same road, 1 mile west of Coldwater.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of having the Clerk's microphone and reading desk moved to the east end of the table so that they can be used by any speaker addressing the Council. This will also improve the acoustics in so far as the Warden is concerned.

Moved by Councillor King,
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,
Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of improving the dangerous railway crossing on County Road No. 7, better known as Coulson's Crossing.

Moved by Councillor Hart,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of Council meeting more frequently and reducing the length of the Sessions.

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Moved by Councillor B. Cowan,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of improving the County Road along Lots 8, 9 and 10 in the 8th Concession of Innisfil Township.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,
Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Navy League of Canada.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,
Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a committee of five to review the salaries being paid County employees and to make a recommendation to Council regarding the advisability of adjusting same.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, in amendment,

That the foregoing motion be amended and that the matter of salary adjustments be considered by the Finance Committee.

The amendment was carried.
In reply to an enquiry from Councillor McLean as to who sets the wages paid to County Road employees, Councillor Benson stated that they were set by the County Engineer with the approbation of the Road Committee, and he was quite sure that there was no other way in which this matter could be handled satisfactorily. When Councillor McLean pursued the question further the Warden suggested that he bring it up again at a later session as it was getting late.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Clerk be authorized to convey to the officials of the Sick Children's Hospital the appreciation and thanks of the members of this Council for their invitation to attend the opening of the new Hospital, and to advise them that for business reasons we will be unable to be present but wish them every success in the future.

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

Pres. Hunter
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. H. Sheshead
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 17th, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor J. Cowan.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from G. O. Cameron, Registrar of Deeds, and statement as to the earnings of the Registry Office in 1950.

Letter from the Sick Children's Hospital in connection with certain indigent patients from Camp Borden.

Letter from the Deputy District Governor of the Lions Club regarding Civil Defence.

Applications for increase in salary from Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKelvey and Miss Anne Middleton.

Approval from the Minister of Lands and Forests of By-Law No. 2320 of the County.

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

Moved by Councillor King,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH and WELFARE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Stephens, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Stewart,

Seconded by Councillor Perry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report on LICENSES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of the Governor and Matron of the Home for the Aged at Beeton.

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Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing a Consultative Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of making appointments to the County Library Board.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of assuming responsibility for the maintenance of the Mountain Road west of Collingwood or granting permission to the County Engineer to report on the best method of overcoming flood conditions.

Moved by Councillor Allan,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of discussing the appropriation required for expenditure on the County Road System during 1951 and making a recommendation to the Council regarding the amount and mill rate required for this purpose.

Moved by Councillor Paddison,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant to the local Plowmen's Associations.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$150.00 to each Agricultural Society holding a Fair in the County in 1951.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$50.00 to each of the South Simcoe Hereford Breeders Association and the North and South Simcoe Shorthorn Breeders Associations.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$200.00

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to each of the North and South Simcoe Junior Farmers Associations.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of appropriating \$35.00 for the use of the County Weed Inspectors as prize money in connection with the annual Weed Essay Competition.

Moved by Councillor Hall,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of straightening the hill on the County Road a mile west of Loretto, as the ice makes it very dangerous in the winter time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of straightening the curves and widening County Road No. 20 between Shanty Bay and Oro Station.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Committee to redraft the Rules and Regulations of the Council and bring them up to date, and have a number of copies printed.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Committee to co-ordinate civil defence plans if the need arises.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hart,

The the Equalization Committee be composed of Councillors King, Ganton, Hughes, Johnston and Benson.

This motion was withdrawn with the consent of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Soils Committee during this Session.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint four members of the Council to represent the County on the Children's Aid Society Board.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That each of the new members be furnished with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Council and a map of Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

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That the Administration of Justice Audit Board be composed of His Honour Judge Harvie, J. R. Coleman and Councillor Paddison.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying each member of the Council an amount not less than \$5.00 to cover sundry expenses, such as telephone calls and postage, in 1951.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Committee to arrange for the reception and entertainment of Ontario County Council during the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the grant to the Recreation Committee by \$500.00, making a total of \$7,000.

The County Treasurer, on behalf of the representative of the A. E. Wilson Co., Leslie Evans, presented the Warden with a gavel. In making the presentation Mr. Coleman welcomed the members and assured them that his office would be very glad to give them any information they required at any time.

The Warden thanked Mr. Coleman and said he would keep the gavel as a souvenir of his year as Warden and hoped he would never have to use it. He invited all the members to his banquet at Club 79 at 6:30 on Thursday evening, and trusted they would all be present.

Councillor MacIntosh introduced the delegation from the Simcoe County Hospital Association, composed of H. W. Caswell, Orillia, John Mitchinson and Rev. Jas. Ferguson, Barrie, W. V. Foreman and C. O. French, Collingwood, F. W. Armstrong, Alliston, Herb. Scott and Rev. McLaren, Penetang.

D. S. F. Cameron, Secretary of the Organization, said he was here again to place their financial troubles before the Council. He explained in some detail the brief which had been placed on their desks, and stated that the average estimated per diem ward cost for the six County hospitals in 1950 was \$6.60. If the government grant was on the same basis in 1951 as in 1950 it would amount to approximately \$1.30 per day; the statutory indigent rate is \$3.00 per day, making a total revenue of \$4.30 for indigent patients -- this left an estimated gap of \$2.30 per day between patient cost and revenue for 1951. In 1950 the County grant amounted to \$1.27 per indigent patient day, and the Hospitals were now requesting that the Council consider increasing the basis of the 1951 grant from \$1.27 to \$2.00 per day, which would amount to a total grant of approximately \$35,800. Mr. Cameron thanked the Council for their support in the past, and stated that some of the Hospitals would have had to close their doors if it had not been for the County's grants. He then referred to the application for a Building Grant, and stated that in 1950 the County Hospitals had made a joint presentation for such a grant; the request had not been favourably received and so they had

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decided to have each Hospital state its own case this year. Mr. Cameron introduced Mr. Mitchinson, who addressed the Council on behalf of the Barrie Hospital.

Mr. Mitchinson stated that upon investigation in 1947 they had found that the facilities of the Barrie Hospital were inadequate to serve such a progressive community, and had decided to build a Memorial Hospital at an estimated cost of \$530,000, to include 115 beds and 33 cubicles, a new boiler room, laundry building and an additional nurses' residence; the plans had been approved by the Provincial Government and government grants assured. They had approximately \$147,000 in cash and pledges, and accordingly \$228,000 more would be required; W. H. Wright again came to their assistance and contributed \$152,000 provided the citizens would raise \$76,000; the citizens contributed over \$100,000 and Mr. Wright readily honoured his pledge. The community appreciates Mr. Wright's generosity and looks forward to the day when he officially opens the new Hospital. The total amount now available from voluntary subscriptions and government grants is approximately \$600,000, but unfortunately, due to the increased cost in building trades, there still isn't sufficient money available to cover the building project; however, in order to improve the Hospital's facilities a nursing unit, boiler room, laundry and maids' quarters are now under construction, the contract being awarded for \$542,622. The architect's fees are extra, and \$140,000 will be required for capital equipment, nurses' residence and training school. The money required for the additional expenditure could be spread over a five-year period, and could be covered by a contribution of \$1.00 per year for every man, woman and child served by the Hospital. To cover this added cost and to complete the job so that they would have a Hospital large enough to meet all the needs of the community the Barrie and District Memorial Hospital Board were asking the County for a grant of \$140,000.

Mr. Caswell from the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Board estimated that the Orillia Hospital served a population of about 25,000. They had begun building an addition to their Hospital, to accommodate 40 beds, at a cost of \$350,000. The amount available through grants and contributions was \$250,000, and accordingly they required \$100,000 to complete their project. He stated that this was Orillia's position, and that they were respectfully requesting a grant from the County to help finance their building programme.

Mr. Scott appeared before the Council for the Penetang Hospital Board. He stated that their Hospital had been set up some years ago in a large home given for purpose and, of course, it was now both inadequate and unsuitable. They were considering a building to cost \$250,000 -- they expected to raise \$125,000 from grants and contributions, and they were asking the County for a grant of \$40,000, which left between \$85,000 and \$90,000 to be raised from a source or sources as yet unknown. They hoped to start their building next year, and a County grant would be much appreciated.

Councillor Gilroy introduced Miss Elsie Dunn, County Librarian. She informed the Council that a brief of her report and financial statement for the past year had been placed on each member's

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desk. The Board were very appreciative of the additional \$500.00 given last year, as it assisted greatly in improving the quality of their service. The school room loan service had been expanded during 1950 -- each school receives 450 books a year, besides professional service from the Librarian when needed; this gave each school a much greater variety of reading material than could possibly be given if each individual school maintained its own library. During the year Coldwater had been made a free Public Library; there had been much added interest in libraries at Stroud, Beeton and Bond Head and two new deposit stations established. She expressed regret in the death of Miss Orchard and Rev. George Morrison, who had been very active in County Library work. In describing the work of the Library office, Miss Dunn explained that the books at the schools were exchanged every month and every four months at the libraries and deposit stations. She mentioned one book in particular, Malibar Farm, written by Louis Broomfield, which Mr. Page had pointed out had created a great deal of interest in soil conservation throughout the County. In referring to the increased circulation she stated that while their circulation had increased 19 times since 1950, their budget had only increased 10 times.

J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector, Orillia, presented the Library's proposed budget for 1951 and 1952. He stated that in presenting two budgets the Library Board were asking the County to make provision for the purchase of a bookmobile, which had been explained and demonstrated at the November Session. It would cost approximately \$2,000, \$1,500 of which would be paid in the first year and \$500.00 in the second. The Board were asking for the usual grant of \$2,500, plus \$1,500 for the bookmobile, in 1951, and a grant of \$3,000 for maintenance and \$500.00 for the bookmobile in 1952. Mr. Gibson pointed out that this grant would be matched dollar for dollar by the Provincial Government, with an additional \$1,000 for a qualified Librarian. In conclusion he stated that the County Council appointees to the Board had not attended the meetings very regularly during the past year, and he thought this was the reason why the County Library was not very well known or understood by the members of the Council.

Councillor Middleton introduced a delegation from Flos Township, composed of Messrs. Stone, Coughlin, Kenny, Mennings and Mulroy, who were making application to have the road extending west from Highway No. 27 to County Road No. 7 assumed by the County and included in the County Road System.

Mr. Stone spoke for the delegation and impressed upon the members the need for good roads. He stated that this was one of the most heavily travelled roads in Flos, and that the township was finding it impossible to keep it adequately maintained. He further stated that it was a straight, level road with few bridges, which were all in very good order at the present time, and appealed to the Council to give earnest consideration to assuming this connecting link.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Heed, and ordered,

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

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Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, in amendment,

That the Council adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The amendment was lost and the original motion was voted on and carried.


Clerk, County of Simcoe


Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 18th, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor J. Cowan.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Notice from the Orillia High School District Board stating that they intended to apply for the agricultural grant.

Letter from D. S. F. Cameron making application for a building grant for the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia, and the General Hospital, Penetang.

Letter from the County Weed Inspectors requesting an adjustment in their salaries.

Letter from Councillor J. L. Cowan requesting that he be reappointed to the Equalization Committee.

At this point the Warden requested the delegations who were to be heard this morning to be brief in their remarks.

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

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, 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 King,

Seconded by Councillor Wood,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Grigg, in amendment,

That the paragraph dealing with a grant to the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association be deleted from the Report, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration, and that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Allan, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Allan,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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Moved by Councillor B. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS AND BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Cage,

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

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor King, in amendment,

That the By-Law be not read a first time but ^{that the Report and By-Law be} tabled until the amount of the total County levy is known.

The amendment was carried.

An inventory taken recently at the County Home was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be received and filed.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special HOME FOR THE AGED Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, 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 Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Ransom informed the Council that the Board of Management had had estimates and plans prepared for an addition to the Home for the Aged at Beeton, as directed at the November Session; the architect would be in Barrie this afternoon, and he would like to request an Afternoon Session ^{matter} so that this could be discussed.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Richardson suggested that there be some consideration given to having all government grants payable to the County rather than to the committee or board which earned them; he thought this would give the Finance Committee a better picture of the different boards' and committees' requirements.

At the Warden's suggestion Fred Bell, Secretary of the Midland Hospital Board, addressed the

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Council in support of a building grant for St. Andrew's Hospital. He stated that they were in much the same position as Penetang as they were using an old and unsuitable building. To provide adequate accommodation they required \$100,000; the government grants would amount to \$32,000 -- they were asking the County to match that amount, and the balance would be raised by public subscription and otherwise. He trusted the Council would give their request earnest consideration.

Dr. P. A. Scott and Miss Margaret MacLachlan then gave a report of the County Health Unit's activities for the past year.

Dr. Scott stated that the Unit had been under-staffed last year, in fact, they had never had a full staff to give adequate service. As they were unable to obtain qualified sanitary inspectors they had attempted to train their own staff; one of these had failed to qualify and the other was now on the staff. They had one full-time veterinarian, and a clerical staff of six who were very busy this time of year owing to the volume of government reports which had to be prepared. In reviewing the work of the Unit Dr. Scott stated that they were now conducting ten monthly T.B. clinics and hoped to set up eight more before too long. In 1950 they examined 3,500 people for T.B., which meant a saving of at least \$10.00 to each person. There were 161 known cases of T.B. in the County, with 1,200 others under constant supervision, 84 in sanitariums and 16 deaths. The Unit had maintained nine Child Health Centres, where 2,900 pre-school children had been examined. During the year 3,700 families had been visited who had never been visited before, and every school child had been seen at least once. The Unit had given 54,000 inoculations, which represented 22,000 children, in addition to 10,000 vaccinations. He further stated that they were not proud of the communicable disease picture in the County, which was largely due to so many people neglecting to report such cases, and a great number of these diseases would not have existed had everyone in the County had proper inoculation. The sanitary inspectors had made 9,000 inspections in 1950, which included testing of water samples, chlorinating of the water where it was found to be impure, inspecting swimming beaches, restaurants and beverage rooms, etc. He stressed the necessity of municipalities licensing their eating establishments, nursing homes and children's boarding homes so that the Unit would be in a position to give helpful supervision; municipal sewerage and garbage dumps was another problem for the sanitary inspectors. Since the veterinarian had been working in the County, the quality of the milk produced had steadily improved, and it was the wish of the Unit to have a local laboratory established so that milk samples could be tested at home rather than being sent to Toronto. In referring to their budget Dr. Scott stated that this was a problem for the Board. If the Unit had been fully staffed last year they would have been \$4,000 in the red, and with ever increasing costs their budget would have to be increased in order to adequate service. He mentioned that some members thought the \$100,000 granted the Unit was all County money, but 50% came from the provincial government so that the actual cost to the County in 1950 was \$50,000.

Miss MacLachlan gave some illustrations of how, in over-crowded homes, T.B. was spread from one member of the family to another; this, she stated, could be controlled by ^{proper} supervision by the

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health nurses. She referred to another case of a school child who could not speak distinctly and so was considered a problem child; when this was brought to the attention of the nurse the child was given treatment in Toronto and speech exercises by the teacher, and eventually was able to live a normal life. In another case a child was sent to school because the mother was away from the home; a nurse noticed the child's condition in school and upon investigation it was found that the child had poliomyelitis and was subsequently sent to the hospital for treatment.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 1:45 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden announced that E. A. Jarrett, of the firm of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts, was in the chamber and would be glad to answer any questions in connection with the County's financial statement for 1950.

Mr. Jarrett said he thought it was worth noting that the County's surplus had risen from \$22,000 in 1929 to \$228,000 in 1947, and since that time had dropped to \$188,000 in 1950. Since 1947 part of the surplus had been used to stabilize the mill rate, and during the past year approximately \$19,000 had been used for that purpose. The amount which had been set aside for pension for the older employees of the County was being depleted, and he suggested that a larger amount be placed in the budget this year for that fund. He referred to the splendid co-operation which he had always received from the members of the staff at all times, and stated that the firm had always found the County's accounts in A-1 shape.

Keith McRuer, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, in being introduced by Councillor Reed, was highly complimented on the splendid job he did during the International Plowing Match. Mr. Reed said he was quite sure that Mr. McRuer was filling very efficiently the position vacated by the previous representative, Mr. Lashley.

Mr. McRuer said he would not take up much of the Council's time; he had placed a copy of his report on each member's desk, and if they wished to ask any questions he would be only too glad to answer them. It had been indicated to him that the farm labour situation would be very acute this year, and he advised anyone requiring help to make application as soon as possible. He touched on a few of the highlights of his report, and in conclusion congratulated the members of the Plowing Match Committee on the success of the Match and thanked the Council for their assistance and co-operation in furthering the interests of agriculture. A copy of Mr. McRuer's ^{Report} will be printed in the minutes.

Eugene Smith and Emil Nerpin appeared before the Council to request a grant for the Federation of Agriculture.

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Mr. Smith said he was speaking for the 7,000 farmers of Simcoe County, and referred to one of the projects being carried on by the Federation -- Adult Education Programmes; he stated that the Department of Education paid grants to the urban municipalities for this work, but nothing was provided for such activities in the rural areas. The Federation had not asked for an increase in their grant since 1945, but in view of the continually rising costs he felt they were justified in asking for \$2,500 this year.

Mr. Nerpin, in speaking to Mr. Smith's request, referred to the importance of the agriculture industry in this County. He stated that the Federation conducted a splendid Night Class Programme during the winter months, and thought their request for an additional \$1,000 was worthy of favourable consideration.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$60,000 to the Simcoe County Health Unit for the year 1951, an increase of \$10,000 from last year.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$200.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$2,500 to the Simcoe County Library Co-operative, and an additional amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of a bookmobile.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the County Hospitals for the purpose of assisting in the construction of additions to hospital buildings and nurses' residences, and also continuing the grant for indigent patients.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the County Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$12,000 to the Juvenile and Family Court for 1951, an increase of \$4,436.00 from last year.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie,

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That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of paying Mrs. Thos. Kirkpatrick \$100.00 for the inconvenience to which she was put due to the Kirkpatrick Bridge being closed for a year and a half.

This motion was put and declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of blasting out the rock in certain places on County Road No. 17 and widening two culverts on said road.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing a County Historical Committee.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing six members to the County Library Co-operative Board.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the grant for reforestation purposes to \$7,000, an increase of \$1,000 from 1950.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of appointing delegates to the Annual Convention of the Ontario Educational Association.

REPORT NO. 2 of the Special HOME FOR THE AGED Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom,

That the Report now read be tabled.

At this point the Warden stated that the architect who had been consulted by the Board of Management with reference to making improvements to the Home at Beeton was present, and suggested that the Council hear him at this time.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the above question.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the section of Report No. 2 of the Special HOME FOR THE AGED Committee which deals with the plans, specifications and estimates for a new boiler room and laundry be adopted, but that the section dealing with the new wing be left over for consideration at a later date. They would further recommend that this work be proceeded with in 1951.

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Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

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

The Warden stated that James Hancock, assistant to Stewart L. Page, Agricultural Representative for North Simcoe, had been waiting all day to give his report, and he thought he should be heard now.

Mr. Hancock said his address would be very short, but stated that in view of the tense international situation he was appealing to the Council for their continued support in an intensified and expanded agricultural programme. After touching on a few of the highlights of his report Mr. Hancock thanked the Council for their support in the past and hoped that it would be continued in future. A copy of his report was placed on each member's desk, and a summary of same will be printed in the minutes.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That birthday greetings be extended to Councillors Alex. MacIntosh and W. R. Benson, and County Treasurer Harry Coleman, all of whom are celebrating birthdays to-day.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council extend a hearty vote of thanks to Councillor and Mrs. J. W. Hart for their hospitality in opening their home to the members yesterday afternoon.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of providing \$80,000 for the construction of a boiler room and laundry unit at the County Home.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Johnston asked if there would be an estimated saving of \$70,000 to the County if the 42 indigent patients who, according to a recent survey, could be removed from the County Hospitals, were moved to the proposed new wing at Beeton.

Councillor Benson described the different classes of patients who could be taken care of in such a wing, and stated that he was sure it would mean a considerable saving to the County if a new wing were built to these people who did not actually require hospitalization.

Moved by Councillor Hall,

Seconded by Councillor Stephens, and ordered,

That Mr. McRuer be congratulated on the excellent report he has given to-day with regard to his work as Agricultural Representative in South Simcoe.

The Warden then called Ex-Wardens Todd, Crawford and Patterson to the dais to say a few words to the Council.

Mr. Crawford congratulated Warden Shepherd on his election, and referred to the fact

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that there were ^{very} few faces in the Council now who were there when he was Warden. He appreciated the Council's problem in attempting to raise enough money to finance the services now expected of the County.

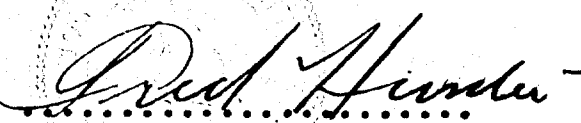
Mr. Patterson also congratulated the Warden and stated that as a member of municipal council he could corroborate Mr. Crawford's statement to the effect that it was very difficult to keep the tax rate down in the face of continually rising costs. He thanked the Warden for the privilege of again coming before the Council and meeting his old friends.


Mr. Todd briefly addressed the Council and said he was particularly interested in the Warden's discussion with regard to making room in the new wing for the Ex-Wardens, but he did not think that any of the Ex-Wardens he knew would ever have to avail themselves of this accommodation. He wished the Council the best of luck in their deliberations during 1951.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

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


Clerk, County of Simcoe


Warden, County of Simcoe

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 19th, 1951.

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

The Warden, in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors King and J. Cowan.

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

The Warden presented the following communication:

Letter from the Salvation Army thanking the Council for the privilege of addressing them earlier this week.

The Warden appointed J. R. Coleman, Fred Hunter, ^{and} the Warden and ^{the} Contingency Committee to make plans for the entertainment of Ontario County Council during the June Session; Councillors Ganton, Horne and Truman, and the County Clerk and County Solicitor as a Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Council; Councillors Hickling, Wilkinson, Reed and Ransom, and Keith McRuer, Jos. L. Mennill, J. T. Simpson, Fred Hunter and Stewart L. Page as a Soils Committee; and Councillors Richardson, Campbell, Hart and MacIntosh as the County representatives on the Children's Aid Society Board.

Councillor Hart requested that he be replaced on the latter committee, and Councillor Campbell asked to have his name withdrawn as he was on several other committees.

The Warden stated that he would give the matter further consideration and give his decision at a later date.

The Warden then invited the two County Weed Inspectors, C. D. Raikes and J. H. Dunn, to speak to the Council.

Mr. Raikes stated that he had given a fairly full report of his year's work at the November Session, but that he would outline a few of the things they had tried to do during the year. Quite often they were called out to show the purchasers of new sprayers how to operate them, and to identify certain new weeds. They had tried to meet most of the municipal councils some time during the year, and advise and assist their local weed inspectors. Considerable brush and Poison Ivy had been sprayed in 1950 with very good success; their efforts to control Bind Weed were not too successful, but they intended to continue their experiments in an attempt to find a suitable spray. A new mixture had been found for roadside spraying, which he thought would be just as effective and cheaper than the spray they had been using. He referred to the Weed Essay Competition which had brought ^{them} in contact with the children in the various schools, and he hoped that they were becoming more weed conscious each year. One of the great needs in both North and South Simcoe was more sprayers so that spraying could be done at the proper time. He stated that he and Mr. Dunn were asking for an increase in salary, and hoped that their request would be given favourable consideration.

Mr. Dunn thanked the Engineer for his co-operation with respect to weeds along the County Roads, and said he thought they got the best results last year that they had ever had. He was trying to get the Junior Farmers in his district interested in buying spraying machines for custom work. He

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had received splendid co-operation from the Railway Companies and the Department of Highways. The Superintendent of the Railway had informed him that they only sprayed the roadbed because there was always danger of the spray going over into the farmers' fields if a wide sprayer was used. He stated that they had been working for over three years now; they had taken several educational courses, and each year he thought they were getting better co-operation and results.

Councillor Hickling informed the Council that the Weed Inspectors attended agricultural meetings during the winter months, and in this way contacted a lot of people; the Department of Agriculture paid their expenses, so that there was no cost to the County.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint auditors to audit the Administration of Justice accounts of the County for the year 1951, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Dunlop,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, 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 Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, 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.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee peruse Chapter 311 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1950, which deals with surplus funds.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Hall, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of extending the time limit for the removal of snow fence from lands adjacent to County Roads from April 1st to April 25th in each year.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of including \$90,000 in the 1951 budget for

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the purpose of making an extension to the Home for the Aged at Beeton.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of appropriating \$2,000 for soils work in 1951, 50% of which will be subsidized by the Ontario Government.

Moved by Councillor Allan,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$100.00 to assist in the expenses of the North and South Simcoe Inter-club Plow Teams to the International Plowing Match.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor BarCowan, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$50.00 to each Agricultural Representative for the expenses of a delegate to the 4-H Club Congress at Chicago in 1951.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of assuming as County Road the 4th Concession of Flos, starting at Highway No. 27 and running west along the said Concession to the townline between Sunnidale and Flos, thence along the 12th Concession of Sunnidale to the townline between Sunnidale and Nottawasaga to County Road No. 7.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of taking over that portion of road in the Township of Vespra between Dalston and the intersection of Highways 26 and 27 at Midhurst, a distance of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

In speaking to his motion, Councillor Richardson stated that some years ago the County had built a road through the Township of Orillia to Dalston; this road was heavily travelled and when the traffic came to Dalston it had to be taken care of by the road maintained by Vespra lying between Dalston and the intersection of Highways 26 and 27 at Midhurst. He thought the County had more responsibility here, if not a legal one, to see that when the traffic was brought as far as Dalston it was carried to a proper outlet.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Reforestation Committee consider the advisability of buying 500 acres of rough land in Matchedash Township which has to be sold in order to close an estate.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

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Seconded by Councillor Stewart, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$200.00 to each of the Agricultural Representatives for Boys and Girls club work in 1951.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Hall, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$150.00 to assist in the annual club tour to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

The Warden announced that Judge G. R. Foster and Frank S. Dingman, representing the Juvenile and Family Court, had arrived, and asked Councillor Johnston to introduce them.

Judge Foster reviewed the comprehensive report which had been placed on the members' desks, and then referred to a supplement to the report which showed the amount of money which had been collected by the Probation Officer from parents through the agency of the Court. He also referred to the need for a Juvenile Detention Home and stated that the Governor of the Gaol had very generously fitted up a room for this purpose, but while he appreciated what the Governor had done it was not the proper place to have these boys detained; a suitable building had not yet been found, but if one could be obtained it would be necessary to increase their budget. In order to do a good job and due to the ever increasing cost and work of the Court it was impossible to carry on without increasing their budget for 1951, and he hoped the Council would see fit to grant \$12,000. A copy of the budget and supplement will be printed in the minutes.

Councillor Benson asked about a certain case where the father had deserted the family and come back to town some time later appearing quite prosperous. Judge Foster explained that Ontario had no reciprocal legislation with the Province of Quebec whereby such a man could be brought before the courts in Quebec and forced to contribute to the family's support; other provinces had such legislation and were found to be most co-operative -- when such a man was located in one of these provinces he was brought before the court, an order for maintenance made against him, the money collected and transferred to Ontario.

Several of the members asked about specific cases in their own municipality, and they were satisfactorily answered by Judge Foster.

Mr. Dingman stressed the importance of reading his report very carefully; this was a new Court and he and Judge Foster had gone to a lot of trouble to prepare a full report. He referred to several specific cases which he had had to deal with, and stated that he tried to settle as many cases as possible out of court. Without mentioning any names he described some cases of broken homes which he had been instrumental in reuniting. One afternoon he had nine non-support cases, and with the amount of help at his disposal it was impossible to look after all the cases which should have attention. He trusted the Council would give favourable consideration to their request for a larger grant.

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Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Council and County officials extend to His Worship Warden George Shepherd our hearty thanks and appreciation of the very fine banquet tendered us last evening.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That we thank Mr. Dingman for his excellent report.

The Warden read a letter from W. M. Thompson, Crown Attorney, suggesting that due to the unusually heavy court session next week the County Council adjourn until after the Assizes. After considerable discussion it was decided that it would be better to have the Council reconvene on Monday.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Equalization Committee be composed of Councillors King, Ganton, Hughes, Johnston and J. Cowan.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Council visit the Home for the Aged at Beeton with regard to the proposed construction of a boiler and laundry room.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Councillor Patton suggested that ^{as} all the members were not back from lunch ^{yet} the Council proceed with other business before going into Committee of the Whole to appoint two members to the County Road Committee.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That By-Law No. 2145 of the County, providing for the date and hour of commencement of the first meeting of the Council, be amended so that the hour of meeting shall be 10 o'clock in the morning instead of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that the necessary by-law be prepared to effect this change.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

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That the Warden and Clerk be herewith authorized to petition the Department of Highways for the subsidy on County Road expenditures for 1950.

Moved by Councillor Truman,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

THAT in the opinion of this Council The Public Hospitals Act should be amended to provide that when an old age pensioner is admitted to or maintained in a Public Hospital as an indigent patient the treasurer of such hospital shall be required to collect a reasonable portion of each monthly cheque from said patient and apply the amount so collected against the statutory charges for maintenance of such patient,

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to each county clerk in the Province of Ontario, the three M.L.A.'s for Simcoe County and the Ministers of Health and Public Welfare.

Moved by Councillor Stephens,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Department of Highways of Ontario be requested to assume as part of the King's Highway system the road from Alliston to Camp Borden, known as County Road No. 5, a distance of approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ miles.

Moved by Councillor Truman,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Council consider the possibility of having the Provincial Department of Justice supply a Probation Officer for the County of Simcoe, and that a Committee be appointed to report on same.

In speaking to this motion, Councillor Benson explained that if a Probation Officer were appointed for Simcoe County he would be paid by the Province and the County would supply him with an office. His understanding was that this man would deal with offenders who were over the age of 16 and too old to be dealt with by the Juvenile and Family Court, but in view of the continually rising costs he thought it would be well to not add too many frills. Councillor Truman pointed out that he wasn't asking the County to appoint a Probation Officer but only to consider the advisability of appointing one. The Juvenile and Family Court Probation Officer had stated that he would require extra help, and he wondered if it would save the County additional expense if such an official were appointed to work in co-operation with the Court.

Moved by Councillor Grigg,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the members of the Council be paid 8¢ a mile both ways as travelling expenses, and that the necessary By-Law be prepared.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint one member of the Council to the County Road Committee for a three-year term and one member for a term of one year.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Ransom be appointed to the County Road Committee for a term of three years, and that Councillor Kinnear be appointed to said Committee for one year.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

At the suggestion of Councillor Hart the Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Reed in the chair, to discuss the grant requested by the Children's Aid Society.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that after considerable discussion, and having heard the appeal of the President, Mr. Chittick, they would recommend that the Society be given a grant of \$117,000 for 1951.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor ^{Johnston} ~~Reed~~, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint Councillor Ransom to the County Road Committee for a term of three years, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, 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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, 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.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint Councillor Kinnear to the County Road Committee for a term of one year, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, 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 Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, 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 Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, 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.

The Clerk read a letter from Councillor Ransom in which he expressed his desire to resign from the Board of Management of the County Home.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That Councillor Ransom's resignation be accepted.

At this point there was some discussion as to who should have the responsibility of the building programme at the Home at Beeton if the work were proceeded with this year, and it was suggested that it should be left in the hands of the County Property Committee. Councillor Richardson stated that as Chairman of the Property Committee he thought there should be a Building Committee appointed, composed of members near the site, and further stated that so far as he was concerned it would be impossible for him to act in this capacity. Several members expressed the same opinion.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of repairing the north end of the old Registry Office for the use of the committee in charge of the museum.

Councillor Hart asked the Clerk to read Section 311 of The Municipal Act, which refers to a municipal corporation levying for surpluses. He thought this was worth thinking about as there had been considerable discussion from time to time as to whether it was legal for the County to carry the large surplus it was carrying at the present time, and suggested that the money might by by-law be set up as a fund for capital expenditure. Councillor McLean stated that he did not think any corporation had the right to invest money for the ratepayers. It was finally agreed that the Clerk should contact the County Solicitor and get his interpretation of this section of The Municipal Act and his opinion as to how it applied to present County surpluses.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

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

D. A. Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

S. A. Shepherd
Warden, County of Simcoe

SIXTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 22nd, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors J. Cowan and King.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, and ordered,

That the motion, recommending that the Council meet at 10 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock on the first day of the January Session, be deleted from the minutes.

Councillor Benson, in speaking to the motion, said he only wanted to save the County the cost of an extra day's meeting; if the Warden were elected in the morning and the motions referred to committees, a good deal of committee work could be done in the afternoon.

Councillor Lockhart said he thought there were many other ways that they could save money besides upsetting the tradition which had stood the test of time.

Councillor Borrow said his objection to meeting in the morning was that the Georgian Bay Fairs Association always met in the Court House that morning, and if the time were changed it would necessitate their finding another place to meet and perhaps making another trip to Barrie.

Councillor Patton stated that the election of Warden in Simcoe County was an event and a tradition in which the people all over the County were interested; during the election last week the gallery and corridors were filled, and he felt sure that there would not be nearly as much interest shown if the election was held at 10 o'clock.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the motion in the minutes dealing with the matter of mileage for members of the Council, be deleted therefrom, and that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

Councillor Benson read a section of The Municipal Act which limits to 10¢ a mile one way the mileage which a council may pay members for attending meetings.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Grigg,

That we visit the Home for the Aged this afternoon, leaving here by bus at 3 o'clock.

At the suggestion of Councillor Calvert, the time on Councillor Hart's motion was changed from 3 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hall, in amendment,

That we leave for Beeton in our cars at 3 P.M.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion adopted.

At this point the Warden drew the members' attention to the fact that the Board of Management for the Home had not yet been appointed.

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The Warden also announced that a bus had been secured to take the members to Beeton; it held 35 and would leave at 2 o'clock.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying the full public ward rate for all indigents chargeable to the County in lieu of the grant usually made each year, and also that due allowance be made for deductions from patients receiving Old Age Pension.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

WHEREAS this Council views with great alarm the increasing cost of children's aid and hospitalization services,

AND WHEREAS this Council feels that too great a portion of this cost is chargeable to real estate, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we petition the Provincial Government to assume 50% of the cost of children's aid societies,

AND THAT this grant be paid directly to the municipality making the grant to the name of the society and not to the local municipalities,

AND THAT in view of the rapidly increasing costs of hospitalization this Council petition the Provincial Government to increase the maintenance grant to all hospitals, so that they may be able to meet their costs without increasing their rates or continually going "in the red",

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Health, ^{Department of Public Welfare,} the three local Members of the Ontario Legislature and all county councils in the Province, with the request that the latter contact their local Members.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hart,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving the following building grants to the County Hospitals: Barrie - \$140,000; Midland - \$32,000; Orillia - \$100,000; Penetang - \$40,000.

This motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

Red Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. H. Shepherd
Warden, County of Simcoe

SEVENTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 23rd, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors J. Cowan, J. Cooper, King and Truman.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the portion of the minutes dealing with capital grants for hospital construction be deleted therefrom and that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from the Secretary of the Simcoe County Hospital Association, requesting permission to speak to the Finance Committee with further reference to building grants for the County Hospitals.

Letter from MacLaren & Wilson, County Solicitors, giving their interpretation of Sections 311 and 312 of The Municipal Act.

Letter from Jos. L. Mennill, Zone Forester, Collingwood, in connection with certain property which might be bought for reforestation purposes.

Notice from the Alliston High School District Board to the effect that they have established an agricultural department in their school.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the item in connection with the grant for the maintenance of indigent patients be deleted from the Report and the matter given further consideration by the Council, and that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

Councillor Hart, in speaking to this motion, stated that the ward rate at the Barrie Hospital was \$4.00 a day; the indigent rate was \$3.00, so that we were actually paying more per day for indigent patients than was charged at self-pay rates. He felt that the County should pay for the services received by these patients and not give a grant.

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

Moved by Councillor Savage,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Councillor Hart objected to this Report being brought in at this time, and said he had asked that

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it be tabled until the amount of the general levy was known.

The motion of Councillors Ransom and Kinnear for adoption of the Report was voted on and carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Stewart,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on the HOME FOR THE AGED was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Savage asked if the reports placed on the members' desks from time to time were paid for by the committees presenting them or charged to printing. The Clerk stated that as far as he knew each department paid for the printing of its own report.

Councillor Lockhart enquired when the County Assessor would be speaking to the Council as he was anxious to hear him at this Session.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a capital grant to the County Hospitals, and that Mr. Cameron be invited to address the Council at this morning's session.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the placing of the road liability insurance for the year 1951.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Graham,

That the Council consider applying \$76,000 of the accumulated investment in bonds towards defraying the expenditure of the proposed construction of a boiler and laundry rooms at the Home at Beeton, and that in the event of the Council approving of this suggestion the Finance Committee be requested to act accordingly.

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After some discussion as to the amount required to be raised by the County for the building project at Beeton, and with the consent of the movers and seconders, the Warden agreed to table the motion for further consideration at a later date.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of taking over as a connecting link between County Road No. 5 and County Road No. 9, a distance of one mile, that road known as the Second Concession of Nottawasaga.

Councillor Patton, in speaking to his motion, stated that this was a very short piece of road north of Avening, which was very heavily travelled by those going to Wasaga Beach, Stayner and Collingwood, and he would like to see it included in the County Road System. Councillor Wood further stated that this road was used a great deal by residents of the south end of the County; it was very narrow, with bad hills, and just recently he had had to go a considerable distance out of his way to miss this stretch of road.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That Councillors McCurdy and Allan and the Warden be appointed to the Board of Management for the Home for the Aged for 1951.

At this point Councillor Johnston reported that he had been talking to Mr. Cameron and that he would be here in a few minutes to answer any questions regarding the hospital building grants.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Allan, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to hear Mr. Cameron in connection with building grants for the County Hospitals.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that after hearing Mr. Cameron give a full report on the requirements of the different Hospitals, and the members having asked many questions and had a full and open discussion on the subject, and having tested the opinion of the Committee by a vote, they would recommend that the Council not give a building grant to any of the said Hospitals.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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

After some discussion as to when the next session of the Council should be called, it was moved by Councillor, seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, that they adjourn until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Frank Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

G.H. Sheppard
Warden, County of Simcoe

EIGHTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 24th, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors King and Truman.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Telegram from F. J. Turcotte, Chairman of the Penetang Hospital Board, asking for reconsideration of the County Hospitals' requests for building grants.

Report of the Grand Jury at the present sitting of the Supreme Court.

Request from Essa Township Council that in future their arrears of taxes be returned to the County Treasurer.

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

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor J. Cowan, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE be presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on SALARY REVISIONS, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

After some discussion of this Report it was decided to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter further

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the Report as sub-

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mitted by the Special Salary Committee be adopted, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, 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 B. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Allan, 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 Dunlop,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, 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.

Councillor Borrow enquired about the maintenance of a bridge on the townline between the Townships of Matchedash and Orillia. He stated that there had been some discussion about closing the bridge and as to who was responsible for it, and to date he had been unable to get an answer. Councillor Hughes, Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee, stated that he had been unable to get a ruling as to who the bridge belonged to; there was nothing in the minutes or by-laws of the County to designate its ownership. Councillor Reed said he did not know whose responsibility the bridge was, but he knew the County had been looking after it and repairing it as long as he could remember. Councillor Horne also stated that his recollection about it was that it had always been maintained by the County. Councillor Borrow explained why the bridge was in Matchedash -- if it had been built on the townline, a very wide bridge would have been required; as a result the road had deviated into Matchedash to a narrow place in the river and then returned to the townline. If the bridge had to be closed he thought it should be the County's responsibility, and not left with Matchedash to make the decision.

Councillor Calvert enquired if the inmates of the County Home were supplied with eye glasses when needed; when he was in Beeton the other day he noticed that some of them were using old and antiquated glasses. Councillor Ransom stated that as far as he knew proper glasses were provided when necessary.

Councillor Hart referred to the fact that it had been decided to again discuss the maintenance grant to the County Hospitals, and in order to get the matter settled he would like to have it dealt with now so that they could proceed with the budget. He suggested that they go into Committee of

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the Whole to discuss this grant.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the County assume the cost of all indigent County patients in the County Hospitals on the basis of \$3.00 per day, plus extra costs to be determined by a Special Hospital Committee, composed of six members, of which the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be Chairman. They would further recommend that these extra costs be determined monthly, and that the personnel of the Special Committee consist of the Reeves or Deputy-Reeves of the municipalities where the County Hospitals are located.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

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The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint two members of the Council who, with the Warden, shall form a Board of Management for the Home for the Aged at Beeton for the year 1951, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Perry, 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 Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, 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.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

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That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the necessary expenditure on the County Road System in 1951, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, 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 Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That a vote be polled on the third reading of the By-Law.

A vote was polled with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Allan, Benson, Borrow, Brockwell, Cage, Campbell, B. Cowan (2), Ganton, Hall, Hickling, Hughes, Kinnear, McCurdy, Patton (2), Ransom, Rawn, Reed (2), Scott, Vancise and Wilkinson - 23; NAYS - Councillors Calvert, J. Cowan (2), Downer (2), Dunlop, Gilroy, Hart (2), Johnston (2), Lambie, Lockhart (2), Maurice (2), Middleton, MacIntosh, McLean, Paddison (2), Perry, Richardson, Robinson and Savage - 26.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, and ordered,

That the request of the Township of Essa, with reference to the collection of tax arrears in that Township, be granted, and that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to repeal By-Law No. 1981 of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, 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 Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, 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 Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, 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.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor J. Cowan, and ordered,

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That the Finance Committee be requested to place \$10,000 in the estimates for the use of the Equalization Committee during 1951.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of providing an extra \$5,000 for the Simcoe County Health Unit.

This motion was put and declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the following suggestions with a view to speeding up Council meetings -- reducing the number of members on some of the Committees and choosing the members in such a manner that it would be possible to have a quorum and three Committees meeting at one time.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor B. Cowan, and ordered,

That the following Council members be appointed to the Recreation Committee for 1951:- Councillors Hickling, Grigg, Horne and Gilroy, and that the following be appointed outside of County Council:- Gordon Todd, Mrs. John Whitton and Mrs. Fred Watson.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That Notice of Motion is herewith presented to rescind at the next session Councillor Benson's motion to adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole in connection with the hospital maintenance grants.

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That this Council give every consideration to an effort to separate Simcoe County from the services of the Children's Aid Society, Family Court and Health Unit as a measure to once again establish a sound financial assessment for the County.

This was Notice of Motion to be presented at the June Session.

Moved by the Warden announced that the County Assessor was ready to speak to the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Simpson stated that there were four topics on which he would like to touch, the first being the progress of the new assessment. Eleven townships, six villages and three towns would make their levies on the new assessment this year; there were only seven of the thirty-two municipalities yet

to make a start, and he thought that before February all of them would have begun a re-assessment. He was to speak at a general meeting in Nottawasaga next Tuesday and also to meet the Township Council to discuss their assessment problems. Adjala Township had a special problem, which he thought could be overcome, and he felt sure that Orillia Township would be doing some work on the new assessment this year. Referring to appeals, Mr. Simpson stated that there had been several in two of the municipalities where the assessment was completed this year, but they had fared very well. In Vespra

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Township there were no appeals to the Judge, and only two in Oro; in all the other municipalities there had only been four appeals. He referred to the appeal from the Municipal Board's decision in the case of the Penetang hotels and said it had been proven that the valuations made were not too high; they still had a problem with these hotels, however, because the assessor there had reduced the valuations below that set by the Municipal Board. He had appealed this assessment and intended to pursue it. Mr. Simpson then mentioned the 25% reduction on farm land, and stated that after reviewing several valuations he had decided that the unit valuation of farm land used in his manual was too high; accordingly, it had been found necessary to make a reduction of 25% in the assessment of farm land where the assessment had been completed with this manual. In sixteen properties where the sale value of the land had been compared ^{with} the assessed value before the reduction, the assessed value was 71.84% of the selling price -- after the reduction it was 60.8% of the selling price. He referred to a motion in the June Session, 1949, instructing him to prepare the 1951 assessment by-law using the assessments set by the new assessment, and stated that in view of the fact that several of the larger towns would not have their re-assessment finished in time to be used for this by-law it would be difficult to estimate their assessment according to the valuations used when the new assessment was made. He said he would like some direction from the Council in this regard. As to whether a new assessment could be used for equalization purposes, he stated that Simcoe was a large County with thirty-two municipalities and thirty-two different assessors, and he did not have enough time at his disposal to give sufficient direction to each assessor so that their assessments would be sufficiently uniform for use in the preparation of an equalization by-law. At the conclusion of the County Assessor's remarks there was considerable discussion and many questions asked by the members on their particular assessment problems, which Mr. Simpson answered to the satisfaction of all.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That Notice of Motion is herewith presented to rescind the motion of Councillors Truax and Johnston contained on page 32 of the minutes of the June Session, 1949, recommending that the 1951 equalization by-law be prepared from the valuations made in the municipalities where the re-assessment has been completed.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

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

David Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. H. Shepherd
Warden, County of Simcoe

NINTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 25th, 1951.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors King and Truman.

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

The Warden presented the following communication:

Copy of a By-Law passed by Dufferin County Council, attaching a part of Mono Township to the Alliston High School District.

REPORT NO. 8 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Grigg,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 9 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Paddison, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Johnston requested the Warden to allow Dr. Scott to appear before the Council to answer any questions that the members might wish to ask. It was agreed that the Council would hear him at 11 o'clock.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Allan, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, 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 Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Stephens, 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 Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Grigg, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Graham,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, 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 PRINTING was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

At this point Councillor Hart informed the Council that the Barrie Branch of the Legion were holding a meeting to consider Civil Defence plans, and that they would be glad of any information the Council could give and wanted to have representatives of the Council at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the motion in the minutes of Jan. 24th to adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, relative to the method of paying for the maintenance of indigent patients in the County Hospitals, be rescinded, and that this question be given further consideration.

Councillor Gilroy, in speaking to his motion, said he felt that under the plan adopted to pay the Hospitals for indigent patients the municipalities were leaving themselves open to pay a very indefinite figure, and there would be no way of knowing what the cost would be until the end of the year. Furthermore, this plan required the setting up of another committee which would undoubtedly add to expenses, and as far as he was concerned he would like to see a stated amount which would be given to the Hospitals in the form of a grant.

Councillor Paddison said he wasn't in favour of this plan either; he did not think it was feasible because the committee would have to accept the Hospitals' figures, and it looked to him like signing a blank cheque -- he favoured setting up a definite amount.

Councillor Campbell said that the difficulty he saw with this was that under Councillor Benson's proposal it was hard to set up an amount in the budget to cover the Hospitals' costs.

The Warden then announced that Dr. Scott had arrived and would address the Council.

Dr. Scott said he did not think it was his business to appeal to the Council for money; he had a very interested Board, and he felt that the question of a grant was the Board's job. The difficulty the Unit encountered was giving people the service they asked for with the money provided. The Officer of Health was charged ~~with the~~ with the ~~responsibility~~ health and well-being of the people of the County, and never at any time since the Unit was set up had they been at full strength. There had been some criticism of the Unit not entering action in some cases to gain their ends so far as certain sanitation problems were concerned, but they had taken this attitude partly to save the

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municipalities extra expense and partly because they felt it was better to settle these matters by peaceful means, if possible. In referring to the difficulty in procuring personnel for the Unit and keeping those they already had, Dr. Scott stated that at a recent Health Conference held in Toronto a vote was unanimously passed to bring the salary schedule in line with the increased cost of living. Nurses could leave the Unit and make more money doing private duty, and the Sanitary Inspectors were also underpaid. The beaches alone required a great deal of service, particularly during the summer months, and if the Unit's budget was not increased they certainly would not be able to give them the service they required. It was up to the Council to decide how much money should be made available for the Unit, but he hoped that they would give favourable consideration to an increase.

In answer to a question about their immunization programme, Dr. Scott explained why a centre had not been established in some municipalities -- he said the children belonged to the parents and surely it was their responsibility to transport them to the centre if they could be immunized free of charge. Councillor Stephens asked if the Health Unit would play any part in the Civil Defence programme, and Dr. Scott replied that if such a catastrophe as war occurred the Board of Health would have to shoulder a big job. The Director would be given peremptory power to move practising physicians and nurses to areas where they were most needed, and it would be his business to know where all the doctors and nurses were located. Councillor McCurdy asked about some specific cases in his municipality, to which Dr. Scott gave satisfactory answers.

Moved by Councillor Benson,
Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of taking \$27,000 (cost of equipment building), \$11,000 (cost of grader) and \$90,000 (estimated cost of new construction at the County Home for the Aged) out of the surplus funds of the County, as all these items are capital expenditures and are not recurrent.

Moved by Councillor Hart,
Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

That the County Road Committee, County Engineer and County Treasurer consider the possibility of, if feasible and economical, having the interest on money borrowed for the use of the Road Committee paid out of the Road Account rather than out of the General Account as heretofore.

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,
Seconded by Councillor Paddison, and ordered,

That paragraph two of a direct motion passed on Nov. 21st, 1949, dealing with equalization, be and is hereby amended to read: - "Therefore the County Assessor is hereby instructed by this County Council to prepare an equalization of assessment by-law in the year 1952, on which the County levies for 1953 would be made, in accordance with the actual valuations determined in the municipalities which have completed their reassessment and the estimated valuations in the municipalities in which the work has not been completed.

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At this point some discussion took place with reference to the proposed construction at the Home at Beeton. Councillor Savage asked if any consideration had been given to the building of a home in the north part of the County. It was suggested that the proposed extension was needed now, and that it might not be too long before it would be necessary to build another home in the north. Councillor Beck thought a decision should be made now so that the work could be proceeded with this summer. Councillor Hart thought they should decide where the home was to be located. Councillor Ransom stated that the Committee had been appointed to bring in estimates, and he did not think it was their responsibility to make a decision as to the location of the home -- he thought it should be left to the Council. Councillor Paddison said it seemed logical to have the Home at Beeton enlarged and improved -- it seemed to be a very good location, there was a good farm in connection with the building and so far as he was concerned he would favour a building project at Beeton.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,
Seconded by Councillor Stephens, and ordered,

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

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The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Councillor Rawn informed the Council that Councillor Calvert had a letter from one of the inmates of the County Home, complaining about the way he was treated there. The Warden suggested that if the Council were going to have this letter read and discussed they should go into Committee of the Whole.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that after hearing Councillor Calvert read a letter from the inmate in question and the Chairman of the Home for the Aged Committee explain the circumstances surrounding this case, they would recommend that the letter be filed and that the Committee and Governor be absolved from any suggestion of negligence in connection with the matter.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh,

That the new addition to the County Home be built at Beeton.

Councillor MacIntosh, in speaking to the motion, said he realized that it would cost the County much more to have two Homes; they would run into double expenditure for administration costs, and furthermore there was a fairly good building there now, with a suitable site, and as far as he was concerned he favoured the building of the extension at Beeton.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

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Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That this Council instruct the Clerk to petition the Department of Municipal Affairs to amend Section 417 (1) (a) of The Municipal Act by adding the words, "and returning therefrom", to the said subsection, and to advise all other Ontario counties of the import of this motion.

At this point the question of a grant for the maintenance of indigent ^{patients} in County Hospitals again came up for discussion. Councillor Hart said he still felt that the Hospitals should be paid on a per diem basis, with the local municipalities paying 50%. As a representative of Barrie he had to defend this stand because he did not think that his municipality should help to pay the indigent costs for all the other municipalities. Councillor Lockhart said he favoured giving a straight grant and letting each municipality look after its own share of the loss due to indigent costs if there was any further deficit.

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh,

That a grant of \$30,000 be given to the County Hospitals, same to be pro-rated on the indigent patient days for 1951.

At the request of one of the members a vote was polled with the following result:- YEAS - Councillors Allan, Beattie, Borrow, Brockwell, Calvert, Campbell, B. Cowan (2), J. Cowan (2), Downer (2), Gilroy, Graham (2), Grigg, Hall, Hickling, Horne, Hughes, Kinnear, Lockhart (2), McCurdy, MacIntosh, McLean, Perry, Ransom, Rawn, Robinson, Savage, Scott, Stephens, Vancise and Wilkinson - 35. NAYS - Councillors Beck, Benson, Cage, Dunlop, Hart (2), Johnston (2), Lambie, Maurice (2), Middleton, Paddison (2), Patton (2), Reed (2), Richardson, Stewart and Wood - 21.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hart,

That the Special Home for the Aged Committee be given authority to get the Plans and Specifications approved by the Province, call for tenders and have the laundry room, boiler room and 46-bed extension completed as soon as possible, as provided for in the estimates.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, in amendment,

That the words "46-bed extension" be deleted from the motion, and that construction be proceeded with on the boiler room and laundry.

The amendment was lost and the original motion voted on and carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a further grant to the County Health Unit.

The motion was lost.

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Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the budget.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that after fully discussing the budget they would recommend that \$38,000 be taken out of surplus funds for capital expenditure in connection with building a new shed and purchasing a new grader, which would reduce the County Road Levy to 2.6 mills and the General Levy to 5.73 mills, and that the draft of the budget be accepted.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

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

The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom,

That the motion adopting the Report of the Committee of the Whole, as passed on Jan. 19th, with regard to making a grant of \$117,000 to the Children's Aid Society, be rescinded.

The Warden explained that this motion was out of order, and that there would have to be a Notice of Motion to rescind the Report, and if it was the wish of the Council to do this they would have to suspend Rule 36.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That Rule 36 be suspended.

The motion to rescind the ^{motion adopting the} Report of the Committee of the Whole in connection with the Children's Aid Society grant was then put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Allan,

That the grant to the Children's Aid Society be reduced from \$117,000 to \$102,000.

Moved by Councillor J. Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, in amendment,

That this Council arbitrarily reduce the grant to the Children's Aid Society to \$75,000 and recommend that the Society keep within this budget, providing the Council pay off the Society's deficit to date.

The amendment was lost and the original motion was put and carried.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Beck,

That instead of reducing the grant to the Children's Aid Society, the grants to the Recreation Committee and the Library Co-operative be cut off.

The motion was lost.

There was a rather heated discussion with reference to the advisability of the Council making

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decisions earlier in the week and then changing them a few days later. The Warden stated that if the Council were going to open up all these grants again the Session might be prolonged indefinitely, and that in order to let the members have a little time to think over the situation he was adjourning until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

In addressing the Council at the opening of this session the Warden stated that he was asking them to accept his ruling that all motions after and including the motion of Councillors Johnston and Ransom to suspend Rule 36, were out of order. During the last few minutes of the Afternoon Session there had been considerable confusion, and he did not think all the members realized the full import of the motions which were passed. The Council had gone into Committee of the Whole and accepted a tentative budget, and then defeated the motion to adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole -- this did not show consistency. He pointed out to the members that the over-all mill rate last year was 7.4; this year it was 8.33, which meant an increase of only .93, and if they would consider the increase in their own living expenses and the operating expenses of their own businesses and farms he thought they would agree that this increase was not excessive. Apparently the only contentious increase in County grants was the grant to the Children's Aid Society, and he wished to further point out that approximately \$7,600 of this was to cover losses during the past two years.

The Council then unanimously agreed to accept the Warden's ruling and the tentative budget as presented to the Committee of the Whole in the afternoon.

At the Warden's suggestion the Council adjourned for an hour in order to have the necessary by-laws prepared in connection with the County levies for 1951.

When the Council resumed, the Warden appointed the following to the Children's Aid Society Board:- Councillors Calvert, Hall, MacIntosh and Richardson; Councillors Beattie, Scott, Benson and Hart were appointed to the Home for the Aged Building Committee; and the Reeves of all the municipalities and the County Clerk were appointed as a Civil Defence Committee, to meet at the call of the Warden.

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the necessary expenditure of the County for 1951, exclusive of County Roads, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

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By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Rawn,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, 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 Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, 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.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the necessary expenditure on the County Road System during 1951, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Allan,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, 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 Hall,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, 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 Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, 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.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the total expenditure on the County Road System for 1951, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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 Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, 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.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to authorize the borrowing of not more than \$700,000 to meet, until the levies are collected, the current expenditures of the Corporation, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Allan,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, 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 Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, 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 Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Paddison, 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.

The Warden thanked the members for their co-operation, and referred to the fact that this Session had been unusually long and that there had been a lot of contentious problems to deal with; he thought all questions brought before the Council had been thoroughly discussed, and he hoped that they would go home feeling that the business had been properly conducted.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Monday, June 11th, 1951, at 10 A.M.

W. J. Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

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Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S
OF THE JUNE SESSION, 1951, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 11th, 1951.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the January Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors B. Cowan and Graham.

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

In addressing the Council the Warden referred to the fact that although the Spring had been late there was very rapid growth and there were prospects for a bumper crop again this year.

He was very sorry to learn that the Deputy-Reeve of Innisfil Township, Bruce Cowan, had been ill in hospital for some time, and that the Clerk's wife and Harry Coleman, Treasurer, were also in ill health. He referred to the sudden passing of Ex-Warden Orville Todd, who had been in the Council Chamber in January. W. J. Cunningham, an old and respected citizen of the County and connected with municipal affairs for a long time, had also passed away since the January Session. Another County official, Miss Ruby Canning, had lost her mother recently.

In referring to the business matters to be brought up at this Session he stated that the Barrie District Collegiate Institute Board would be requesting the County to issue debentures for the additions to the Barrie Collegiate. The County had been requested to call a special meeting of Council to consider this problem, but as the June Session was so close at hand he did not think it expedient.

He had communicated with the Provincial Government since the last Session with regard to a Civil Defence programme, and stated that K. B. Smith would address the Council at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon to clarify the County's position. He thought that Midland had made the greatest progress along this line.

Another question to be settled at this Session was the sale of sufficient bonds to cover the cost to the County of the new building programme at the Home for the Aged at Beeton. Since the January Session he had appointed another member, Councillor Allan, to the Building Committee for the Home, and had also appointed Councillor Hickling to act for the Warden on the Barrie Hospital Board.

In conclusion he told the members that Ontario County Council and Officials were to visit Simcoe to-morrow to tour the County. This was a return visit, and as we had been royally entertained in Ontario last year he hoped all the members would turn out to welcome our guests.

He also stated that the members had received written invitations to his picnic in Creemore Thursday afternoon, and he was now giving them a further verbal invitation. The Warden also mentioned that the children of the members would be welcome as well.