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That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the County Officials and the girls of the County staff for their kind consideration and co-operation through the year.

The Clerk thanked the Council on behalf of the Officials for this expression of their appreciation.

Ron Davies, representing the Barrie Examiner, thanked the Council for their motion of appreciation and said he hoped he had been of some service and that he might come back again to report the proceedings of the Council impartially and without favour.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn sine die.

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Clerk, County of Simcoe

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Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S  
OF THE JANUARY SESSION, 1952, OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE  
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 15th, 1952.

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 1952:

- ADJALA Twp. - John Small, Reeve, R.R.#1 Loretto.
- ALLISTON Town - Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve, Alliston.
- BARRIE Town - Jas. W. Hart, Reeve, Barrie; Heber E. Smith, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.
- BEEFON Village - Jas. C. Thompson, Reeve, Beeton.
- BRADFORD Village - Wm. Compton, Reeve, Bradford.
- COLDWATER Village - Andrew R. 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, Elmvale.
- ESSA Twp. - Wm. 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 Elmvale; John Lambie, Deputy-Reeve, Phelston.
- INNISFIL Twp. - W. Clifford Lockhart, Reeve, R.R.#5 Barrie; Chas. D. Sproule, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Stroud.
- MATCHEDASH Twp. - Leslie Borrow, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.
- MEDONTE Twp. - Fisher Ganton, Reeve, Hillsdale; Alvah Stewart, Deputy-Reeve, Vasey.
- MIDLAND Town - W. Herbert Taylor, Reeve, Midland; W. H. Keller, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.
- NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - W. Jas. Patton, Reeve; R.R.#3 Creemore; James Morrison, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Creemore.
- ORILLIA Town - Hugh Johnston, Reeve, Orillia; John R. MacIsaac, 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 - Alfred H. Cage, Reeve, Penetang; Archibald Verriere, 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; Ralph Dalton, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Victoria Harbour.
- TECUMSETH Twp. - Albert Gilroy, Reeve, R.R.#4 Cookstown; George Lisk, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Beeton.

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

TOSSORONTIO Twp. - Burns Wales, Reeve, 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 welcomed them to the January Session. He stated that there were twelve changes in the personnel of the Council this year, ten of whom had no previous County Council experience. He informed the Council that for the first time the local radio station was going to broadcast the election of the Warden, and he was sure everyone in the County would appreciate the opportunity of listening to this important event.

The Clerk then stated that the first duty of the Council was to elect a Warden for 1952, and read the section of the Rules and Regulations of the Council which governs the procedure to be followed. According to the certificates he had received regarding the number of municipal voters on the respective voters' lists, as required under Section 54 subsection (3) of The Municipal Act, the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the Towns of Barrie and Orillia and the Township of Innisfil were entitled to two votes, and the Reeves only of the Towns of Collingwood and Midland and the Townships of Nottawasaga, Orillia and Tiny were entitled to two votes when voting in County Council, making a total of 60 votes. In the case of a tie for the election of Warden the Reeve of the municipality having the largest equalized assessment, which this year is the Town of Barrie, would have the deciding vote. He further stated that according to the Rules ten minutes was allowed for nominations, and after appointing Councillors Smith and Shepherd to act as scrutineers declared the nominations open for the election of Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Wood,

That Councillor Hart, Reeve of the Town of Barrie, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton,

That Councillor Reed, Reeve of the Township of Orillia, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton,

That Councillor Hughes, Reeve of the Township of West Gwillimbury, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow,

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That Councillor Campbell, Reeve of the Township of Oro, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton,

That Councillor Borrow, Reeve of the Township of Matchedash, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Savage,

That Councillor Downer, Reeve of the Township of Tiny, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart,

That Councillor Ganton, Reeve of the Township of Medonte, be Warden for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Cage,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That Councillor Lockhart, Reeve of the Township of Innisfil, be Warden for 1952.

The Clerk then declared the nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillors Downer, Hart, Hughes and Reed, he proceeded to take the vote, which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Downer:- Councillors Cage, Dalton, Downer (2), Lambie, Maurice, Robinson, and Savage - 8.

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Beattie, Beck, Brockwell, Calvert, Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hart (2), Keller, McCurdy, McLean, Patton (2), Rawn, Richardson, Scott, Smith (2), Stewart, Taylor (2), Thompson, Verriere, Wales and Wood - 28.

For Councillor Hughes:- Councillors Compton, Hughes, Kinnear, Lisk, Perry, Small and Sproule (2) - 8.

For Councillor Reed:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Hickling, Horne, Johnston (2), Lockhart (2), Middleton, Morrison, MacIsaac (2), Reed (2), Shepherd and Wilkinson - 16.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the total votes and Councillors Downer and Hughes having each received 8 votes, the Clerk asked them if they wished another vote to break the tie, whereupon they both withdrew their names.

The Clerk then called for a second ballot, which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Hart:- Councillors Beattie, Beck, Brockwell, Cage, Calvert, Compton, Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hart (2), Keller, Lambie, Lisk, Maurice, McCurdy, McLean, Patton (2), Rawn, Richardson, Robinson, Savage, Scott, Small, Smith (2), Sproule (2), Stewart, Taylor (2), Thompson, Verriere, Wales and Wood - 38.

For Councillor Reed:- Councillors Borrow, Campbell, Dalton, Downer (2), Hickling, Horne, Hughes, Johnston (2), Kinnear, Lockhart (2), Middleton, Morrison, MacIsaac (2), Perry, Reed (2), Shepherd and Wilkinson - 22.

Councillor Hart having received a majority of the votes of the members, the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1952.

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The Clerk requested Councillors Patton and Wood to escort the Warden to the dais where Judge Harvie administered the oath of office to Warden Hart, after which Ex-Warden Shepherd turned over his robes to the new Warden and wished him every success in 1952.

Warden Hart thanked His Honour Judge Harvie for his very kind remarks and stated that he appreciated the confidence which the Council had placed in him and accepted the office of Warden with humility. He was quite aware of the dignity and efficiency with which his predecessors had presided over the Council, and solicited the co-operation of the members of the Council and staff in assisting him to carry out the obligations of this office. He welcomed the members to the Session, particularly those who were sitting in County Council for the first time, and congratulated all on their recent elections as representatives of their respective municipalities.

He mentioned the prosperity which the country, and particularly the County of Simcoe, had enjoyed since 1945, and drew special attention to the rapid increase in population over the past few years; he thought these people should be welcomed to our country but that they should be taught the customs of Canada and to conform to our constitutions and laws. He referred to Canada as a land of rich natural resources in which everyone was free to worship as he pleased. In referring to the progressiveness of Simcoe County he stated that Hon. E. C. Drury had introduced reforestation in the County in 1920, and that there were now 11,000 acres planted in trees; he thought the towns should <sup>also</sup> support this reforestation and conservation programme as they benefitted as much from it as the rural municipalities. He mentioned the County's vast agricultural products, especially the market-gardening carried on in the Holland Marsh at the south end of the County and the tobacco industry in the south and west, and felt that when we had visitors from other counties they should be shown these agricultural areas and also the large shipyards at Collingwood and Midland.

In connection with the work of the County during the past year, he stated that a photostat machine had been purchased for the Registry Office and a large building programme initiated at the Home for the Aged, Beeton, which he hoped would be completed and opened this year. In 1951 the County's budget was slightly over \$1,000,000, and he was sorry to have to report that they would have a small deficit on their operations, which was largely brought about by the increased cost of maintaining indigent patients.

The Standing Committees for 1952 would be appointed this afternoon, and he thought the members of these Committees should become thoroughly conversant with the activities for which the Committees were responsible and be in a position to assist the Finance Committee in every way possible with the preparation of a reasonable budget. In order to expedite the business of the Session he encouraged the members to hold their Committee meetings early so that the estimates from the different departments could be in the hands of the Chairman of the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

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Warden Hart then called on Rev. J. F. A. Bewell, Minister of Central United Church in Barrie, to address the Council.

Mr. Bewell said he considered it an honour and a pleasure to officiate at the opening Session of the 1952 Council. He congratulated the Warden on his election and stated that he was particularly pleased to be present on this occasion as Mr. Hart was an honoured and respected member of his church. He was sure that the members of the Council would take their work seriously and with devotion, as Simcoe was a great County and was worthy of the best representatives. He then offered a short prayer for the welfare and general good of the County.

Judge Harvie, at the request of the Warden, addressed the Council briefly on the progress and importance of the Shorthorn Breeders Association, and asked the members for their favourable consideration of the Association's request for a grant to assist in carrying on their activities in 1952.

The Warden announced that Mrs. Hamilton, Mayor of Barrie, was in the chamber, and asked Councillor Smith to introduce her to the Council.

Mrs. Hamilton welcomed the County Councillors to Barrie, and stated that it was her one regret that she had not had the pleasure of sitting in County Council. She was very happy that Mr. Hart had achieved an honour which was very close to his heart, and in conclusion she congratulated Mrs. Hart on her elevation to the <sup>position of</sup> first lady of Simcoe County for the year 1952.

Ex-Warden Middleton then presented Mrs. Hamilton with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the oath of office to the Warden elect, also for his words of wisdom and appropriate remarks, and to the Rev. Mr. Bewell for conducting the devotional service at the opening proceedings of this Session of the County Council.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the minutes of the November Session, 1951, having been printed and distributed, be taken as read.

The Warden appointed Councillor Reed 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 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.

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Moved by Councillor Read,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

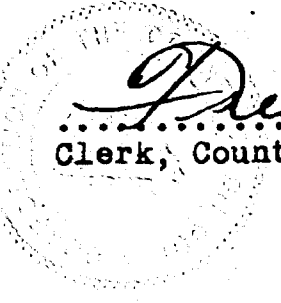
The Warden then read the list of delegations which were to meet the Council tomorrow morning, and recommended that the speakers be as brief in their remarks as possible.

The Warden also stated that he and Mrs. Hart would be home any time after 8 o'clock this evening, and invited the members and officials to call on them.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

  
*David Hunter*  
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. P. Hart*  
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Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 16th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present

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:

Resolution from Grey County Federation of Agriculture with regard to instituting a plan of hail insurance.

Application from J. H. Dunn, Alliston, for a refund of money he had spent for weed-spraying material.

Correspondence in connection with attaching certain sections of Dufferin County to the Alliston and Collingwood High School Districts.

Three resolutions from Kent County Council relative to certain amendments to The High and Public Schools Acts. Also, regarding that the County again take membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Memoranda from the following organizations, giving notice of their Annual Convention and requesting that the County take membership and appoint delegates:-- Ontario Educational Association; Ontario Association of Assessing Officers; Ontario Municipal Association; Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm; Ontario Conservation Association; Ontario Good Roads Association; Ontario Agricultural Council.

Resolutions from Peel County Council <sup>and Renfrew</sup> recommending that the Department of Education give the same consideration to all municipalities with regard to school grants regardless of whether or not their assessments are increased.

Copy of the Government's approval to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital's application for a capital grant of \$107,333.32.

Requests from the following organizations for grants:-- Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association; Navy League of Canada; Canadian National Institute for the Blind; County branches of the Women's Institute; Hospital for Sick Children; Salvation Army

Request from the Royal Victoria Hospital Board that the County guarantee \$90,000 in debentures, being the approximate total which is payable to them under By-Law No. 2344 and which is required to finance their present construction project.

Financial Statement from Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts, Chartered Accountants, on the County's finances for 1951.

Account of D. F. MacLaren, County Solicitor, for legal advice during 1951.

Communication from W. C. Harris & Co. Ltd., Investment Securities, in connection with debenture issues.

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Application from York County Hospital, Newmarket, for a grant to cover the loss incurred on the maintenance of Simcoe County patients during 1951.

Account for the maintenance of Mrs. Dorothy Grisdale who did not establish residence in any local municipality in the County prior to her admission to hospital.

Letter from the Clerk of Orillia Town relative to increasing the amount payable for the burial of indigents.

Statement from the Town of Orillia regarding 1949, 1950 and 1951 taxes abated by the Court of Revision under Section 199 of The Assessment Act.

Statement from the Town of Orillia showing the amount payable to the County in lieu of taxes for 1951 in connection with Wartime Housing Limited.

Resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, recommending that legislation be enacted to provide for the care of non-indigents who, for various reasons, are unable to look after themselves.

Tenders for printing the minutes of the 1952 County Council Sessions.

Letter from the Publisher of The Coldwater News regarding the County's printing requirements.

Resolution of Councillors Patton and Stephens, which was presented at the November Session and referred to the 1952 Road Committee.

Correspondence in connection with the Department of Transport laying a watermain across County property in Oro Township.

Reply from the Minister of Highways with regard to the Department assuming as King's Highway County Road No. 5 between Alliston and Camp Borden.

Notices of accidents on the County Road System.

Application from Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts for an increase in their audit fees.

Resignation of Leonard Ransom as a member of the County Road Committee.

Letter from the Women's Institute endorsing the work of the County Recreation Service and recommending that the County grant be increased.

The Warden informed the Council that Judge Foster was present and would like to give a short report on the work of the Juvenile and Family Court for 1951.

Mr. Foster stated that a printed report had been placed on the members' desks and that he would only touch on the highlights. The work of the Court had increased greatly during the past year, which he thought was largely due to the fact that people were becoming acquainted with the work and knew that the services of the Probation Officer were available to them. Another Probation Officer had been added to the staff, in the person of Dixon Taylor, who, in his opinion, was a very highly qualified official; the Court now had a permanent court clerk in the person of Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, and a court reporter, Sandra Ruth. Another office had been opened in Midland, of which Mr. Taylor was in charge. He emphasized the amount of money which the Court had collected under The Deserted Wives

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and Maintenance Act, and which was more fully explained in the printed report. The cost of the new office and employees was included in the budget, which was also on the members' desks in a separate form. In view of the benefits which the Province as a whole derived from the activities of the Court he was of the opinion that the Province should bear part of the financial responsibility, and that the Council should bring some pressure to bear to bring this about. He had received notice from the Inspector of Legal Offices that an Adult Probation Officer would be appointed for Simcoe County very soon, which he considered a forward step in the administration of justice. In his closing remarks Judge Foster gave all the credit for the successful operation of the Court to the efficient officers that the County had employed; he thanked the Council for their co-operation in the past and hoped that it would continue in the future. Before leaving the chamber he called Mr. Taylor to the front and introduced him to the members.

Probation Officer Dingman also addressed the Council, and impressed on them the importance of reading the report on their desks very carefully. He briefly outlined two type cases which had come to his attention yesterday, and stated that in this morning's mail he had received a total of \$95.00 in cheques which would be distributed among different families in the County. He reiterated what Judge Foster had said with regard to the Province assuming part of the costs of the Court, and gave further explanations as to why he thought the Province had an obligation in this connection.

The Warden asked Councillor Graham to introduce a delegation from the Simcoe County Hospital Association. This delegation consisted of H. W. Caswell, Chairman, four members of the Association and D. S. F. Cameron, Secretary, who was asked to present the hospitals' case.

Mr. Cameron said their purpose in appearing before the Council was to again ask for a maintenance grant for 1952. He explained that the average cost of maintaining indigent patients in the County hospitals during 1951 was \$6.55 per day--the estimated Government grant for 1952 was \$1.50, and the statutory per diem rate was \$3.00, which made a total anticipated revenue of \$4.50 and left a gap of \$2.05 between indigent rates and revenue. The hospitals were very grateful for the assistance they had received in the past and respectfully requested the same grant of \$30,000 from the County this year.

Harold Webb spoke to the Council on behalf of the Institute for the Blind, and after thanking them for their past support requested that their grant of \$1,000 be continued for 1952; a financial report on the work of the Institute had been sent to the Council for the consideration of the Finance Committee. Mr. Webb then briefly explained some of the Institute's activities in the County during 1951.

Major Morgan Flannigan appeared before the Council to request a continuance of their grant to the Salvation Army. Their work was supported entirely by voluntary contri-

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butions; the organization was world-wide, and similar grants were being given in all parts of the globe. Their services were extended to all denominations and creeds and were available to all needy people; he also pointed out that the Army not only ministered to the physical needs but also to the spiritual needs of those in their care. This year they are celebrating their 70th year of operation in Canada. Major Flannigan explained some of the work done during the Noronic disaster in Toronto a few years ago, and expressed the hope that the Council would again give favourable consideration to their request.

S. L. Page and Keith McRuer, and their assistants, gave an outline of the work done by the North and South Simcoe agricultural offices last year. A very detailed report on the activities of both offices had been prepared and placed on the members' desks for their information.

Mr. McRuer stated that if any of the representatives in his district had any suggestions to make as to programmes they would like initiated in their municipality, he would be only too glad to co-operate with them. He referred particularly to the County Junior Farmers Debating Contest which had been conducted during the year; the winning team from this County had met the winners from York County at Stroud last night, and were declared winners--this team would now go on to compete in the semi-finals. He thanked the Council for supporting their projects in the past, and hoped that if they required additional financial assistance it would be forthcoming.

Councillor Beck introduced W. H. Cranston, Secretary of the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association.

Mr. Cranston stated that a report of the Association's activities had been distributed among the members, and their financial statement was in the Clerk's hands for examination by the Finance Committee. This year they were requesting a grant of \$1,000; he thought that a grant to this Association should be considered as an investment because of the very large revenue which was brought to the County each year by the tourist industry and which, he felt everyone would agree, was largely due to the efforts of the Association. He suggested that the Council set up a committee to examine the implications and financial benefits of the tourist industry to Simcoe County, and he was sure that if they did the Association would have no trouble in obtaining their grant of \$1,000.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden stated that no definite arrangements had been made about the Warden's Banquet, but he hoped that a decision would be reached to-day as to when it should be held.

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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving the Simcoe County Hospitals a grant of \$30,000 for the year 1952.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$1,000 to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That requests for money grants or correspondence in connection therewith be referred to the respective committees without further motions from the members referring same to the committees.

This motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Report of the Family Court, as presented, be accepted, and that the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making them a grant of \$17,000 for the year 1952.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the grant for reforestation purposes to \$10,000 for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$1,000 to the Huronia Historic Sites and Tourist Association.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Smith, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving the same grant of \$1,000 to the Navy League of Canada.

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Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of paving that portion of County Road No. 18 between the Town of Orillia and the Uthoff quarry, as this is the most heavily travelled portion of County Road in Simcoe County and as, under present conditions, it is totally inadequate to carry the traffic it is presently required to carry to and from said quarry.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying each member of the Council not less than \$5.00 to cover sundry expenses, such as telephone calls and postage, in 1952.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of widening two bridges on County Road No. 6 in Tiny Township, and that they budget for same in their estimates.

Moved by Councillor Dalton,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of doing some construction work on the County Road between Waverley and Coldwater, as there are conditions on this road that are considered dangerous by people using same, especially due to the heavy traffic.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of making the necessary repairs to the Colman Bridge on the south townline between Nottawasaga and Mulmur Townships.

Moved by Councillor Morrison,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making the usual grant to each School Fair held in the County during 1952.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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

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Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of improving and straightening the road one mile west of Loretto, known as Doyle's Hill.

Moved by Councillor Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of straightening the jog on County Road No. 10 between the 8th and 9th Concessions of Essa Township.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of taking over as County Road the road from Dalston to Midhurst, in Vespra Township, as this would connect the County Road from Orillia with the intersection of Highways 26 and 27.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$62,500 to the County Health Unit for the year 1952.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Keller, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of improving the road from Highway No. 27 to Balm Beach, on Concession 9, Tiny Township.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That a book of the revised Rules and Regulations be placed on each member's desk, and that a County map be given to each of the new members.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That we now tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Warden and Mrs. Hart for their very kind hospitality to the members last evening.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

WHEREAS the new super highway now being constructed through our County by-passes most of the towns and villages,

AND WHEREAS advertising signs are prohibited on this highway,

BE IT THEREFORE RECOMMENDED by this Council that the Warden appoint a small committee to interview the Department of Highways with regard to erecting a large County map sign, and that said committee report on same at the June Session.

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In explaining his motion Councillor Calvert stated that if you travelled along any of the larger highways in the north country you would see maps to the different tourist areas and places of interest, and if sufficient representation was made to the Department before the completion of the super highway he thought permission might be obtained to place such a map at the south end of the County so that visitors would see where the larger industries, agricultural developments and tourist resorts were located. This was good advertisement for the County, and for this reason he suggested the appointment of such a committee.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,


Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

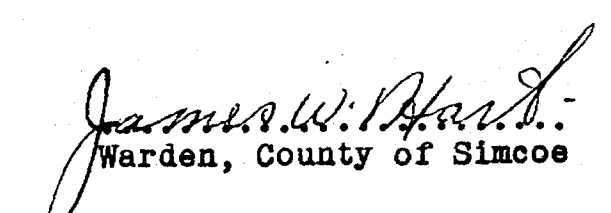
That the Administration of Justice audit board be composed of His Honour Judge Harvie, J. R. Coleman and Councillor Sproule.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

  
Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 17th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Patton.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Report from G. O. Cameron showing the earnings of the Registry Office in 1951.

Letter from C. D. Raikes requesting an increase in the grant for the Weed Essay Contest and also in the daily rate of pay for the two County Weed Inspectors.

Request from George P. Woods for a grant to the Simcoe County Trustees and Rate-payers Association.

Letter from Maude Rowe, Secretary of the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association, endorsing the work of the Recreation Committee.

Letter from the General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood, together with the Department of Health's authorization for a grant to that Hospital.

Statement from D. S. F. Cameron as to the number of indigent patient days at the County Hospitals for 1951.

D. H. Coleman, County Treasurer, then asked for a few minutes in which to address the Council. He congratulated the Warden and members on their election, and stated that this was only the second time in 37 years that he had missed the election of the Warden. He thought the Council should express their appreciation to Allan Cook and Ralph Snelgrove for the splendid broadcast of the proceedings -- as one who wasn't able to be here he thought he was in a position to say that it was very much appreciated. Mr. Coleman presented the Warden with a gavel on behalf of Les. Evans, representative of the A. E. Wilson Company.

In accepting the gavel the Warden said he was glad that it became his personal property as it would ever be a reminder to him of his year as Warden of Simcoe County. He announced that the banquet would be held at Guthrie Community Hall to-morrow evening; he hoped that all the members would be present, and he would let them away in time to attend the hockey game if they wished.

The regular business of the Council was then suspended to hear a number of delegations which were scheduled to speak this morning.

J. T. Simpson and S. L. Page appeared on behalf of the Library Co-operative to ask that their grant be increased to \$4,000. Mr. Simpson said he was County Clerk when the County Library was started, and that the grant at that time had been \$200.00. The work had greatly expanded since then, and the main reason that they needed more money now was to



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increase their stock of books -- anyone could understand how these books became worn through being used by children; furthermore, as the service extended it was necessary to have a larger supply of books. He trusted that after studying the Library's Report and budget the Council would give their request favourable consideration.

Miss Elsie Dunn, County Librarian, pointed out that she had prepared a very extensive and detailed report, which had been placed on the members' desks, and she hoped that they would read it carefully. She explained some of the highlights of the report and described some of the activities which they were carrying on. She referred particularly to the very successful dinner which had been held at Stroud recently, and which was attended by some 150 people who heard a very interesting address by Kenneth Wells, author and lecturer; in her opinion the splendid attendance indicated the popularity of the County Library. Miss Dunn stated that her activities outside the office were somewhat curtailed due to the fact that she had to do considerable work on repairing books which should actually be done by unskilled labour.

At this point the Warden asked the Council to hear E. A. Jarrett, representing the County auditors. In explaining the Financial Report Mr. Jarrett referred to the deficit of \$18,000 which the County would be carrying into 1952, and which was for the most part uncontrollable -- it was caused by the increased cost of maintaining indigent patients, which is statutory, but would nevertheless have to be levied for this year. The County wasn't carrying any surplus at the present time, as \$150,000 had been turned over for the building project at Beeton and \$38,000 to the road department. It would be necessary to levy for approximately \$48,000 to complete the Home for the Aged in 1952. In answer to a question as to whether it would be better to sell the bonds now owned by the County or borrow the money and use the bonds as collateral, Mr. Jarrett stated that it was up to the Council to make the decision in this case but that if interest rates continued to rise the bonds would likely depreciate still more, and it seemed to him that the trend was to higher rather than lower interest rates. With regard to the advisability of floating a debenture to meet the capital expenditures of the County, he thought they should be very cautious about doing this and should make sure of a market before giving authorization for the issue of debentures. In conclusion Mr. Jarrett referred to the request for an increase in his Company's fee for auditing the County's accounts, which he trusted the Council would see fit to grant.

The Warden complimented Mr. Jarrett on his very fine report, and stated that as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the past two years he had found his work greatly facilitated by the well prepared auditor's statement.

Miss Louise Colley and Gordon Todd reported on the work of the Recreation Committee for the year. Miss Colley pointed out, as did the other speakers, that a written report

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was on the desk for the consideration of the members, and went through the report to explain some of the more important features. She gave three examples of the activities carried on by the Committee, and mentioned particularly the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association which was now establishing branches in several of the rural centres.

Mr. Todd explained why the Committee found it necessary to ask for an increase in their grant this year -- they had had to move to new quarters, where the rent was double, and the telephone and postage costs had increased. The budget was clearly explained in the report, and he requested the Council to give favourable consideration to a grant of \$8,000.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Messrs. New, Currie and Crawford appeared before the Council requesting a grant for the County Shorthorn Breeders Association, which Mr. New said would be used for improving the breed and financing a regional show which was planned for this year. The Association were also holding their first bull sale in the County this Fall, but none of the grant would be used to promote this sale. He pointed out that other counties backed the cattle clubs, and he hoped that Simcoe County would see fit to meet their request.

Mr. Currie, President, and Mr. Crawford, Secretary, concurred with what Mr. New had said and emphasized that the purpose of these clubs was to educate the farmers of the County of the importance of improving their breed of livestock.

Emil Nerpin and Jack Hughes requested a grant on behalf of the Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Nerpin referred to some of the projects which the Federation conducted, such as Adult Education and the promotion of Visual Education in the schools; however, due to lack of funds they had had to discontinue the showing of films in the schools. The Federation also sponsored educational classes for new Canadians. Mr. Hughes, in explaining their financial statement for the past year, informed the Council that their receipts amounted to \$10,221 and their expenditures \$10,216, leaving a balance on hand of approximately \$5.00. At the present time the Federation was entirely financed by grants, and he would therefore respectfully request the Council to consider giving them a grant of \$2,000 for 1952.

The Warden stated that the representatives of the Children's Aid Society had been waiting for a long time to address the Council, and asked President Foster, Treasurer Fisher, Managing Director, Miss Jackson, and C. L. Chittick to come to the front of the chamber.

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Mr. Foster stated that a very full report of the work of the Society and their proposed budget had been placed on the members' desks. <sup>say that they had</sup> This year They were in the happy position of being able to kept within their budget in 1951, although in November they had expected to have a small deficit, but owing to increased receipts they were able to make their budget balance. He then asked Councillor Calvert, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Society, to present their budget.

Mr. Calvert very ably outlined the Society's budget requirements for 1952 and stated that they were asking for an increase in their grant for two reasons; first, they proposed increasing the rate for children in boarding homes by \$3.00 a month making a total of \$23.00 which, in these times, did not seem an excessive amount and, second, the salaries of the staff had to be increased. Several questions were asked which Councillor Calvert answered in a very capable manner.

Mr. Fisher said he had nothing to add to what had already been said except to say that the value of the dollar had depreciated to 83¢ since last year and that it would be easy to figure out how this depreciation would account for the increase in their grant.

The regular business was then resumed.

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Keller, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution and delivery of a conveyance from the County of Simcoe to His Majesty the King of certain lands in Oro Township now used as a radar station, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, 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 Taylor,

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 Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

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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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Small, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint two members to the Administration of Justice audit board for the year 1952, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, 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 Ganton,

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 Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, 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 Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to confirm By-Law No. 750 of the Township of Essa, providing for the closing of certain streets in the Village of Angus, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, 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 Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, 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 Dalton, 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.

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Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Sproule, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider an over all Agriculture and Soils budget of \$10,000 for 1952, the Provincial Government paying a subsidy of 50% on all approved soils work.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of granting the Recreation Committee the sum of \$8,000 for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$4,000 to the County Library Co-operative.

Moved by Councillor Lisk,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$2,000 to the County Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Beck,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving the Children's Aid Society a grant of \$117,000.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, in amendment,

That the grant to the Children's Aid Society be increased to \$129,000.

The amendment was carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing delegates to the Annual Convention of the Ontario Educational Association, and taking membership in the Association.

Moved by Councillor Savage,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of increasing the hourly wage rate paid to workmen on the County Roads.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of taking out road liability insurance for the year 1952.

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Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of appropriating \$35.00 for prizes in the Weed Essay Contest.

Moved by Councillor Sproule,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of repairing the County Road between No. 10 sideroad and the new highway on the 8th Concession of Innisfil Township.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of taking the necessary steps to eliminate the dangerous C.P.R. crossing and jog on County Road No. 10 between the 9th and 10th Concessions of Tecumseth Township.

Moved by Councillor Sproule,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of entering into an agreement with the County of York for the construction of a bridge over the Holland River on the boundary line between the County of York and the County of Simcoe, opposite the 4th Concession of King Township.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant to each of the four local Plowmen's Associations holding a match in 1952.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, 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 1952.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a recommendation to the various hospitals with regard to collections from old age pensioners, so that all pensioners will be treated equally.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of removing some rock in several places along County Road No. 17 as these sections of the road are too narrow.

Moved by Councillor Morrison,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, and ordered,

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That the Reforestation Committee consider the advisability of purchasing a small piece of land in Nottawasaga Township for reforestation purposes.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the rate allowed for the burial of indigent patients.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be conveyed to Allan Cook for sponsoring C.K.B.B.'s broadcast of the election of the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That this Council receive and hear a delegation from the vicinity of Alliston on Friday, Jan. 18th, at 11:25 A.M. relative to improving the County Road running north from the Town of Alliston to the Camp Borden boundary, a distance of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and presenting a petition in connection therewith.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on Friday, Jan. 18th, to appoint two members to the County Road Committee.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That this Council send heartiest congratulations to Ex-Warden Benson on the occasion of his 78th birthday on Jan. 18th.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee be amalgamated with the Soils Committee, and that hereafter all soils projects be handled by the Agriculture Committee.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That in view of the fact that Mr. P. A. Coughlin, of the Township of Flos in the County of Simcoe, has purchased an auctioneer's license from the County for each year for the past 50 years, be it therefore resolved that the said Mr. Coughlin be presented with an honorary license for the rest of his life.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the Warden and Clerk be and they are herewith authorized to make application to the Department of Highways for the subsidy on the 1951 road expenditure.

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Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

That in view of the ever increasing cost of living a Special Committee be set up to consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of the County officials and employees in the County Building.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

That the Special Committee aforementioned be composed of Councillors Reed, Beck, Cage, Smith and Johnston, and that the Committee be requested to present their report on Monday.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Equalization Committee be composed of Councillors Hughes, Ganton, Johnston, Shepherd and Smith.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the salaries of the Governor and Matron of the Home for the Aged be considered when the salaries of the other employees are adjusted.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint four members of the Council to the Recreation Committee for 1952, and that the appointment be made at this Session.

At this point the Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Reed in the chair, to consider the advisability of selling the bonds now owned by the County.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the bid of 94 1/8 submitted by the Bank of Toronto for the \$176,000 in Dominion of Canada Bonds held by the County be accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to notify the Bank to this effect.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

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

*Paul Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 18th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the resolution with regard to the appointment of a Special Salary Committee be amended by adding Councillor Smith's name, and that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

The Warden read a letter from the Town of Alliston and a resolution from the Township of Essa supporting the petition presented by Councillor Beattie.

The Warden again invited all the members and officials to the banquet to be held at Guthrie to-night at 6 o'clock sharp; he stated that no written invitations had been issued, but a full attendance was expected.

Ex-Warden Barr being in the chamber the Warden asked him to come to the dais.

Under "unfinished business" the Warden informed the Council that there were still some delegations to be heard, and asked Dr. Scott to report for the County Health Unit.

Dr. Scott reminded the members that a detailed report of the Unit's activities during 1951 was on their desks. He stated that the Unit had been under-staffed all year and for that reason they had not been able to reach as many people as they would have liked; as it was, their T. B. clinics had revealed that 25130 people in the County were suffering from T. B. or were contacts. One very important phase of their work was the insistence of a T. B. test of all food handlers; they had found five cases of T. B. among these operators, one of which had since died -- the Council could readily see what a danger these people were to the citizens of the County using the restaurants. He referred to the statistics showing the number of visits made to homes, the number of Child Health Conferences held and the work done by the nursing service in the schools, and stated that many more visits and a much more complete service could have been given had the Unit been adequately staffed. One of the problems they were facing was the need of laboratory services for the testing of milk, water and restaurant swabs; it was very inconvenient to have to send all these samples outside the County to have them tested. In referring to the budget Dr. Scott stated that when the Unit was established it had been estimated that it would cost \$1.10 per capita to take care of the people of Simcoe County, based on the 1941 census, but the cost had never been as high as estimated and in 1951 it had only been 97¢ per capita. The population of the County had risen considerably since the Unit was started, which alone accounted for a large increase in expenditure. They were finding it very difficult to build up their staff

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at the present salary range; if the Unit were fully staffed and paid adequate salaries the County would be eligible for a Dominion Government grant of \$30,000.

In addressing the Council Mr. <sup>Barr</sup> stated that there had been many changes since he was a member of the County Council; he had just listened to Dr. Scott report for the Health Unit, which didn't exist when he was a member, and he thought that if he enlisted the aid of the health service described by Dr. Scott he might live to be as old as his father who was 96 when he died

Councillor Beattie introduced Mr. ~~Falkner~~, a civil servant from Camp Borden, who spoke in support of a petition signed by residents of the Alliston area requesting certain improvements to the road north of Alliston. Mr. ~~Falkner~~ stated that many of the residents of Alliston travelled this road every day in going to work at Camp Borden. The Federal Government had already improved three miles outside the municipality; the Province could not very well be approached because this road did not lead to anywhere in particular, so that it would seem that the improvements requested were the County's responsibility. He again emphasized the heavy traffic between Alliston and Camp Borden, and requested the Council's favourable consideration of their petition.

Moved by Councillor Bröckwell,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

That the petition submitted by Councillor <sup>Beattie</sup> be forwarded to the Standing Road and Bridge Committee for their consideration.

Councillor Wales presented a petition requesting improvements to certain roads in the vicinity of Everett, and introduced Mr. McCutcheon to speak in support of the petition. Mr. McCutcheon told the Council that there were no ditches on this road, the culverts were all blocked, and even to-day water was running across it in some places. The school bus travelled these twelve lots <sup>for</sup> ten months in the year, and for four weeks the road was impassable and the bus was unable to follow its regular route. There were many Everett men working at Camp Borden who were also inconvenienced by the poor condition of the road. There had been no work done here last year, except <sup>maintenance</sup> ~~grading~~ and, in fact, in the past five years there had been neither grading nor ditching done on these nine miles.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, and ordered,

That the petition presented by the ratepayers of Tossorontio Township be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Warden stated that he noticed Ex-Warden D. K. Harvey in the gallery and that he had something he would like to bring before the Council.

Mr. Harvey said he wanted to draw the Council's attention to the very dangerous railway crossing on County Road No. 10 between the 9th and 10th Concessions of Tecumseth

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Township. There were three buses carrying 280 pupils over this crossing twice a day during the school year. The School Board had instructed the bus drivers to stop at the crossing, but because of the bad approaches it was hard to get started again and get over the crossing without being in great danger of being hit by an oncoming train from the south. He respectfully requested that the Road Committee give serious consideration to improving the above mentioned approaches.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of straightening the curves and improving County Road No. 11 east of the old African Church, as the traffic on this road has increased almost 100% during the last year or two due to the new radar station north of Edgar, and as the Department of National Defence are building and putting a hard top on the three miles from Dalston to the said African Church, thereby relieving the County of this expense.

Moved by Councillor Sproule,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, and ordered,

That the application of the Shorthorn Breeders Association for a grant be referred to the Agriculture Committee.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the appropriation required for expenditure on the County Road System during 1952, and making a recommendation to the Council regarding the amount and mill rate required for this purpose.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$250.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Boys and Girls Clubs for their work in 1952.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of taking over that portion of the road running north from County Road No. 6, at Concession 11 Tiny Township, to County Road No. 6 at Concession 16 of the said Township, a distance of approximately 4½ miles.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Keller, 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 financial obligations of the County.

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Moved by Councillor Rawn,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That Councillor Patton be granted leave of absence from the County Council for Thursday, Jan. 17th, 1952, due to illness in his home.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton,

That Councillor Beck be put on the Equalization Committee in place of Councillor Shepherd.

This motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, and ordered,

That we view with growing alarm the tendency of some factions in this country to have the word "Dominion" deleted from the name of Canada and the word "Royal" deleted from His Majesty's Mail, and recommend that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the proper authorities.

Councillor Richardson moved that the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint two members to the County Road Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Hughes in the chair and Councillors Richardson and Lisk as scrutineers.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Gilroy be appointed to the County Road Committee for a term of three years and Councillor Kinnear for a term of two years.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, and that the necessary By-Laws be prepared to provide for these appointments.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That this Council's heartiest congratulations and good wishes be conveyed to Harry Coleman and James Jardine on this their 75th birthday, and also to Ex-Councillor Alex. MacIntosh who is also celebrating his birthday to-day.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

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

*Paul Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Haat*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 21st, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

The Warden presented a letter from the Collingwood District Collegiate Institute Board recommending that the County Road Committee complete the construction of the road from Cashtown to Stayner as soon as possible.

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

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Small, 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 Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, 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 Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, 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 Hughes,

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Perry,

Councillor Downer stated that he had come over these bridges this morning; there was only one railing left on both bridges which, when the roads were slippery, made them very dangerous. Councillors Cage and Calvert endorsed Councillor Downer's statement.

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Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, in amendment,

That the part of the Report dealing with the two bridges in Tiny Township be deleted therefrom, that the matter be again referred to the County Road Committee for further consideration and that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

The amendment was carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, 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 Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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 Lambie,

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 Savage,

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Sproule,

Seconded by Councillor Wood,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Borrow, in speaking to this motion, stated that he had understood it was the County's policy to not take on any more roads until the present system was brought up to a required standard; he felt that if this piece of road was taken on the County would have no reason to refuse several other requests. Councillor Beattie spoke in support of what Councillor Borrow had said.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, in amendment,

That the said Report be tabled.

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In speaking to the amendment Councillor Horne stated that some municipalities did not have any County Roads but had to contribute towards their up-keep, and he thought this should be taken into consideration when the Council were dealing with such requests for additions to the County Road System.

Councillor Richardson said he could see no reason for the Council deferring their decision and thought they should decide now so that provision could be made in the budget for this addition.

The amendment carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re HAWKERS & PEDLARS, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, 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 Morrison,

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 MacIsaac,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Gilroy,

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Cage,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted 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 McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, 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 MacIsaac,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, 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 Campbell,

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Verriere,

Seconded by Councillor Keller, 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 Lisk,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, 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 Graham,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, and ordered,



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

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 Compton,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, 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 Cage, 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 Lisk, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint Councillor Gilroy as a member of 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 McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, 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 Thompson, 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 Hickling,

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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee study the possibility of providing a room in the Court House where the members may gather between sessions to discuss any matters that they

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wish without having to take up the room and time of the County officials, and report to the Council on the last day of this Session.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of assisting the North and South Simcoe Boys and Girls Club tours to the extent of \$150.00.

Moved by Councillor Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the advisability of asking the Ontario Department of Highways to take over County Road No. 10 from Highway No. 89 north to the Village of Angus, making a connecting link between Highways 89 and 90.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of placing \$1,000 in their budget for an office and supplies for an Adult Probation Officer if and when required.

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of assisting the North and South Simcoe inter-county plow teams to the amount of \$50.00 each.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of the two County Weed Inspectors.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$200.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Junior Farmers Associations.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations a grant of \$250.00

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

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That the Education Committee consider the request of the Hockley School Section that the remaining portion of that Section be attached to the Orangeville High School District.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison,

That this Council take over as a connecting link that portion of road between County Road No. 5 and County Road No. 9, known as the 2nd Concession of Nottawasaga Township, a distance of about one mile, and that the necessary by-law be prepared and presented at the next session.

In speaking to his motion Councillor Patton pointed out that the addition of this piece of road had been referred to the County Road Committee many times, but without any results. He stated that it was a direct road from Stayner to Wasaga Beach, and was very heavily travelled; the Township of Nottawasaga were willing to take back a piece of road leading to Creemore if this mile were added to the County Road System.

Councillor Hughes stated that Councillor Patton had neglected to mention that there was a very bad hill on the section of road referred to, and it would be quite an expensive job to cut and grade the hill.

Councillor Shepherd thought that before any action was taken the Council should obtain an estimate from the Engineer as to the cost of improving this road.

The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Council and County officials extend to His Worship Warden Hart our hearty thanks and appreciation for the very fine banquet tendered us on Friday evening; we would also like to congratulate Mrs. Hart on the competent manner in which she filled the position of chairman.

The Warden thanked the members for their expression of appreciation and said he would like to throw out a suggestion to future wardens that the councillors be allowed to bring their wives to the banquet as their own guests; he would also suggest that the clerks of all the municipalities be invited to the Warden's banquet. He further stated George Johnston, M.L.A., and W. A. Robinson, M.P., had sent their regrets at not being able to attend.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

*Fred Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

SIXTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 22nd, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Thompson.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from W. G. E. Cumberland, Secretary of the Alliston High School District Board, approving of the addition of certain lots in Dufferin County to the Alliston District.

Letter from the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia, requesting the County's approval of the admission of a patient to a nursing home in Coldwater.

The Warden reminded the Council that Report No. 5 of the Road & Bridge Committee had been tabled yesterday and that according to the Rules it was the first item to be dealt with at this session. He then asked the Clerk to read the Report.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted, and that the necessary by-law be prepared to provide for making this addition to the County Road System.

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Morrison,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Graham,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, 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 Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, 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 Compton,

Seconded by Councillor Small, 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 Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Smith stated that the Barrie Press had been printing the minutes of the Council Sessions and giving very good service for a number of years, and as it was much more satisfactory having the work done so near at hand he thought the Council would be well advised to give the contract to the Barrie Press as they would only be saving \$17.00 by giving it to the Orillia News Letter.

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

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Under "unfinished business" the Warden informed the Council that he had been asked to appoint a Committee to interview the Department of Highways with regard to obtaining permission to place a large tourist map on the new super highway at the south end of the County. He named Councillors Calvert, Robinson, Lockhart, and MacIsaac, and stated that he would be very glad to accompany the Committee if he were free the day of the appointment.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of making a study of ways in which to reduce the length of time required to transact business in committee meetings.

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee give serious consideration to the advisability of requesting the Department of Highways to take over County Road No. 12, in Adjala Township, thus connecting Highways 9 and 89 and being a direct addition to Highway No. 50.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

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That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of adjusting the salaries of the County Treasurer and Deputy Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice,

That the County Road Committee be requested to widen the two bridges on County Road No. 6 in Tiny Township this year, and that provision for same be made in their estimates.

Councillor Downer said he could only repeat what he had said yesterday to the effect that these bridges were much too narrow and should be improved to protect the travelling public.

Councillor Hughes stated that the Committee hadn't provided for this expenditure in their budget, and that if all the improvements were made which had been asked for their budget would be \$2,000,000 -- they would have to cut down some where and he would be glad to receive some direction from the Council as to where this could be done.

Councillor Brockwell thought the Council should have confidence in the Road Committee; he did not think it was the Council's place to dictate to the Committee -- the Committee was appointed for the purpose of directing the work, and it was up to them to advise the Council and not the Council to advise the Committee.

Councillor Beattie enquired if the Engineer could be brought in to explain the condition of the bridges in question. The Engineer being out of the building, the matter was left over until his return.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Council consider the advisability of increasing the County Assessor's salary by \$1,000.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That Warden Hart's name be added to the list of delegates appointed to the Good Roads Convention.

At this point the Warden announced that Albert Coughlin was in the chamber, and asked Ex-Warden Middleton to introduce him to the Council.

In introducing Mr. Coughlin Councillor Middleton stated that he was an old and respected citizen of Flos Township, who had been buying auctioneer's licenses in Simcoe County continuously for the past 50 years, and that in recognition of his services he was pleased to present him with an honorary auctioneer's license on behalf of the County.

Mr. Coughlin thanked the Warden and Council for this kind gesture, and said he would particularly like to thank the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of his municipality. He then demonstrated his ability as an auctioneer by selling the clock on the wall of the chamber.

Councillor Lockhart asked the Warden if he would hear the report of A. H. Peacock,

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Zone Forester.

Mr. Peacock gave a brief account of the work which the Department of Lands & Forests were doing in the County explaining, in particular, the purpose and benefits of thinning and cutting the forests. He especially wanted to draw the Council's attention to the fact that the number of trees scheduled to be planted in Simcoe County in 1952 was 25% less than the average number which had been planted over the last 30 years; hence, if the Council wished to maintain their previous rate of expansion they would have to purchase slightly more land. In closing Mr. Peacock said he would be glad to give assistance or advice at any time on woodlots or new plantings.

The Warden announced that the Engineer was now in the chamber and asked him to come forward and explain the condition of the <sup>two</sup> bridges in Tiny Township.

Mr. Jones said he knew the bridges were too narrow; he was of the opinion that one of them could be widened but the other one would require a whole new bridge, and he doubted very much if it could be built this year owing to the present steel and cement shortage. He gave a rough estimate of the cost of widening one bridge and building the other.

After considerable discussion Councillor Downer agreed to alter his motion before a vote was taken.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice,

That this Council direct the County Road Committee to repair and widen the bridge at Lafontaine on County Road No. 6 this year and budget for same in their estimates, and that plans be made for the widening of the bridge between the first and second concessions of Tiny Township, also on County Road No. 6.

A vote was then polled on the motion, with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Beattie, Beck, Calvert, Compton, Dalton, Downer (2), Dunlop, Ganton, Gilroy, Graham (2), Hickling, Horne, Johnston (2), Keller, Kinnear, Lambie, Lisk, Lockhart (2), Maurice, Middleton, MacIsaac (2), McCurdy, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Rawn, Reed (2), Robinson, Savage, Scott, Shepherd, Small, Sproule (2), Stewart, Verriere, Wilkinson and Wood - 45. NAYS - Councillors Borrow, Brockwell, Campbell, Hughes, Smith (2), Taylor (2) and Wales - 9.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Councillor Middleton on the death of his brother yesterday.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That Councillor Thompson be granted leave of absence from to-day's session, without pay, owing to business commitments.

At the Warden's request the Council agreed to hear Weed Inspector Raikes' report.

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Mr. Raikes presented a brief review of his work during the year and stated that in most cases he had received good co-operation from the local municipalities and road supervisors. He answered several questions as to the cost and efficiency of the spraying operations.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 1:45.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden said it was understood that when they convened they would go into Committee of the Whole to discuss increasing the salaries of the County Engineer and County Assessor. Accordingly, he appointed Councillor Reed as Chairman, and the Council went into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they had two Reports to present, (1) that they would recommend that the County Assessor's salary be increased by \$500.00, and (2) that they would recommend that the County Engineer's salary be increased by \$1,500.00.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That Report No. 1 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

A vote was then recorded with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Beck, Brockwell, Cage, Campbell, Compton, Dalton, Dunlop, Ganton, Graham (2), Hickling, Horne, Hughes, Johnston (2), Keller, Kinnear, Lambie, Lisk, Lockhart (2), Morrison, MacIsaac (2), McCurdy, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Rawn, Reed (2), Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Shepherd, Smith (2), Sproule (2), Stewart, Verriere, Wales, Wilkinson and Wood - 45. NAYS - Councillors Borrow, Calvert, Downer (2), Maurice, Savage, Small and Taylor (2) - 9.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That Report No. 2 of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

A vote was then recorded with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Brockwell, Cage, Campbell, Compton, Dalton, Ganton, Graham (2), Hughes, Johnston (2), Keller, Kinnear, Lisk, Morrison, MacIsaac (2), McLean, Perry, Reed (2), Robinson, Scott, Shepherd, Stewart, Taylor (2), Verriere, Wales and Wilkinson - 30. NAYS - Beck, Borrow, Calvert, Downer (2), Dunlop, Hickling, Horne, Lambie, Lockhart (2), Maurice, McCurdy, Patton (2), Rawn, Richardson, Savage, Small, Smith (2), Sproule (2) and Wood - 24.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

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That the Warden be appointed on the Special Building Committee for the Home for the Aged to act with Councillors Beattie and Scott.

Councillor Shepherd said he thought most of the work in connection with the building project at Beeton, and that a three-man committee should therefore be sufficient to complete the job.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That we appoint Councillors Horne, Dalton, Lisk and Stewart as members of the County Recreation Committee for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

*Deed Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

SEVENTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 23rd, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

The Warden presented a resolution from the Town of Collingwood commending the Council on their action in appointing a Tourist Committee.

In his opening remarks the Warden mentioned that there were still several committees to be appointed, and he urged the members to try and distribute the committee work as equally as possible.

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

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, 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 Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, 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 Wood,

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 MacIsaac,

Seconded by Councillor Small, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Lisk,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Savage,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Small, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to add to the County Road System  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road in Vespra Township, connecting Highway No. 93 with Highway No. 27, 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 Ganton, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

After some discussion as to whether the County should take over the portion of road which connects with Highways 26 and 27 or the one which intersects Highway No. 27, it was suggested that the County Engineer be brought in to advise the Council on the matter.

Mr. Jones stated that he understood from conversation with the Vespra representatives that they were quite satisfied for the County to assume either road, and in his opinion it would be in the best interest of the County to assume the north one. In answer to a question as to how the County should be guided in assuming new roads Mr. Jones stated that the purpose of the County Road System was to carry through traffic where the maintenance cost had become too heavy for the township to bear; when the traffic became too heavy for the County Road it was then the obligation of the Province to take over the road as a Provincial Highway -- the primary purpose of township roads was to serve the local people.

Councillor Richardson addressed the Council at some length and pointed out that Vespra Township had a very small mileage of County Road while they contributed a considerable sum each year towards the maintenance of County Roads. They had 135 miles of road to maintain on a very limited budget, and he felt that in all fairness the road in question should become a part of the County Road System.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the By-Law be amended by deleting therefrom the description of the given road through Lots 12 and 13, Concession 4, connecting with Highways 26 and 27, and substituting

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therefor the description of the road running through a portion of Lot 12 and across Lot 11, Concession 4, to intersect Highway No. 27, and that the By-Law, as amended, be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the salaries of all County officials having now been reviewed by Council the Special Salary Committee be requested to meet again to reconsider the salary adjustments contained in Report No. 1 of said Committee.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of buying a new clock for the Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That the members be requested to notify the County Clerk of any land which might be bought in their municipality for reforestation purposes, giving the lot and concession number of same.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That this Council appoint members to the following Committees:- Family Court and Provincial Probation Officer (3); County Health Unit (4); Children's Aid Society (4).

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the members of the Family Court Committee be Councillors Ganton, Horne and Maurice, and that this Committee also be in charge of the Provincial Probation Officer if and when one is appointed.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That Councillors Johnston, Wood, Beck and Taylor be appointed members of the Health Unit Board

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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That Councillors Richardson, Calvert, MacIsaac and Brockwell be appointed members of the Children's Aid Society Board.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, and ordered,

That the County Assessor's report be presented at this time.

Mr. Simpson stated that his work as County Assessor could be divided into three parts: (1) supervising assessment (2) recommending equalization, and (3) giving advice on revision of assessment before courts of revision and at courts of appeal to the County Judge. He thought that there was very good progress being made with respect to revaluation in the various municipalities;-- seven municipalities were completed in 1951, which left only five to be done before the re-assessment of the whole County would be complete. He had gained considerable experience in the past year by acting as a valuator for the Town of Kincardine in the Town's appeal to The Municipal Board from the decision of the County Judge. He could not emphasize too strongly the importance of municipalities engaging experienced assessors, and he thought the system of assessing could be greatly improved if an assessor could assess several municipalities, thus making it a full-time job -- the added experience would be beneficial to all. He urged the municipal representatives to make their assessor a member of the Association of Assessing Officers, as the benefits they would gain from these meetings was invaluable. Mr. Simpson further stated that there would likely be several changes in the equalization figures this year; in the past, with the authority of the Equalization Committee, he had deducted part of the business assessment before adding it to the equalized value in the case of municipalities which had completed their re-assessment. This was not in accordance with The Assessment Act, and he had been advised by the Department of Municipal Affairs that in future the total business assessment must be added to the equalized value. In closing the Assessor invited the new members to come into his office at any time to discuss their assessment problems.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

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

*Pred Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. B. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

EIGHTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 24th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 Savage,

Seconded by Councillor Small, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to increase the amount payable for the burial of indigents, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Savage,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, 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 Small,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, 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 MacIsaac,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, 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.

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Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to increase the Engineer's salary, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, 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 Lisk,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, 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 Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Keller, 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 Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered

WHEREAS the road from Alliston to Burns Church, being the boundary line between the Townships of Essa and Tossorontio, is a part of County Road No. 5,

AND WHEREAS it is in urgent need of construction involving heavy grading and paving,

AND WHEREAS the civilian and military traffic using this road is exceptionally heavy,

BE IT HEREWITH RESOLVED that the County of Simcoe request the Department of Highways of the Province of Ontario to assume this section of road as a Development Road, to be constructed by the Department and reverted to the County for maintenance after it is constructed.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes,

WHEREAS the new Barrie to Toronto Highway has been opened to traffic,

AND WHEREAS Highway No. 89 does not connect with the new highway,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED HEREWITH that the Department of Highways be requested to assume as part of the Provincial Highway System County Road No. 3 from Cookstown to Fennells Corners.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That the County Road Committee consult the County Engineer as to the cost of constructing approximately one mile of road as a connecting link between County Road No. 5 and County

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Road No. 9 in the 2nd Concession of Nottawasaga Township, and report to Council on the first day of the June Session as to the advisability of including this section in the County Road System.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That Gordon Todd, Churchill, Mrs. Whitton, Elmvale, and Mrs. Watson, Stayner, be named to the Recreation Committee in addition to the four Councillors who were appointed yesterday.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a member to the Hospital Board at this Session.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Provincial Government be requested to amend Section 19 of The Public Hospitals Act with a view to increasing the \$40.00 now payable for the burial of indigents.

Moved by Councillor Smith,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That this Council petition the Provincial and Dominion Governments for relief from the burden of the ever increasing cost of social services, pointing out that municipalities have no source of revenue except from land taxes, and recommending that each municipality be given a per capita grant, with no strings attached, to defray said costs,

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all County Councils in the Province, the three local members of the Ontario Legislature, the Ontario Municipal Association and the Mayors and Reeves Association.

The Warden then appointed Councillor Hickling to represent the County on the various Hospital Board.

At this point Councillor Shepherd called the Council's attention to the fact that a Board of Management had not yet been appointed for the Home for the Aged at Beeton.

After some discussion as to how the Committee should be appointed Councillor Richardson moved that the Council go into Committee of Whole.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Hughes as Chairman.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillors McCurdy, Small, Wood and Lisk be a Committee to have charge of the management of the said Home for 1952.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson,



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That a Committee, composed of Councillors Stewart, Smith, Beck, Ganton and Keller, be appointed to consider the operation and management of the office quarters at the County Building with a view to co-ordinating the services of the staff, and that they report to the Council at Friday morning's session.

The motion was lost.

Before adjournment the Warden informed the Council that he would welcome any suggestions which would assist him in preparing for the picnic in June. He said he had given some thought to holding a morning session in one of the local municipalities and adjourning to the picnic after lunch.

Councillor Keller said the Council would be welcome to hold their picnic at Midland -- Parkside Pavilion would be available for the meal and Little Lake Park was a very suitable place for such an outing.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 3 P.M.

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The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That this Council suspend their regular business to hear Report No. 2 of the Special Salary Committee.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special SALARY Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

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

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Report No. 2 of the Special Salary Committee be amended.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special SALARY Committee, as amended in Committee of the Whole, was again presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That it is our intention to introduce a motion at the next session of Council to rescind Report No. 1 of the Special Salary Committee.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

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

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

*James W. P. Hast*  
.....  
Warden, County of Simcoe

NINTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
January 25th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Circular from W. J. Scott, Ontario Fire Marshal, enclosing a copy of a press release announcing the letting of a contract for the supply of standard couplings and other fittings at no cost to municipalities.

Letter from the Department of Planning & Development announcing the dates of the Third Industrial Promotion Conference.

Petition presented by Burns Wales from residents of Everett, requesting an extension of the Village's boundaries.

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

Moved by Councillor Wales,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 8 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Sproule, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

At this point the Warden asked Councillor Campbell to take the chair as he wished to comment on the Report just read.

He stated that \$38,000 had been transferred from surplus last year to pay for the County Shed; a portion of this was used for other purposes and the Committee were therefore budgetting for \$16,000 to complete the project. He then asked the members of the Road Committee to explain why this had been done.

Councillors Shepherd and Hughes explained that this \$16,000 did not have to be paid until 1952 and was accordingly used to meet other unavoidable expenditures in 1951.

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The Warden again took the chair, after which the motion was voted on and carried. REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on the HOME FOR THE AGED was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor Wood, 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 Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Under "enquiries" the Clerk asked for instructions from the Council as to whether or not the lengthy reports from the various County organizations, such as the agricultural representatives, the Recreation Committee and the County Library, which had been placed on the members' desks should be printed in the minutes. After some discussion the Warden stated that the matter could be settled by resolution of the Council later on in the session.

Councillor Gilroy asked that the County Assessor be brought in some time during this session to answer questions on equalization.

Councillor Wood addressed the Council on the need of co-operation between the several municipalities to successfully control Warble Fly; he stated that in many cases the effectiveness of spraying was offset by the fact that a neighbouring municipality did not have a spraying programme.

Councillor Beck asked for some direction from the Council in connection with the Health Unit, stating that he was a member of the Board but that there were several things with which he was not satisfied; he referred particularly to the way the Sanitary Inspectors worked. The Board were starting a new year, and he would be glad to receive suggestions which would help them in directing the Unit during 1952.

At this point there was some discussion as to when a presentation could be held for D. H. Coleman, retiring County Treasurer, and it was decided to honour him with a purse of money and an illuminated address at the last Council session.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to increase the County Auditors' fee, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, 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 Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, 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 Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, 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 Wood, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to adjust the salaries of certain County employees, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Verriere, 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 Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Small, 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 Wales,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the petition now presented from the residents of the Village of Everett, requesting an extension of the boundaries of the said Village, be received, and that the Clerk be authorized to have the necessary by-law prepared and advertised in accordance with the pro-

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visions of The Municipal Act for presentation at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Rules and Regulations of the Council be amended so that the Standing Committee for the Home for the Aged shall consist of at least ten members, and that the Management Committee, consisting of three members, shall be appointed from the Standing Committee, and that the necessary amending by-law be prepared.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That as both the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of Collingwood are on the Legislation Committee Councillor Graham, who has requested that his name be withdrawn, be replaced by Councillor Smith.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Smith, and ordered,

That where the Health Unit officials feel it necessary they be empowered to lay charges for infractions of the regulations.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Reports of the various committees and organizations which have been printed and placed on the members' desks be not printed in the minutes.

The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, and ordered,

That the salaries of the Governor and Matron of the Home for the Aged be reconsidered in view of the increases granted to other County employees as they are commensurate with the amount of hours and work that they have to put in.

Councillor McCurdy stated that the Governor and Matron were actually on duty day and night because they were the first ones called if any of the inmates were ill; they were doing a good job in looking after the Home and, furthermore, the building project, which would not likely be completed until some time next summer, added considerably to their work.

Councillors Wood, Small and Lisk spoke in support of what Councillor McCurdy had said.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the County Assessor be invited to come before the Council to answer questions pertaining to equalization.

Mr. Simpson explained why the equalization figure for the townships was a higher percentage of the local value than it was in the towns, but in spite of the fact that an

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attempt had been made to shift a part of the tax load from the rural to the urban municipalities it would seem that the rural municipalities were still bearing an unfair share of the tax load. He also told the Council that although he had been instructed to base his 1952 equalization on the new assessment values arrived at after a complete re-assessment in the municipalities, he felt that the time wasn't quite ripe as one of the larger towns and some of the larger townships had not yet completed their re-assessment.

The Clerk then read D. H. Coleman's resignation, which had just been handed to him. Moved by Councillor Savage,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 P.M.

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When the Council convened the Warden advised them that Mr. MacLaren was available now and that he thought they should get his opinion as to the legality of the County guaranteeing debentures for the Barrie Hospital Board.

Mr. MacLaren pointed out that there was nothing in The Municipal Act which provided for a county guaranteeing debentures, not even for a local municipality, and stated that in his opinion the County had no legal right to guarantee the debentures of any organization, except in some special cases which were provided for in The High Schools Act.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint two members of the Council to attend the Industrial Promotion Conference in Toronto on March 13th and 14th, and that the County take membership in the association.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That in view of the advice given by the County Solicitor in connection with the guaranteeing of debentures, Report No. 6 of the Standing Committee on Finance be rescinded.

Ex-Councillor Woodrow being in the chamber, the Warden asked him to come forward and say a few words.

Julian H. Ferguson, M.P., was also invited to address the Council.

Mr. Ferguson congratulated the Warden and members on their election, and referred especially to his admiration for the way in which the County Council sessions were being conducted -- in his opinion the country would have better legislation if the Dominion and Provincial Governments were fashioned in the same way as county councils where one of their number would be elected in a similar way to a Warden and the old system of party government dispensed with.

Councillor Cage invited the Warden to hold his picnic at Penetang this summer, from which a boat trip could be arranged and many of the historic places in the County visited.

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At the suggestion of Councillor Brockwell the Council went into Committee of the Whole to discuss the budget, with Councillor Reed in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they had dealt with the budget and would recommend that it be accepted as presented; they would further recommend that a by-law be prepared to raise the sum of \$579,636 for the general expenditure of the County for the year 1952 by a rate of 8.1 mills on the equalized assessment of the County.

A recorded vote was taken and every member voted for the adoption of the Report with the exception of Councillors Perry, Richardson and Wales, who were not in the chamber at the time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That this Council are extremely sorry to learn of the decision of Mr. D. H. Coleman to resign from active treasurership of the County after so many years of faithful service, and accept his resignation with regret.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the resolution with reference to a presentation for D. H. Coleman, which was passed at this morning's session, be deleted from the minutes.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the resignation of J. R. Coleman as Secretary of the Home for the Aged be accepted. Moved by Councillor Cage,

Seconded by Councillor Verriere, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4:30 so that the necessary levying by-laws can be prepared.

EVENING SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, and ordered,

That Fred Hunter be appointed Secretary of the Home for the Aged, and that \$400.00 of his salary as County Clerk be debited against the Home for the Aged account.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the motion which was passed at this afternoon's session relative to the appointment

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of delegates to the Industrial Promotion Conference be withdrawn.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint a Treasurer for 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 Wood,

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 Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, 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 Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, 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 Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint D. H. Coleman as Consultant and Tax Collector for 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 Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Wilkinson, 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 Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, 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 McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Graham, 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. 9 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

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Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, 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 Lisk,

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 Small,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, 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 Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for raising the necessary funds for expenditure on the County Road System and connecting links during 1952, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Sproule, 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 Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, 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 Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Verriere, 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 Savage, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$950,000 to meet, until the levies are paid, the current expenditure of the County for 1952, and that

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the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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 McCurdy, 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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 Beattie, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for raising the sum of \$579,636 for the necessary expenditure of the County for 1952, exclusive of County Roads, 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 Compton, 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 Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn, 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 Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, 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 announced that at this time the Council had a very pleasant duty to perform and requested Councillors Middleton and Shepherd to escort D. H. Coleman to the front of the chamber.

Councillor Shepherd read the following address:

"There is an old saying which goes, "All good things must come to an end." It is with the deepest regret that we have learned of your wish to bring to an end your active duty as County Treasurer through which so much good has come to the

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County and to us all.

We desire to mark the occasion of your retirement as Treasurer in a tangible way, to show in some small measure our deep appreciation for all you have done for us, not only as members of County Council but personally as well.

We therefore ask you to accept this purse from the members of the Council, County Officials and other friends. With this presentation goes our good wishes for the future, our desire to see you often to retain and cement our individual friendships, and the hope that you will long continue your association with the County, even if in a less active capacity.

We wish you well; we wish you a continuance of your usual good health for many years to come; we hope that you will be able to enjoy to the full the degree of leisure that the future holds for you and which you have so richly earned."

Councillor Middleton presented Mr. Coleman with a purse of \$150.00.

In accepting the purse Mr. Coleman said he was very appreciative of what had been done for him; he further stated that it was 29 years since he had been appointed Treasurer, and during that time he had done his best to carry out his duty in the best interest of the County. One of the things he was particularly pleased with was the fact that the Council had seen fit to appoint his son, Jack, Treasurer in his stead. Mr. Coleman then distributed the indemnity cheques to the members as his last official duty as Treasurer of the County.

Julian Ferguson, M.P., asked for the Council's indulgence for a moment while he congratulated Mr. Coleman on his long and useful service to the County. He stated that the Coleman and Ferguson names were tradition in Simcoe County, and he was especially glad that Mr. Coleman had a son to carry on at his retirement.

In closing the Warden thanked the members for their splendid co-operation during the Session and stated that they had been very easy to handle and he had therefore not had to use his gavel.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn until June 16th at 10 A.M.

*Red Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe