

Road Report

Deep washout Of drainage ditch at last house on updyke Rd. Estimate it will take 40 ft. of 15 inch pipe, 40 tons of stone and 2 tandem loads of soil to repair. Started work but bitter cold and snow prevented completion.

A major snow storm hit us on Fri. Feb. 5th and lasted into Sat. the 6th. The men were out on the road almost non-stop for about 27 hours. We owe them our thanks for the job that they did for us.

One of our trucks broke down around 2AM Sat. morning and was out of service for 12 hours. A really big thank you to Mr. Kennie Sanders for crawling under the wet, muddy, and icy vehicle and getting it back in service for us.

We had barley gotten the roads in decent shape when another major snow storm hit us on Tue. and Wed. Feb. the 9th and 10th. This storm had winds so strong that we had to stop plowing because we could not keep up with the accumulation and the drifting and we were running the risk of leaving a plow truck stranded. The next morning we had to resort to the grader and the Vee plow to break the roads open.

These snow events pointed out that the GMC truck that we have is woefully inadequate for this type of work. The front end of the truck is much too light and keeps swerving off the road under heavy snow loads and the automatic transmission shifts at inopportune times causing the wheels to break loose and spin off the road. Also the plow does not have enough loft to it and consequently will not throw the snow up and over the banks.

Again ,many thanks to Kevin Gebhart, Mike livelsberger, Ronnie Reed, And Carl Strine for hanging in and getting the job done. Art Honeycut also helped us one evening. THANK YOU ALL.