

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Mrs. Wm. Birkett spent part of last week in Toronto.

Miss C. Johnson of Unionville has been spending a few weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wellman.

Mr. Joe Farr is all smiles these days, its another girl.

Miss S. E. Evans has been suffering with a cold during the past week.

Mr. Fred Morley is still not as well as his many friends would like to see. His son Gordon and Mr. Charles Derusha are attending to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward and Mrs. Michael of Whitby were visitors in town on Sunday.

Miss Effie Miller who has been in bed for a long time we hear is much better.

Mr. Tobias Caster is still very poorly. A specialist from Toronto was called last week and a trained nurse is now in attendance.

Mr. Levi Linton a former resident of this section is visiting around the district.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist church were invited over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ward for their meeting last Monday evening.

The White Gift Service of the United Church Sunday School proved a fine success. Over fifty bundles were shipped to the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto.

Mr. Dave Connelly is in the hospital again. Connelly was injured in a motorcycle accident a couple of weeks ago when the late Dave Rae lost his life.

Compliments are heard on every hand over the Christmas greeting mailed out by the United Church pastor. The four page folder has a picturesque Christmas front with the order of Christmas services on the inside.

Miss Enid Cook was home from Toronto over the weekend. Lucky numbers in the Boose

Grocery draw are 3058, 3689, 3709, 3002, 3008, 3727.

Mrs. Michael of Whitby was a Sunday visitor at the Ralph Evans home.

The price of fowl at present is not what a good many would like to see. But we talked with one old-timer who remembered the time when turkeys were 6c per pound and chickens 5c lb.

It's not too late to get a Radio for Christmas. See Cooper's Adv. page 7.

City Notables Enjoy Shoot

A couple of Toronto notables were in the village on Saturday at Walter Ward's. We expect Gregory Clark, who was one of the visitors, will have picked up a few ideas for his Bird's Eye Centre page of the Toronto Star Weekly. Mayor Ralph Day was also present to enjoy the shooting.

Chicken Coops Raided

Chicken thieves were rampant in the district last week, and cleaned up at least two local pens. George Hill of the 6th concession, north, was we understand attending a fowl raffle one evening last week, when the "Bird snatchers" cleaned out his pens. This we are told was the second misfortune to befall the Hill household within a week, for on Thursday Mr. Hill had his pocket neatly picked of \$50.00 while attending the Market Fair in Uxbridge. The chicken house of Ed. Pugh who lives just south of the village on the Brock road, also lost a number of hens last weekend.

Fine Donation From Grocery

Donations were gratefully acknowledged by the Scott Institute of Toronto last week from the Boose Grocery of Claremont, 2 bags potatoes, 1 bag onions, 1 case pork and beans and 1 case corn and 1 case beans. Other local donations

were W. S. Wilton, \$5; Mrs. Adam Ballantyne, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Cameron, \$3 and J. M. Scott \$5. Nominations This Week

Nominations will be held for Pickering Township on Friday of this week, Dec. 22, with election if necessary, on Monday, January 1st. We understand that all present members of the council will stand for re-election. Rumor has had it that ratepayers in the south of the township would press the nomination of new candidates, but as far as we can learn there is no truth in the report.

Ninety-two on Tuesday

Ralph Mowbray celebrated his ninety-second birthday at his home on Tuesday.

Mr. Mowbray, who farmed for many years in Pickering Township before his retirement, has been associated with public life in the county for more than fifty years. First elected deputy-reeve of Pickering in 1889, Mr. Mowbray occupied the warden's chair in 1893 and 1909, and served almost continuously as reeve, deputy-reeve and councillor from the date of his first election until 1918. A Liberal in politics, Mr. Mowbray still takes a keen interest in public affairs and reads every issue of Hansard. One of two daughters is Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin, Oshawa. Writes From the Old Country

A letter was received last week by a Claremont resident from the Rev. H. Stephens, former Claremont and Stouffville pastor, now residing at Copper Road, Hanwell, London, England. Mr. Stephens tells of receiving The Tribune and from the letter we quote the following interesting passage. "No air-raids over our part of London yet, but we are well prepared. We have several people in the church who like myself are trained air-raid wardens, also some first-aid people. So if we have an attack while we are in church those who cannot get to their homes or to shelter can remain. We have our first-aid equipment and refreshments in the church. Folks are feeling the effects of the black-outs which are very severe. We have a good flashlight, which we have to keep down. If you flash the light up you will very soon have a policeman after you. We are always on the look-out for airoplanes. Now we are being rationed. One quarter pound of butter per person a week and the same amount of bacon. Tea and meat are also quite dear. Ralph (who is well-known locally) is in training for an R.A.F. pilot and there is talk of him being sent to Canada."

Brougham

Mr. Ross Madill spent Monday with friends in Queensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and family spent a day in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Cherrywood visited his brother on Sunday.

Mrs. Easton spent a day in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd and family have moved to Udora.

Mr. C. Thompson and L. Mathews had a business trip to Oshawa last week.

Family and near relatives of Mr. Albert Mathews gathered at his home on Sunday for a surprise party in honor of his 62nd birthday. Mr. Mathews was born in Pickering township and has farmed there all his life, having purchased a property on the 7th concession over ten years ago. There is one brother, L. Mathews of Brougham and two sisters, Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Whitter both of Toronto. Mr. Mathews wife was the former Kate Madill, the couple having been married over thirty years ago. There are two daughters, Mrs. Harbron and Dora at home, and one granddaughter. Mr. Mathews was the recipient of a flood of fine gifts on this occasion. Friends were present from Toronto, Pickering and Brooklin.

Township Officials Entertained

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the Mathews House, Brougham on Friday evening, when Reeve R.E. Mowbray played host to his council and twp. officials and a number of guests to a venison dinner. Those present included, Councillors, Downs, Annis and Ruddy, Deputy Reeve Will. Reesor, Road Supt. Roy Ward, Clerk, Donald Beaton, Treasurer Hugh Pugh, School Officer J. Phillip, Relief Officer Morley, Bldg. Ins. Prouse

PAST DAYS in PICKERING

The Township of Pickering is essentially an agriculture area. Its settlers early gave their attention to the effective cultivation of the soil and the furnishing of their farms with stock and of good quality. In later years it has taken a high place among the townships of the province in these respects.

The settlers who came in the early thirties found that the Wixons had large and well-tilled fields and orchards of considerable size.

In the year 1849, a match was held for ploughmen on the farm of Asa Post, between twenty from Scarboro, twenty from Whitby winning; 21 pounds was paid for the competitor's dinners at William Palmer's, and five shillings for beer on the field.

As early as 1850, Pickering had a township Agricultural Society. No name is better known in the annals of stock-raising in Canada than that of Graham Bros., of Claremont. Their father, Richard Graham, settled on Lot 23, Con. 9, about the year 1870, and immediately began to give special attention to the breeding of horses. Two years later his reputation as an importer became established when he brought out "Royal Exchange," a splendid Clydesdale, which won in the two years he was owned by Mr. Graham eighteen first prizes and two championships, and at the end of that time was sold to Mr. Beith of Bowmanville for \$3,000. In 1880 he imported another horse which took high rank, namely "Prince Arthur." In 1881 Mr. Graham died but he left his business in capable hands, his sons Robert, William and Thomas, had been in training for some years and under their direction the business continued to flourish for some time.

In 1889, at the Spring Show in Toronto and again at the show in 1890, Graham Bros. had the champion, MacBean.

In 1893, Robert Graham, the eldest of the three brothers, separated from the firm, and joined partnership in the flourishing firm of Graham and Renfrew of Bedford Park, Ontario.

Thomas Graham was for three years President of the Clydesdale Horse Association.

James Davidson, a native of Aberdeenshire, came to Canada in 1842. In October of that year he purchased his farm, Lot 1, Con. 8, on which there were forty acres cleared. He bought a team of horses for \$165 and six cattle, two of them being cows for \$80.

The foundation of his herd of Shorthorns was laid in 1860, by the purchase of two cows from the late John P. Wheeler of Scarboro and one cow, Cherry, bred by George Miller of Markham. His business rapidly expanded and by 1874 he was shipping cattle into the United States. His attention was not altogether confined to cattle for in 1865 he purchased the well-known imported Clydesdale mare, Darling. She had three foals and then died, but her daughter Darling 2nd, had nine foals, the lowest price for any one of them being \$1,000, which was for a yearling. Mr. Davidson died in 1902. At the dispersion sale of his stock 48 head, were sold for \$10,165, an average of \$211.

M.O.H. Dr. N. F. Tomlinson and Hall Caretaker, Mr. Brown. Special guests, included, editor Murkar of Pickering, G. M. Forsyth, W. H. Moore M.P. and Mr. Newman.



When Christmas bells ring out their message of rejoicing, may your share of Yuletide happiness be bounteous, and may you and yours bask in the warming glow of a contented hearthside.

Brathwaite Hardware

BORN IN UNIONVILLE 89 YEARS AGO

Thomas Pingle celebrated another birthday last week and its the 89th one since he first saw the light of day in the village of Unionville.

The auspicious occasion was marked by a family gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Glanville, Bowmanville, where Mr. Pingle makes his home with his daughter. It was one of those old time family parties when all the relatives gather round the festive board and a meal is served fit for a king. There was laughter, reminiscence stories and real wholesome good time enjoyed by all. The Pingles are a large family, there being originally ten children. All are living except Mrs. Pingle who died in Dec-1932 and Oscar who was killed overseas in the world war in 1916.

Mr. Pingle has lived in Bowmanville for 62 years and for 45 years was a cabinet maker in the Dominion Organ & Piano Co. factory. His hobby has been music and for many years he played the clarinet in the famous Organ Factory Band as well as the 45th Regiment Band.

It is amusing to see Tom drawing away at his pipe which was held between the only two teeth in his head, and upper and lower which luckily met.

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