

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Tribunes on sale each week at Ernie Baker's Grocery.

Miss Gladys Morley has been on the sick list, we understand. Mr. Gordon Morley has been ill for a few days.

Miss Condry sister of Mr. Thomas Condry is reported in very poor health.

Mrs. William Hill is at present visiting with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hill of the townline.

Mrs. Esther Palmer has been in very poor health the past while.

Miss Anne Walkington of King niece of Mrs. Florence Pearce has been visiting at the Pearce home here for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Madill, formerly of Scott Township is visiting his niece Mrs. Pattenden, and while here has been doing some repair work on the house.

Over a dozen men are reported to have left the village the first of the week to seek employment at the new government munitions plant going up in the south of the township.

Mrs. John Heustead of Vassar, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Beal Heustead and daughter Louise of Midland, Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor of Bay City visited at the Chandler home recently.

The return engagement of the popular local play, "Murdered Alive," was rather unfortunate in striking such a bad night and only a small gathering was on hand to enjoy the presentation Monday.

Mrs. Meighton who has been in the hospital for some time has returned to her home here feeling much better. Her aunt, Mrs. Hunter is staying in the home at present.

Perhaps the final auction sale of the year for this section is being held to-day when the farm, stock, implements, hay and grain belonging to Floyd Coates, Lot 16, Con. 9, Pickering will go under the hammer. This 100-acre farm just east of Claremont has been rented and Mr. Coates expects to move to Toronto around the first of the new year.

The Women's Institute meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the home of Mrs. Tomlinson at 2.30 p.m. There will be a Christmas topic and those in charge of the program are Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Birkett, Mrs. D. Pugh, Mrs. Roy Ward and Mrs. Beare and Mrs. Hudson.

The Claremont School will present the operetta "Under the Greenwood Tree," on the evening of Thursday, December 12th, at 8 p.m. Additional dialogues and dancing will form part of the program and home-made candy will be sold during the evening.

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New Maintainer and Snowplow for Pickering

An expenditure of approximately \$6,000 was voted at the regular session of Pickering Council on Monday to purchase a new maintainer and snow-plow, Adam's company getting the contract. The total cost of the complete outfit was \$9,600, one thousand of this sum being for the plow and wing, an expenditure which will be subsidized by the Department to the extent of fifty per cent. The present township outfit will be turned in on the deal cutting the cost nearly another \$3,000. In time the municipality will be repaid to the extent of fifty per cent on the new maintainer as well as the snow equipment, as on this mechanical equipment the Department repay their share on a rental basis not a straight 50 p.c. subsidy. Council also contracted for an additional plow to operate on one of the Township trucks.

Still Some Threshing

A number of farmers in the district are becoming a little alarmed at the prospect of steady winter setting in so soon. We understand several still have quantities of grain to thresh. Some of the mows are still full on the Miller, Riddle and Scott farms just south of the village and it is feared that unless a sudden thaw sets in the task of bringing in a threshing outfit will be nearly impossible.

Pastor's Wife Addresses Mission Circle

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Daniels on Wednesday evening. Mrs. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Boardway, also Mr. and Mrs. James Coates of Stouffville were present. Mrs. Daniels gave a very splendid talk on "Missions in the North," taking her friends on an imaginary trip through the north to Kirkland Lake. It was decided at this meeting to send a box of "Good Cheer" to the Beverley Mission in Toronto, the same as has been done in former years. Parcels for this box should be left at the home of Mrs. John Coates not later than December 11th. At the close of the evening a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Pickering Pioneer Dead

A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. Wm. Puckrin at Audley on Saturday. The late Mr. Puckrin was in his 77th year. He was the youngest son of the late Isaac and Ann Puckrin and was born on the farm where he died. He leaves his wife, formerly Miss Wilson of Greenwood, and three children, Isaac of Whitby, John and Miss Alma at home. The late Mr. Puckrin was a home-loving man, never having been away from it for more than one night in his life. He never took any part in public life being interested entirely in farming and livestock and he was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Pickering Township. Two sisters, Miss Mary and Mrs. Squires and one brother Thomas also survive.

All Records Broken

All November weather records were buried deep in snow on Saturday and the village was barely able to peep out from under its white blanket on Monday. Up until late Monday Claremont was a village with only one entrance and that the four mile strip to Brougham which the County plow managed to keep open. Stouffville to Claremont was impassable as were practically all sideroads and township concessions in the vicinity. Cars were repeatedly being stuck right in the centre of the village while a regular congrega-

tion of teams and sleighs gathered on every country corner waiting for the milk trucks. "Old-timers" who huddled around some of the popular "warming spots" in town cast their memories back in vain to find an equal to the storm, some even going back to sixty years. Connor's Bakery in town has installed a new slicing machine and will now offer its patrons this ready cut loaf to compete with outside peddlers.

Big Sale Draws Many Buyers From a Distance

Despite the disagreeable weather a good crowd was on hand for the big auction sale held on the farm of the late Eric Pearce just east of the village on Friday. From a fine herd of cattle the two top cows brought \$85 and \$87 while prices for heifers ranged all the way up from \$45, many selling at around the fifty mark. The best pair of horses went at \$91 and \$90 while another animal brought \$72.50. Pigs were down, a sow and five suckers bringing only \$27. The registered Hereford bull, a 2-year-old sold for \$42. Grain brought the average sale prices, mixed grain selling for 97c, oats, 37c, barley, 51c and wheat 70c. Two mows of hay brought \$60 and \$50 each. Only a small quantity of the house furnishings went under the hammer, one stove selling for \$35. The farm of 172 acres which was also offered for sale failed to bring the desired price although it was bid up to \$8,700 by a Toronto party. The farm has excellent soil and a good water supply, splendid woodland and good buildings and should easily find a buyer. The tractor was disposed of for \$175 while the two-furrow plow brought \$46, and a binder nearly new, was knocked down for \$175. Most of the stock was sold to parties some distance away, the cattle going to Newcastle, and Bowmanville and the tractor and plow to Weston.

YOUTH COMMITTED FOR JURY TRIAL

Magistrate Rules Norman Reynolds Must Stand Trial.

(Whitby Chronicle)

Norman Reynolds, 19, of Reach Township, was committed for trial at the close of the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Frank S. Ebbs in Oshawa Police Court on two charges, one of manslaughter and the other on leaving the scene of an accident, and was released on bail totalling \$1,000 in which he, his father, William Reynolds and Ray Dusty were bound for his appearance before a future session of the Ontario County Grand Jury. The bail set was \$5,000 on either charge in which the accused was bound for the total amount and Messrs. Reynolds Sr., and Dusty for two bail bonds of \$2,500 each.

The accused, at committal was warned and given the opportunity of making statements in regard to either charge. Arthur W. S. Greer, defence counsel, informed the Court that his client had nothing to add.

Afternoon session of the all-day preliminary hearing of Norman Reynolds' case was featured by testimony of district provincial officers concerned in investigating the alleged hit-and-run slaying of Louis Abourne, 22, Reach Township farm laborer, near Greenbank about 9.20 p.m., d.s.t., Saturday, Nov. 2.

Striking testimony was also given by Kenneth Rodd, 17, grandson of Amos Rodd and Joe Holdershaw, Reach Township farmers, who was Abourne's companion on the highway near Greenbank when the tragedy occurred and which he narrowly escaped.

Aware of Danger

Rodd testified that Abourne's last words were to the effect that they were walking in the direction of traffic and should change to the other side, or get off the pavement on the west shoulder of the highway which was then nearest to them.

The youthful survivor testified that they were walking off the pavement onto the shoulder, to avoid an approaching south bound car both had noted, when he, Rodd, jumped out of the path of the oncoming car and heard the impact of Abourne being struck. He testified that Abourne was a few feet ahead of him and walking at an angle toward the west shoulder from which, previously he had been, furthest removed. The young men had met at a Greenbank store and were on their way to visit Rodd's paternal grandparent. They had been friends for some years.

Rodd testified that he had saw his friends body fall from the car about 125 feet south of the point of impact. The machine hesitated, he believed, due to the impact, but after

the body fell off, it continued its way, he declared.

The youthful survivor rushed to his friend's side but found, he said that he was not breathing. He then sought help at a nearby garage and telephoned for medical service and to police authorities.

Statement Admitted

A legal duel over admitting a statement allegedly made by Norman Reynolds to W. H. Clark, senior Ontario County provincial officers in Oshawa and in Chief Constable Friend's office at the police station, featured part of the preliminary hearing.

After hearing arguments and citing of precedents, Magistrate Ebbs ruled that the statement be admitted.

His worship, suggested that the matter might be dealt with more or less finally at the forthcoming trial at Whitby.

Garage men of Ontario County whom police believed to have been asked to repair the car allegedly driven by, Reynolds the evening of Nov. 2, were put on the witness stand and gave evidence.

Provincial Constable Sutherland, M.M. Whitby was put in the witness box late in the afternoon hearing. He gave evidence of his part in the investigation and arrests.

At the morning hearing yesterday, Lawrence Hood, 17, Reach Township, was ordered held in \$200 bail as a material witness in the manslaughter charge against Norman Reynolds. He had previously been arraigned on a charge of "aiding and abetting" a hit and run case, but the charge was withdrawn.

Hood was identified in the course of evidence given by garage men as one of two young men who came to them the evening of Nov. 2, asking that repairs be made to the headlight and fender of a closed 1929 or 1930 Ford car which seemed to be in the possession of one or the other of them.

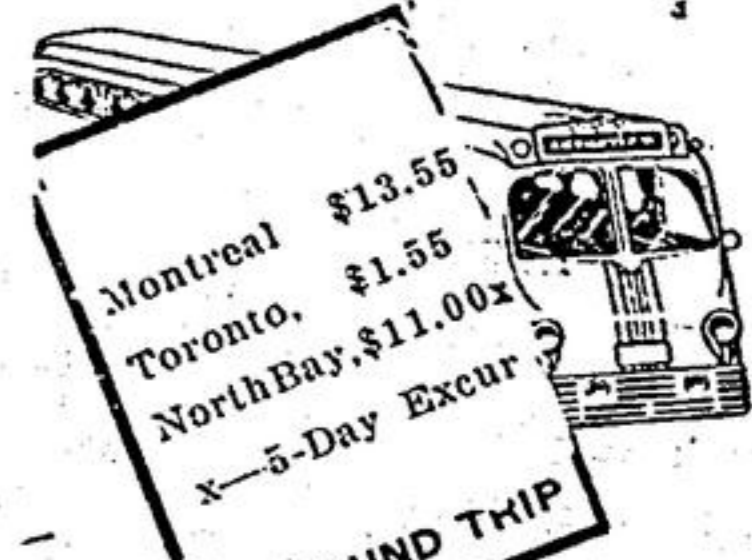
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