

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Mrs. Thos. Paterson received word last week of the death of her sister, Mrs. E. D. Johnston (nee Mary Smith) of Victoria, B.C. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Jean and Katherine, also one son, Mr. D. Johnston who has enlisted for service in the army. Her husband predeceased her five years ago.

Miss Clara Neal of Toronto visited with friends here recently.

Mrs. Vic. Robinson and children have been visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss Margaret McDonald of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lewis over the weekend.

Mr. Cecil Storry and son, Andrew, have been confined to their homes through ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coates spent a day in Toronto last week.

At the meeting of the Bible Society held on Sunday evening it was recalled by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Forsyth, that the sum of \$37 had been collected in this district during the past year. This was about \$17 below last year's collection.

The regular meeting of the W. A. of the United Church will be held this Thursday afternoon, April 24th. A quilting is planned for this meeting and Mrs. Tomlinson's group will serve supper.

This year it is hardly a case of who has the measles but of who has escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. George Middleton and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer on Sunday.

Mr. Harold Sanderson left on Monday to take a position with the Donald Motor Sales of Whitby.

Mr. Edgar Shirk is reported improved since his recent illness.

Miss Jean Ward has secured a position as book-keeper with Frank Barclay.

Mr. Prouse met with an accident last week while working in the bush when he fell in some way, fracturing one rib and dislocating his shoulder.

A quiet marriage ceremony was performed at the United Church parsonage on Wednesday, April 16, when James Holtby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holtby of Brougham, was united in wedlock with Merle Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hopkins, also of Brougham district. Rev. I. E. Kennedy performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coates of Toronto spent the weekend with the former's mother Mrs. Jno. Coates.

Mr. Jack Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward, who is employed at the Barkey Foundry in Stouffville is home with an attack of measles.

Mr. Gordon Spencely is slowly improving from his accident of last

week in which he was severely burned.

Mr. James Coates spent the weekend at his home here in Claremont.

Owing to the impassable condition of the roads, Dr. F. B. Allnutt was unable to be present on Sunday evening to bring his illustrated lecture scheduled for that time, in the United Church. Dr. Allnutt spoke in Brougham in the afternoon and said there were a number of Bibles still going to Germany, during the past year.

The Ontario government will be asked to appoint a second agricultural representative for Ontario county, to be stationed in the southern part of the riding. If the request is acceded to there might be a shift considered whereby the office at Uxbridge might be moved to Cannington or Beaverton, and the second office established at Claremont, Pickering, or Whitby. That would be a reasonable distribution but it would meet with strenuous opposition from Uxbridge which might be considered on the southern end of the northern part of their riding.

There is also the question of whether or not the government would view with favor the establishment of a second office, for the average cost of maintaining an agricultural office is around \$10,000 per year, we understand.

The idea is promoted by Mr. F. M. Chapman of Audley. Mr. Chapman stated that he was communicating with the Hon. Gordon D. Conant, K.C., Attorney General of Ontario and representative at Queen's Park of this riding, pointing out that with the office centred in Uxbridge the south part of the county was not being given the attention it should, due to the fact that the representative has too much to do. Mr. Chapman suggested that the second man might be located at Whitby or Brooklin.

Brougham

Mr. R. D. Miller was in Hamilton on Friday attending the funeral of the late George Stevenson.

Mr. Charles Aldridge of Toronto spent the weekend with L. and Mrs. White.

Wallace and Mrs. Ellicott of Toronto spent the weekend with his parents.

Glad to report Mrs. D. Stephenson slowly improving after her recent illness.

Mr. Frank Hamilton has been laid up during the past week suffering from an attack of flu.

Mr. Charles Liscombe of Toronto visited his father one day last week. Miss B. Stephenson who has been spending the winter in Toronto, has returned to her home here.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James Holtby, who were quietly married last week and now settled in their new home at Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gamble of Toronto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mairs on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton of Woodstock visited at the L. C. Brown home one day last week.

Mrs. E. Hogle of Columbus called on her brother Mr. and F. Hamilton on Sunday.

On Wednesday morning last the firemen received a call to the home of Mr. John Knox whose house took fire, but the blaze was soon under control.

The Happy Circle Mission Band (under the leadership of Mrs. Allan

City Businessman Buys Lehman Farm

Mr. Gordon Lehman reports the sale this week of his 95-acre farm on the 6th concession of Pickering north of Green River. The purchaser was a Toronto business man who will take possession this month. Mr. Lehman has owned the farm for the past 12 years, which has been known as the old Dixon property. The farm has about 70 acres, part in pasture. There is ample water, a frame dwelling, double garage, barn and stable. The whole will be remodelled by the new owner and built as a modern farm and country home.

Local History Essay

Part of the new course in Canadian History for Grade X is the study of local history. The following essay was written by a pupil of this year's Grade X Class, without assistance from the teacher.

(By Margaret Glover)

The Wheeler grist and saw mill which stood where the Stouffville post office now stands, was built by Mr. Edward Wheeler about 100 years ago. Mr. Wheeler came to Canada as a young pioneer. He went first to Cedar Grove to interview Mr. Peter Reesor from whom he wished to buy land. Mr. Reesor came from Pennsylvania and was the first settler in that district. Mr. Reesor obtained his 200 acres by trading his horse and bridle. Mr. Wheeler obtained some land, and while in the neighbourhood he fell in love with Miss Anna Reesor, Mr. Reesor's daughter. Later he married her and built a home for his young bride where Dr. Freely's home stands in Main street. It was a bungalow with a cellar kitchen. Dr. Freely's home was built on the old foundation of Mr. Wheeler's home. After Mr. Wheeler's death his two sons John and Edward Jr., operated the mill. George who was a member of Parliament for Ontario resided in Uxbridge. The mill was a frame building and as I said before, it was

situated where the post office is located. The mill pond then covered Mr. Percy Brillinger's vegetable gardens. The pond extended as far south as Mr. Harvey Schell's home and as far east as Mill street. It had a high embankment with a path among willow trees on the west side of the pond. This was very beautiful and served as a rendezvous for young people, they also fished and skated on it. The entrance to the pond passed by a white brick house where Mr. Harvey Schell's butcher shop and home stands. The logs to be sawed were brought to the pond by the railway flat cars. There was a siding which passed by where Mr. John Monkhouse's tailor shop was later built. The logs were taken from the flat cars and put in the pond. In the winter the logs were drawn across the pond, sometimes by oxen. At some seasons of the year the pond was filled with rolling logs. There

was a track much like a railway track running from the mill into the pond. A white horse called Jimmy who was very well known drew the four wheeled flat car, loaded with logs from the pond to the mill. The mill was operated by the use of steam. The mill manufactured barrels. The staves which went together to make up the barrels were moulded by the Cooper over a fire. After the staves are made into the shape of a barrel, the iron hoops are put on them. They had a large pile of sawdust behind the mill and huge piles of sawed lumber which was old all over the country side. Their barns containing their stock ran from the old mill to O'Brien Ave. Their threshing always attracted many children. Later the mill burned. There was a grist mill where the Fish Factory is located. It was also a frame building and it also was burned. The Fish Factory was built on the same foundation. This mill was operated by Ramey and Reesor. There was a mill on the property of Mr. Fred Mantle on the tenth concession and operated by Mr. Byer. It was a brick mill which chiefly sawed logs. Mr. John Bartholomew operated a saw mill on his home property on the ninth. All these mills were located on the little stream which flows through the town. I obtained this information from Mr. Elias Hoover and Mrs. Harry Sanders, O'Brien Avenue. Mr. Sanders was Mr. Wheeler's grandson.

Gray) held their thank-offering service in the church on Sunday evening. The president, Miss B. Hamilton was in charge. A short play was given by a number of the girls. Mrs. Hoover of Locust Hill gave a very interesting talk on mission work.

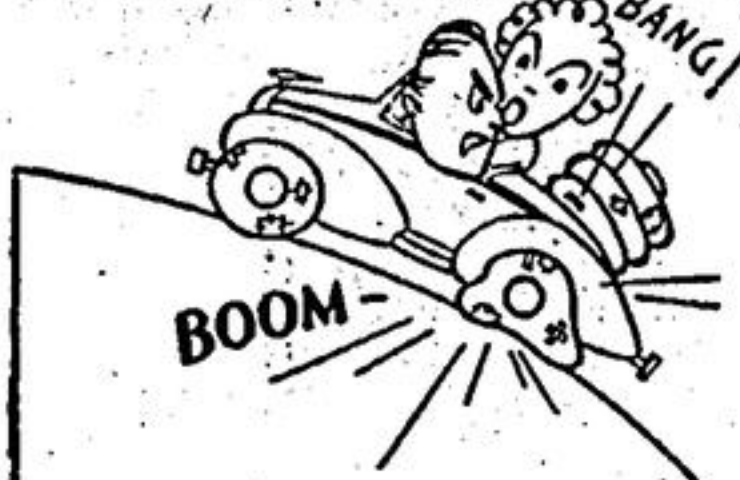
We extend our sympathy to Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. C. Barclay in the loss of their brother, George Frederick Stevenson, who died at his late residence on Tuesday, April 15th, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery Hamilton, on Friday last.

The late Mr. Stevenson was well known in this district, being born and raised on his father's farm just north of the village (at present known as the Middleton farm) but has lived in the Hamilton district for the past 18 years. He was in his 62nd year.

The W. I. Summery Day which was to be held in the hall, on April 16th, has been postponed until early in May, due to the condition of the roads.

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