

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Tribunes on sale each week at Baker's Store, Claremont and L. Mathew's, Brougham. Watch other pages for additional Claremont news.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs, Jack and Bob spent Sunday with the Dawson family on the north townline.

Mrs. C. A. Overland and Mrs. Douglas spent a day in London this week visiting with relatives.

Mr. George Pickett of Glen Major visited with his sister, Mrs. McDowell and family recently.

Mr. Walter Bushby of Columbus and formerly of Claremont is able to be out again after his recent illness. Mrs. Howard Mothersill of Oshawa a former resident is in the city hospital there where he underwent an operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen and son of Oshawa spent the weekend with Mrs. McMullen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pugh.

Mrs. Will Bingham has returned to her home here after spending part of the winter with her children.

Lawrence McDowell is one of the last to contact the measles.

Mrs. Lyman Pitkey who has been in a critical condition for several weeks was reported slightly improved the first of this week.

According to Rev. I. E. Kennedy, pastor of the United Church of the Mothers' Day service has always gone on record as drawing the largest congregation of any service during the year. This year was no exception as over 100 attended the Sunday School and the church was well filled for the 11.00 a.m. service.

Mrs. Wm. Hill has returned to her home here in the village after spending the winter with her son Morgan and Mrs. Hill on the townline. Mrs. Hill and her son Morgan were in Pickering on Sunday visiting Mrs. Hill's brother, George who suffered a stroke recently.

A fine congregation was on hand at the Baptist Church on Sunday for the special Mothers' Day service which was addressed by Mrs. Daniels in a manner most pleasing to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Middleton of Buffalo, N.Y., called on Mrs. F. Ward and family on Saturday. Mr. Middleton who is a son of Mr. Will Middleton of Audley, formerly of Claremont is employed in a mill at Buffalo which is operated by a Mr. Green who is a brother of Mrs. F. L. Green of Greenwood.

An interesting ceremony perform-

ed Sunday morning in conjunction with the Rally Day Service was a double christening with the pastor Rev. I. E. Kennedy officiating. Francis Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Loyst, and William Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Evans were the two children baptized.

All business places in the village of Brooklin voted last week to adopt daylight saving time, and thus they adopted fast time last Monday. We suppose that once on the new time, no place must change back as that was the government decree last year.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Morgan at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, May 21st. Election of officers for the coming year will be held at this meeting and all members are urgently requested to be present. An added feature of this May meeting will be a sale of bulbs. The ladies are asked to bring along their bulbs and plants which will be put up for sale to help raise organization funds.

Joint After-Meetings

A joint prayer service will be held each Sunday evening at 8.15 in the United Church following the regular evening worship, to which members of both congregations are invited. In consideration of the trying times which we are passing through the local clergy deem it in the interest of all to call for special prayers.

War Victims' Benefit

A dance under the auspices of the Park Board with proceeds to go to the War Victims' Fund will be held in the Community Hall here on Wednesday evening, May 21st. While a fair crowd was at the dance held by the Board last week, only a small amount was cleared for the Park work. Further support is hoped for to put next week's benefit over the top.

Auction Fails to Sell 9th Line Home

The auction sale of the How estate on property brought forth a bid of \$1,375, but was not up to the reserve bid, hence no sale was made on Saturday. The furniture was all readily snapped up, with real bargains here and there. For instance, a most valuable quarter-cut oak dining set went for \$38, whereas one piece cost about that amount when sold by Thos. Birkett here years ago. The house is rough cast, located on the 9th almost opposite the school house.

Thieves Force Entrance into Post Office

Thieves broke into the local Post Office on Sunday night, entering through a south cellar window and making their way upstairs where they rifled the cash drawer in the telephone office of between \$4 and \$5. The marauders also scaled the wall into the postal office, but nothing was found missing there. Postmaster Pretty's dog created quite a disturbance which quickly brought the Pretty family to the scene and apparently frightened away the intruders, since Constable Norton could find no trace of them around the village when he arrived.

Clergy Head Claremont War-Saving Campaign

Pickering Township War-Saving Campaign was organized last week under the direction of Mr. R. New, chairman of the Central Ontario Division. Dr. N. F. Tomlinson was appointed chairman for Pickering Township and Rev. I. E. Kennedy and Rev. Walter Daniel are in charge of the north section. G. F. Coates and R. T. Doble are in charge of the section through Cherrywood, Brock Rd. to Audley and Hugh Pugh R. McWhirter will supervise the central section through Whitevale, Greenwood and Kinsale.

Lose \$115,000 Assessment

The scribe encountered Assessor Adam Speers in Claremont the other evening, and learned from him that Pickering Township will drop some \$115,000 in land assessment this year by reason of the farms taken over by the Dominion government to provide quarters for the war plant down near the lake. Add to this loss the tremendous damage done by the truckers hauling gravel and supplies to the plant and we find the municipality is going to be out financially for their additional growth. Government officials visited the plant last week and an effort was made to have them assume some portion of the cost of maintaining a road for this traffic, but they refused to do anything. They pointed out that the province pays 50 p.c. on all road expenditures, and of course this is thankfully received.

To Discuss Fire-Truck Situation

According to the Village Trustees a meeting of this Board will be called in the near future to discuss the fire-engine situation in the village. The present fire outfit is understood to be in such a dilapidated condition that it can only reach a fire under the most favorable conditions. The truck has served its day and either a good reconditioned truck or a complete new outfit must needs be purchased to provide the village with the fire protection necessary. The truck now in use is only provided with chemical tanks, but several have voiced the opinion that any new fire-wagon should be equipped with both chemical and water-pumper. The Township is now paying an additional \$5 per fire or \$30 for those the Village truck attends and a pumper would certainly make the outfit much more effective in dealing with farm fires.

A number of the village streets are in need of gravel, especially for patching where the severe spring breakup left them extremely rough. This matter will also be given the attention of the trustees, we are informed.

Local Boy Marries Former "Miss Aurora"

A beautifully decorated home and altar formed entirely from spring blossoms was the setting for a pretty wedding last Saturday evening at 7 p.m. when Sylvia Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Preston of Vondorf was united in marriage with Donald Winton White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winton White of Claremont. Rev. Westcott of Aurora officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked very lovely in a gown of turquoise blue sheer and carrying pink and white roses. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Stewart Burnett who wore rose sheer and carried sweet peas. Miss Betty Preston, another sister of the bride played the wedding march. The groom was supported by his brother, John White of Brougham.

A short reception was held in the bride's home following the ceremony with Mrs. Geo. Preston beautifully gowned in green crepe and Mrs. White in blue and white crepe, receiving. The couple left on a brief honeymoon by motor to Belleville and points east, the bride travelling in a beige and brown suit with matching accessories.

On their return they will make their home at Balsam.

Pays Official Visit

On Wednesday evening of last week the officers and members of Brougham Union Masonic Lodge, Claremont, received an official visit from the acting D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor.

Brougham

Mr. Roy Miller of Porquiss Junction spent the weekend at the home of his father Mr. R. D. Miller.

Mrs. D. Seebeck was at Unionville on Wednesday last, attending the wedding of Miss Mary Ruth Steckley and Mr. Norman Robert Jarvis.

Mr. Russell Gostic has been on the sick list during the past week.

The grocery stores of the village are now closing each Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Call and Miss May Stephenson were with friends in Uxbridge on Sunday.

Miss Zella Seebeck of Toronto spent Mothers' Day with her mother Mrs. D. Seebeck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crocker and Mrs. Witter of Toronto were guests of their brother Lay and Mrs. Matthews on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton visited their daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon and family of Pickering on Sunday.

An interesting ceremony in connection with last Sunday's Mothers' Day service here in the church was the Christening of two little tots, one, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barclay and the other the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McWhirter. Rev. I. E. Kennedy officiated.

Some time ago we read of Claremont having the only lady mail-carrier, but we understand Mrs. Harvey Edwards has carried the mail for Pickering R.R. No. 1, since 1915 a period of twenty-six years. She has gone over good roads and had sometimes having to walk a mile or so, when she could get through no other way. Her husband Mr. Harvey Edwards is driving R.R. No. 2, from Pickering, about the same length of time, with but very little time off for either of them.

Bro. Albert Downs of Toronto who made the inspection for Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Crouch who at the time was in New York. Aside from the work of the evening in the lodge room where Wor. Bro. Hugh Michell presided there was a splendid "fourth degree" served at the banquet tables. Wor. Bro. Michell was assisted by his officers and by such veteran past masters as Wor. Bro. Brown and Wor. Bro. Thos. Paterson. As usual the Toronto visitors marvelled over the wonderful pies baked in this district, something the men of the home acres here probably do not appreciate as they ought to be, because they take them as a matter of course. Brougham Union was instituted in 1872, sixty-nine years ago, and since that time there have been 319 candidates enter its portals. Another interesting fact we learn is that any past master serving prior to G. M. Forsyth has passed to the Grand Lodge above. The oldest member of Brougham Union is our esteemed township clerk Donald Beaton, he having joined the craft over 56 years ago. It was with regret that he was unable to be present for this inspection occasion, an event he has seldom ever missed before in his long career.

Wor. Bro. Michell presided at the banquet and called on numerous friends to respond to the various toasts. The address of the evening was given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Downs who made a strong plea for liberal contributions to the war victims' fund for Masons. The Grand Lodge aims at contributions exceeding \$50,000 or \$75,000.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for May 18th
BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: SAUL'S CONVERSION
Golden Text—I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision —Acts 26:19

The importance of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus and his selection by the risen Lord to be his special ambassador to the Gentiles may be gathered from the fact that it is related, more or less fully, five times in the New Testament. Here in Acts 9 we have Luke's account. In chapter 22 we have Paul's story of his conversion as he related it to the Jews in Jerusalem. In chapter 26 he tells it again before Festus and Agrippa. Then in Philippians 3:4-11 he refers to it when writing to a Christian church. To his song in the faith, Timothy, he again tells the story of his one-time enmity to the Gospel and the grace of God that transformed the persecutor into an evangelist (1 Tim. 1:12-16). These five recitals of the great change that came to this man are most suggestive, emphasizing, as they do, the incorrigible evil of the heart of man—even religious man—and the sovereign, electing grace of God.

Verse by Verse
Acts 9:1—"Breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." This attitude and behaviour was something for which the Apostle Paul could never forgive himself in after years, even though he did it ignorantly in unbelief (1 Tim. 1:12, 13; 1 Cor. 15:9). It was the result of a mistaken zeal for Judaism and detestation of what he considered a false and heretical system that deserved to be destroyed as ruinous to the soul and inimical to

all true religion.

Verse 2—"Desired... letters to Damascus to the synagogues." There was what we might call an underground connection between the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem and synagogues, or Jewish congregations all over the world. These latter would recognize the authority of the chief priests, although legally they had no jurisdiction of Palestine.

Verse 3—"Suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven." This manifest effulgence was a supernatural blaze of glory from the presence of God. It blinded Saul for the time being to all else (Acts 22:11).

Verse 4—"Why persecutest thou me? This was, to Saul, a remarkable revelation. It told him that so intimate is the relation of believers in Christ to their risen Lord that to touch them means to persecute him. This was, in germ, the revelation of that mystery of the one body which it was given him to unfold later on (Eph. 3:3-6).

Verse 5—"I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Note the human name of our blessed Lord. He bears in Heaven the name given to him when born on earth (Matt. 1:21. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." That is, like a refractory ox, Saul had been resisting and fighting against the goads, designed to make him take the right way.

Verse 6—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The use of the term "Lord" implied immediate and unconditional surrender (1 Cor. 12:3). Convinced that Jesus was the Christ, the erstwhile persecutor at once to his authority.

Verse 7—"The men... hearing a voice, but seeing no man." In chapter 22:9 we are told they saw the light, but heard not the voice of him that spake. Some have thought detected a contradiction here, but this is absurd, as it is the same author who relates the two accounts. The men with Paul heard the sound of the voice, but could not make out the message. It was, to them, an unintelligible noise as of thunder.

Verse 8—"Saul arose from the earth." He had fallen prostrate. Now he arose, and blinded still by the brilliancy of the light, allowed himself to be led by the hand into Damascus.

Verse 9—"Three days without sight." These were days of deep exercise for him as he reviewed the past and meditated on the message of the risen Christ. So absorbed was he in contemplation of these stupendous events that he "neither did eat nor drink." The problems he had to face were all-important, and physical needs paled into insignificance in the light of spiritual realities.

Township Court Case is Settled

With the Township of Pickering paying \$12.00 court costs, H. A. Newman, K.C. has withdrawn division court action against the municipality for alleged damages caused by reason of trees being cut in front of his property by township workmen. Mr. Newman is a resident of Oshawa but owns a farm in Pickering.

Verse 10—"A certain disciple... named Ananias." It is noticeable that God did not send an apostle or some honored Jerusalem elder to confer with Saul and reveal the way of the Lord. He chose what men to-day call a layman, a godly Hebrew Christian of the persecuted church in Damascus.

Verse 11—"Behold, he prayeth." Prayer is as natural to the renewed soul as breathing is to the new-born infant. It tells of divine life having been imparted. Saul was a changed man. He had often said prayers before. Now he really prayed, as he looked up to Heaven for guidance.

Verse 12—"Seen in a vision a man named Ananias." In order to give added assurance, this prevision had been given to the new convert that he might know he was being divinely guided each step of the way.

Verses 13 and 14—I have heard... how much evil he hath done." For the moment, Ananias was hesitant. The unsavory reputation of Saul's cruelty and hatred of the new way had preceded him. Could it be possible there was some strange mistake, and that the vision was not to be trusted?

Verse 15—"He is a chosen vessel unto me." The Lord reassured his servant by revealing his purpose for the new convert. In grace he had been laid hold of to be a minister and a witness of the faith he had once sought to destroy (Gal. 1:23). He was to be God's messenger to the ends of the earth, evangelizing both Jews and Gentiles (Acts 26:15-18).

Verse 16—"How great things he must suffer." He had caused many innocent disciples of the Lord Jesus to suffer because of their devotion to his name. Henceforth his whole life was to be marked by unparalleled devotedness to the Saviour he had formerly denied. He learned to glory in these sufferings as an honor bestowed upon him, for which in the day of Christ he would be rewarded richly (2 Cor. 11:21-30).



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