

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent Local agent—Connor's Bakery.

Miss Bernice Lynn also Mrs. Cecil Redman joined the army of Munition Plant workers last week.

Mrs. F. Midgley of Toronto visited with friends here recently.

Miss Margaret Briscoe of Fenelon Falls visited here with Mr. and Mrs. George Scott on Sunday.

Spring can't be too far off, as robins and blue birds are reported to be in the neighborhood.

You are invited to attend the Rex-all 1c sale next week, at Boadway's Drug Store, Stouffville.

The Young Peoples' of the Baptist Church held their regular meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gostick.

Mr. Stewart Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Graham has secured work at the Munition Plant.

Mrs. George Middleton who recently moved to the village from Uxbridge Twp. is seriously ill we understand.

Ivan Beverly, son of Mr and Mrs. George Beverly was removed to the hospital in Toronto last week, for mastoid trouble. Latest report is that he is steadily improving.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church will be held in the church basement this Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Luther Pilkey's group will be in charge of the program.

Mr. John Scott was in Uxbridge on Friday attending a directors' meeting of the Ontario County Seed Fair. Final plans for the exhibition which is being held in Uxbridge this Thursday were discussed.

A container has been set up in the post office for donations to the Soldiers' Comfort Fund. Twenty-four boys are now receiving cigarettes each month through this fund. Several of these chaps are from Claremont farm homes. Your help is solicited.

Mr. Albert Lee has purchased the half acre lot belonging to Fred Evans and located just east of the Creamery. On the lot there is erected a chickenhouse of considerable size which forms part of the purchase. The lot adjoins Mr. Lee's present property.

The new bus owned by George DeRusha and designed to convey the munition workers to and from the plant, was scheduled to begin operation on Tuesday. The new conveyance is quite a tidy outfit, with no-draft ventilation and cushion seats. Capacity will be about twenty-five.

Mr. Will Birkett has been participating this week in the big curling bonspiel for the McAtee Trophy at Oshawa. The Claremont skip won his opening round on Saturday, and was still in the running on Tuesday. The Oshawa Club closes for the season on Saturday with a banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pugh also Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh spent Friday evening with Miss S. E. Evans. Miss Evans has been in ill health from time to time during the winter and certainly appreciates having friends drop in.

Members of the Fred Redshaw family have all been more or less under the weather for the past week. Mrs. Redshaw while not under the doctor's care is in poor health. Her mother, Mrs. A. Mantle is confined to bed with a heart condition while the children are suffering from colds. Mrs. Dave Coates is assisting in the

home for a time. The annual county seed fair for Ontario County will be held this Thursday at Uxbridge. John Scott of the Claremont is one of the vice presidents while F. H. Westney of Pickering Township is the president. Judging of seed grain and potatoes for which prizes are being awarded is a feature of the fair, while a public speaking contest is also part of the entertainment.

Streams were very high following the heavy downpour on Sunday night. The Altona sideroad was impassable on Monday morning, while at several other points particularly in the south of the township bridges were threatened by the freshet. Some workers failed to reach their jobs at the Munitions Plant due to a flooded highway in the neighborhood of Highland Creek. Some people still insist on disobeying the township by-law forbidding dumping rubbish on the roadsides, and as a result, we understand that one culvert on the sideroad just off Farr's Elevators has become so clogged with tin cans that the water was almost forced over the roadway.

The regular meeting of the Claremont Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Lonsdale on Wednesday, March 18th, at 2.30 in the afternoon. The topic for this meeting, which is in charge of Mrs. Jas. Coates, will be "Legislation."

County to Enforce Half-Load Law

Local Constable Jack Norton received word last week that hereafter he will check all trucks travelling on Ontario County roads under the county bylaw which now restricts truckers to only half-loads at this time of year. Heretofore only Provincial Highways enforced this ruling.

Local Soldier Receives Presentation

Gordon Morley who joined His Majesties Forces some time ago was home on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morley. During the Sunday morning services in the Baptist Church, Gordon was called to the front, and following a few well-chosen words by the local pastor, Rev. Walter Daniels, he was presented with a lovely Bible.

Former Blacksmith Back for Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomson who moved from this village some years ago to Montana, U.S.A. were back in town for a visit one day last week. Mr. Thomson, like his father before him followed the black-smithing trade for some time here. He was later a resident of Markham where he operated a bakery.

Former Merchant's Son Wed

The marriage was recently announced of Estelle Yakeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Yakeman of Toronto to Philip Fingold of Cornwall. The groom's father and family lived in Claremont some years ago when Mr. Fingold operated a general store here, in the building now occupied by C. A. Overland.

Daughter of Former Resident Buried at Erskine Cemetery

Word has been received in Claremont of the death of Mrs. George Davidson, Strathmore Blvd., Toronto. The late Mrs. Davidson was a

daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowie, formerly of Claremont. The couple also lived for a number of years at Cherrywood. The funeral was held from the Trull Funeral Home, Danforth Ave., Toronto, and interment made at Dunbar-ton.

Farmer of Sixty Years' Experience to Retire

Mr. Thos. Philip who has farmed in the 6th concession of Pickering for the past sixty years will dispose of his entire live stock and implements by public auction on March 27. The Philip name has been attached to two farms fronting on No. 7 highway, the acreage on which the sale will be held being on the north side of the road, and consisting of 70 acres. The second Philip farm is across the highway and contains one hundred acres. Mr. and Mrs. Philip will continue to occupy their present home while Thos. Jr., will operate both farms.

Red Cross Social Nets \$45

The Red Cross workers in town were well rewarded for their efforts last Wednesday when an afternoon social and evening of euchre and bridge was held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) N. F. Tomlinson. The sum of \$45 was raised from the affair. A beautiful lace tablecloth donated by Mrs. Tomlinson was raffled off, and won by Mrs. Wm. Linton. The prizes for bridge were taken by a visitor, Mrs. Dave Scott. Her male partner was Mr. Dopking. The euchre prizes were won by Mrs. Mighton and Mr. Don Bacon. A lovely cup and saucer, awarded in a bean guessing contest went to Miss Hosey.

Commencement Friday Night

The annual Continuation School Commencement will be held in the Community Hall this Friday evening. There will be dances by various groups and songs by the Glee Club. A short play, "The Handy Man" will be presented, and the Mad Breakfast Orchestra will also feature the program. Several of the students will receive their Junior Matriculation diplomas. A dance will follow the concert.

Bit of Police Gossip

There is some street gossip going on concerning the situation surrounding the village constable for Claremont. What will his position be since our village cop failed to land the township police job? Constable Jack Norton is paid \$50 per year for police duty in the village. If he responds to calls beyond his borders, it is always at his own expense, since the township have never reimbursed him. Folks on the street agree that Constable Norton should refuse to render aid on these outside appeals unless the township agree to pay. Since Pickering now has a salaried officer they will be slow to see why they should pay our cop. However, if their own man is not available we feel sure a call attended in this neighborhood, would be promptly paid. Incidentally, we hear that Jack will have two year's pay due him this spring from the local trustees, so don't be surprised if "the cop takes a trip to the South Sea Islands when he cashes in" for his services now of nearly two years duration!

Heifer Sells \$140 at Mathew's Auction

A tremendous crowd gathered at the farm of Mr. Bert Matthews, south of Claremont for the auction sale on Thursday. Ideal weather and liberal advertising contributed to the success of the auction which totalled the splendid figure of \$3,700. Top priced heifer sold to A. Arnold for \$140, while the dairy herd of 14 holsteins averaged well over \$100. Steers went to \$63 per head. The bay team sold for \$211.50, while a gray gelding realized \$90. Horses are definitely going higher. "Old Faithful," a 15-year-old mare brought \$80, without apologies from Auctioneer Farmer. A sow fetched \$30, and young pigs went at \$8, hens \$1.40 each. The implements realized average prices. Auctioneer Farmer opened the sale at 1.15 and sold the last article at exactly 5 o'clock, raising that \$3,700 in record time. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are moving to Brougham, and may build a new home there shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooper Have Narrow Escape from Blazing Apartment

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the apartment and entire household effects of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cooper of Waterford last week. The young couple and their baby son narrowly escaped the flames, being forced into the night, clad only in their night attire. The blaze was first noticed about 3 a.m. by Mr. Cooper, but by that time it had made such headway that the flames were already licking the room in which the couple slept. Rescuing their little son, they managed to get outside just a scant few minutes before the roof of the building copped. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper whose homes are in

TAKES LOCAL BRIDE



Flying Officer Dr. John Button of Stouffville who will wed Miss June Forsyth of Claremont on Saturday, March 14th. June is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Forsyth of this village.

Pickering's Assist. Clerk is Married

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Everitt on Inglewood drive was the setting for the wedding Saturday afternoon of their daughter, Cora, to Mr. Lloyd Taylor Johnston, son of Mrs. L. Johnston and the late Mr. Johnston. Rev. A. J. Paul officiated and the wedding music was played by Miss Marion Thompson.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gold crepe afternoon dress with hat to match and corsage of Talisman roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ivah Everitt, wearing a hyacinth blue crepe dress with hat to match and corsage of Briarcliff roses. Mr. Ernest Clark was the best man.

Mrs. Everitt in a raspberry red crepe dress with corsage of white and yellow freesia, with Mrs. Johnston in a wine velvet dress with corsage of pansies and fressia, received with the bridal party.

The couple left on a short motor trip, and they will live in Brougham, Ont. The bride went away in her wedding costume with a Persian lamb coat and black accessories. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto and was a librarian in the Toronto Public Library. Mr. Johnston is assistant clerk and tax collector of Pickering Township.

Brougham

Mr. and Mrs. Sisson spent the weekend in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Sisson during the week.

Mr. Ross Willson spent a couple of weeks at the home of his parents W. C. and Mrs. Willson before leaving to take over the Civil Service job.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Jas. Farley had the misfortune to slip on some ice and break a small bone in her wrist. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Gannon in the death of her cousin Mrs. Howard Morton.

Mrs. E. Hogle and daughter Mrs. Hayes of Columbus visited at the M. Hamilton home on Sunday.

Mrs. Crowder and two daughters of Port Carling have taken rooms in the Gannon apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milne of Green River visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holby on Sunday.

Mr. Arden Wamop who is working in Whitby spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. E. Degeer and daughter Cora who have spent the past week at the A. B. Matthews home, have returned to their home at Enniskillen.

The W.M.S. are holding a St. Patrick Party in the Hall on March 17. The evening will be spent in croquignole and a short program.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnston (nee Cora Everett) who were married on Saturday afternoon. We welcome Mrs. Johnston to our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and family of Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess of Queensville also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Madill of Roaches Pt. were here on Thursday attending the A. B. Matthews sale.

The many friends of Mrs. A. B. Matthews who was taken seriously ill Thursday will be glad to know she is improving as well as can be expected. She is now staying at the home of her daughter Mrs. Harbron of Pickering, and being attended by Mrs. Jorden, R.N.

Save your old newspapers and cardboard for the next scrap collection. The country needs it. Tie them in neat bundles and hold until you read of the next collection that will take place one of these Saturdays.

Claremont, had only just moved into the apartment over Mr. Cooper's Hardware store, about a month ago. Little damage was suffered by the contents of the store below, from the blaze, although there will be some loss from water and smoke. The origin of the fire is still undetermined, although according to the Coopers, it seemed to be particularly intense in a cloths cupboard. Mrs. Cooper who is still suffering from shock is home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson at present.

LOCAL FARM OWNER TELLS OF EXPANSION OF GLASS INDUSTRY

Continuous expansion of Research Enterprises Limited at Leaside will result in a plant of a million square feet in area by next June, with a personnel of 6,000, the company president, Lt.-Col. W. E. Phillips, D.S.O., M.C., told the Toronto branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada last week.

Col. Phillips who operated a small plant in Claremont some time ago, now operates a farm of several hundred acres just north of the village.

Government-owned, devoted to the manufacture of the "eyes of the fighting forces"—optical glass, optical instruments and specialized fire control instruments, Leaside, the plant went into operation in Sept. 1940 to fill the gap of a complete lack of adequate glass-making facilities in Canada, the speaker explained.

Military trends called for instruments demanding glass, the student realized. Artillery pieces were no longer simply aimed at targets which could be seen with the naked eye. And tanks were growing in importance. They called for special instruments demanding glass. And this business of anti-aircraft guns, range-finders and the like. They needed instruments with glass. McNaughton wanted money set aside for the development of a Canadian glass-making set-up. Nobody listened very much.

Research Enterprises Ltd. was formed in 1940 and a site was picked out at Leaside, the speaker continued. The plant was originally intended to produce 5,000 pounds of glass a month. That was soon stepped up to nearly 14,000 pounds.

"It is no exaggeration," Col. Phillips said, "to say that nobody really appreciated, even a year and a half ago, just how important glass was to become to our armed forces. Our instrument program has expanded 10 times over since Research Enterprises was formed."

But the plant is growing by leaps and bounds—or "units," to be more specific. And "by the end of this year," the company president said "we hope to be in a position to keep pace with this greatly accelerated demand."

"We have had to turn down many thousands of dollars worth of orders from the U.S.A.," the company president said.

"At the present time," Col. Phillips continued, "we have on hand \$138,000,000 worth of orders, of which 12 or 15 million lies in the instrument field."

During its initial growth, Research Enterprises "concluded it would be a wise move to make arrangements with an old established English

WHITBY JAIL GUESTS IN TOTALLED 326 IN 1941

The average daily cost of each prisoner committed to the jail of the County of Ontario at Whitby is \$1.13, according to figures in the Annual Report upon the Prisons and Reformatories in Ontario which has recently come to hand.

The report covers the year ending March 31, 1941, and indicates a decrease over the previous year of the number of prisoners committed for trial throughout the province and of those actually sentenced to serve prison terms.

326 persons were committed to the Ontario County Jail at Whitby. Thirty of them were women. None of those committed to the Whitby cells were under 16 years of age, and the majority of those who were serving time—202 male and 22 female—were doing so for the first time. The remaining were serving for the second, third or even for a greater number of times. Second offenders included 39 men and two women. Those serving a third term included 37 males and one female, while 18 men and five women were in for more than the third time.

Liquor was the source of the greater number of convictions in the province during the year, with vagrancy second and theft in third place. A total of 4,310 convictions, were registered for breaches of the Liquor Control Act, and 5,876 for drunk and disorderly conduct. Vagrancy sentences totalled 3,002 and those for theft were 2,341.

The average maintenance cost for each prisoner per day was \$1.14 or about fifteen per cent more than during the previous year. The average for Whitby is slightly lower. It costs nearly 16 cents per day to feed each prisoner which it will be seen is a small part of the maintenance.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CARELESS DRIVING

James Ravéy, of Brougham, pleaded guilty before Magistrate F. S. Ebbs last week to a charge of careless driving and was fined \$10 and costs or ten days in the county jail.

P.T.O. Gilbert Robertson testified he investigated the accident which occurred near Pickering on No. 2 Highway on February 4 about 1.50 a.m. He said Ravéy's car smashed five guard rails and injured a passenger, Miss Charlotte Marsden of Toronto, to the extent of requiring hospital treatment for severe head injuries. He said accused admitted drinking one pint of beer.

Accused testified, he was wiping frost from his windshield when hard crust on the side of the road caused him to lose control of the car, throwing him against the guard rail, and forcing Miss Marsden against the windshield. There were three other passengers besides Miss Marsden.

glass-making firm in the matter of equipment," Col. Phillips explained. This was done and full cooperation was received.

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Home again is four-weeks-old Ellen Koron, shown in the arms of a Red Cross worker at San Francisco. Ellen was the youngest among several hundred evacuees and casualties of the Japanese bombing of Honolulu who were brought to the U.S. mainland. Her father is a U.S. service man.

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