

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

Local agent—Mowder's Store

Mrs. Harry Porter, teacher in the Public School here, was forced to relinquish her teaching duties for a few days last week, with an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones of Brooklin were visitors in town on Saturday.

Mr. Harold Coates, son of Mrs. John Coates, Claremont, has, we understand, offered his services to the army. Harold was a former employee on the Phillip's Plant in Oshawa.

Roy McLeod and Percy Redshaw, members of Canada's army, were visitors at their respective homes here, last week.

Mr. Carl Smith has gone to Pendleton, near Ottawa, for a few days, on business. Carl is employed by the Scarborough Plant here.

Friends will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Bert Hamm of Toronto, and formerly of Claremont, had the misfortune to fall on the ice in the city, the other day, and break her arm.

Several from Claremont attended the church service at Altona on Sunday to hear the address given by Norman Johnson, returned missionary, who is home on furlough with his wife, from South America.

The Ladies' Circle of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Esther Palmer on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. R. E. Forsyth's group was in charge and the topic for discussion was the "New Canadian."

Mrs. Clarence Pengelly of Brooklin called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paterson on Sunday.

Mr. Jack Brillinger who was so seriously injured in a motor accident on the 5th concession a year ago last August has been in the village this week, and friends were glad to note that he was able to move about quite as usual with the aid of a cane.

The January meeting of the Goodfellowship Class of the United Church, was held at the home of Mrs. Lester McCullough. The President, Mrs. F. Manion, was in charge of the meeting. A fine paper on "Personality," taking the personality of Jesus, as an example, was given by Mrs. Lehman. Games and Contests were in charge of Mrs. W. R. Evans and Mrs. Violet Pilkey. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jos. Farr.

The annual meeting of the Claremont and North Pickering Branch of the Red Cross will be held in the Township Hall, Brougham on Friday evening, January 29th. There will be election of officers for the coming year and reports of the business just completed. A social hour will follow.

Infant Granddaughter Dies of Pneumonia

The death occurred in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, last week of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McMillan of Oshawa, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pugh. The little girl, who was only sixteen months old, developed a severe attack of pneumonia, and passed away on Sunday, despite all efforts to save her. Mrs. Pugh is with her daughter in Oshawa.

BORN IN PICKERING TWP OVER 90 YEARS AGO

Member of a historic family in Pickering township, Mrs. Maria Smith O'Connor died at her home in Pickering village last week in her 93rd year.

Born at Dunbarton, the daughter of pioneers of the district, she attended public school there and spent her youth in that locality. Later she came to Pickering Village and has made her home here ever since. For a number of years she resided with her brother, George Smith, who predeceased her about ten years. Her husband died many years ago.

Baptized by the French missionary, Father Proulx, the itinerant priest who founded the parish, she has been a life-long member of the Roman Catholic Church and could remember as a child, driving from Dunbarton to Pickering, then Duffins Creek, with her parents to attend service held in the home of the Hodgson family. She was 12 years of age when the first church was built in 1860.

At the time of the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the parish in June, 1940, Mrs. O'Connor opened her home for the reception, which was held after the services.

Mr. Wm. Beaton of Oshawa was a visitor at his home over the weekend.

United Church Annual Meeting Tonight

The annual business meeting of the Claremont United Church is being held this Thursday evening, January 28. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock with a nominal charge. All members and adherents of the church are urged to attend.

Sister Follows Brother to Grave Within Few Weeks

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. David Pilkey in Hamilton. Deceased was the former Mary Jane Cochrane, sister of the late James Cochrane who passed away just a few weeks ago. She leaves to mourn her loss, four sons and one daughter. Before moving to Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Pilkey lived on a farm, a half mile east of Balsam, now occupied by Louis Jones. Interment was made in Hamilton.

Ira Redshaw Farm Re-Rented on 6th Concession

The one hundred and fifty acre farm on the 6th concession of Uxbridge, belonging to Ira Redshaw of Claremont, has been rented to Len Hamm, who is at present residing on the Wm. Morrison property, 10th of Whitechurch. Mr. Redshaw who has resided in the village for the past six years, has had his farm rented to Mr. Cliff Jarvis for the last twelve months. Mr. Hamm will move in the spring.

Whitehead's Have Big Sale Despite Weather Conditions

Despite the blocked condition of many roads there was a bumper crowd at the auction sale on Saturday at the late home of Russell Whitehead just north of No. 7 highway. Auctioneer A. S. Farmer obtained top prices for everything. The high cow brought \$126, while the five cows, a sculler, cutting box, and poultry realized \$850. Added to this was furniture totalling \$540 to bring the sale up to \$1,500. A Findlay stove sold for \$67.50, while a fairly new cook stove reached \$100. The dining room, suite sold for \$80 and a bedroom suite for \$66. Mr. Whitehead, it will be recalled, met his death in a railway accident which sent Mrs. Whitehead to the hospital for several weeks. Everybody was pleased to see the splendid bids for the effects sold, all of which were in excellent condition.

Brougham

Last Thursday a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the Stephenson home to spend a pleasant evening with Mae, Frank and Josephine, ere they move to their new home at Pickering. During the evening an address was read by Mr. A. Glenn, and Mr. W. C. Willson presented them with a beautiful floor lamp. Suitable replies were made and a dainty lunch was served.

A very pleasant service was held in St. John's United Church here on Sunday evening when the members of the C.G.I.T. met and became affiliated with the W.M.S. This service was followed by another equally interesting, when the officers of the Y. P. were installed by the Rev. I. E. Kennedy.

A box social sponsored by the Y. P. on Wednesday night proved quite successful, considering the condition of roads and weather. Boxes sold from 80c to \$2.00.

Miss Wanda Varnum of Toronto spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. D. A. Beer.

Mr. George Willson has purchased from Mr. Bert Beer the property on corner of Brock Road and 5th concession formerly known as Stephenson home.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Albert Gray on Thursday afternoon last, with the president Mrs. Thos. Norton in charge. Despite the very cold weather and the condition of the roads—21 ladies were present.

Several from around here attended the sale of the late R. Whitehead on Saturday, and report high prices.

Mr. Arden Wannop spent a few days last week in Toronto; and while there joined His Majesty's Forces.

Mr. Allan Miller left recently for Washington, where he expects to take an advanced course of training.

The Claremont W. I. met at Mrs. George Scott's home on Wednesday, January 20. More letters were read from boys overseas acknowledging gifts of cigarettes. A report was given on the Christmas cheer provided by the Institute. The school dental service to be sponsored by the society was discussed and an interesting reading of current events was given by Mrs. Hooley. "Home Economics" being the subject. From the roll call we learned what phases of Home Economics were of interest to our members. Mrs. Loyst's paper on nutrition brought much valuable information to those present and a duet by Jean Farr and Megan Beare was much appreciated. After a very interesting contest Mrs. Scott served refreshments.

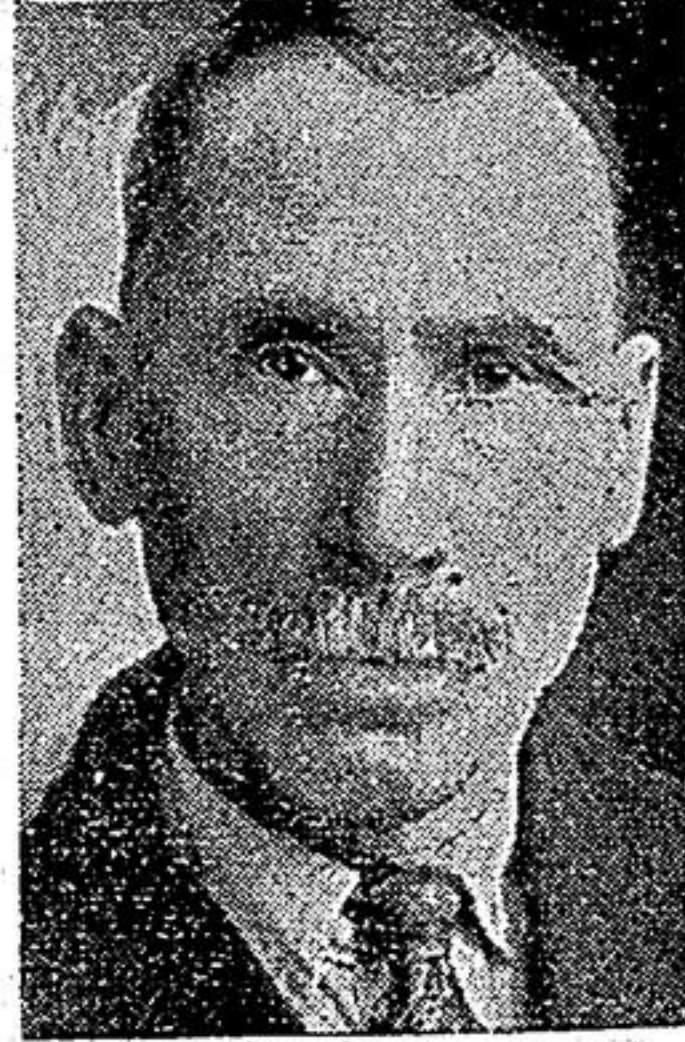
Four Sons in the Army Two Others in War Work

A well-known family near Claremont that is certainly doing its share to win the war, is that of Mrs. Jos. Norton. There are no less than four Norton brothers serving in Canada's Army, while two other brothers are engaged in war work. Douglas is a Lance Corporal with the Ordnance Corps, stationed in Toronto; Budd, who is a member of the Brockville Rifles is home this week from the West, for the first time in eight months; Jim, is with an artillery unit which has been overseas over a year; while Mike who has just received his military call, is in Toronto. Two other brothers, are Ross, a ship-builder in Toronto and Levi who is working at the Pickering Plant. Constable Jack Norton, is the remaining male member of the family.

Gets Secretary Job

Miss Anne Forgie who is treasurer of Claremont United Church has been appointed to the position of treasurer of Claremont public and continuation school board. Since there has been no permanent secretary for some little time, one of the trustees John Scott was doing the work, but would not take a permanent appointment at less than \$100 per annum. Heretofore it was done for \$75.00. The position was advertised and Miss Forgie was the successful applicant. We were unable to learn what the remuneration agreed on for Miss Forgie is to be at time of going to press.

PHONE "PLAYER" DEAD



William Harris, 58, who was the first person to play a musical instrument over the telephone, is dead at Brantford, Ont. Alexander Graham Bell asked him to play the cornet and the number he played was "Then, You'll Remember Me."

BOILER BLEW UP ON CLAREMONT TRAIN

—No Passengers Hurt—Bodies Pieces Hurlled in All Directions in Wreckage

The engineer and fireman of the C.P.R. local passenger train were instantly killed Friday when the boiler of their engine blew up near Cavan, about halfway between Peterboro and Pontypool. This is the morning train due in Claremont at 8.23.

Two of the coaches were derailed, but no passengers were reported to be injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Syer and family, who live about 200 yards from the spot where the accident took place, told of hearing a loud explosion and the house being shaken by the blast.

"There were pieces of the train blown ever so far. Parts came down in the fields and the whole boiler of the train was smashed," she said.

It was still dark when the explosion occurred, and Mr. Syer took a lantern and went to the track. The trainmen were looking over the damage by the light of their lanterns, but it was difficult to see just what had happened, she explained.

"The men are still trapped in the cab of the engine," she said. "There is apparently not much they can do until they get it tipped up right again. When the boiler burst there was considerable water blown all over everything, and things are covered with ice."

None of the passengers were in-

MAY REDUCE COUNTY RATE SAYS WARDEN

Reduction of Debenture Debt in Ontario County Responsible For Decrease—To Practice Economy

Ontario county's good financial position, briefly reviewed last week by Warden William Reesor, in an outline of work for the year, may make a reduction in the tax rate for 1943 possible.

The warden said that the debenture debt was being reduced yearly and that next year \$150,000 would be paid off. Debt reduction, he stated, would mean lower taxation in future years provided no new capital expenditures were undertaken and this would give the county more money to spend on other things.

Strict wartime economy was urged by the warden, but he warned that the county's capital investments must be taken care of.

Committees

Standing committees were named as follows: Agriculture, H. Newman; county property, R. M. Devereux; education, J. H. Ormiston; finance and assessment, Dr. J. C. Devine; legislation and memorials, E. Johnston, J. H. Ormiston, James Blanchard, Dr. Devine, A. Thompson.

Mileage and per diem—Russell Hood (chairman), N. Down, A. Clark, J. P. Wilson, J. H. Ormiston.

Printing—B. Annis (chairman), J. P. Wilson, Alex. Thompson, A. W. Grigg, W. Beach.

Reforestation—W. Beach (chairman), C. P. King, Russell Hood, O. H. Downey.

Roads and bridges: James Blanchard (chairman) A. W. Grigg, E. Johnston, T. Harding and J. MacDonnell.

County road board: F. Clayton, A. Miller, R. Hazell.

juried. Mrs. Syer stated, "A few ladies were shaken up and nervous but they were all right," she added.

Engineer Fry, who was 53 years of age, was not making his regular run, his wife explained. He was filling in for another engineer and had been with the CPR since 1910. He is survived by his wife and two children, James 8 and May 6.

Firemen Lines has 26 years' service with the company, and is survived by his wife.

One of the passengers said that when the boiler exploded the coaches were violently jolted and from where he sat he could see sparks flying in all directions. It sounded as if the train was putting on its brakes.

Parts of the cab, coal shovels and other tools were spread out along the track. A large expanse of snow was blackened where the bursting boilers threw out steam and parts of hot metal.

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- A FEW ELECTRIC HEATERS
- 3 BATTERY RADIOS
- 1 ROOT PULPER
- 1 SUMP PUMP, 60 cycle
- 1 ELECTRIC RADIO
- GOOD STOCK OF ELECTRIC FENCES
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F. M. CHAPMAN TO HEAD JERSEY BREEDERS

The annual meeting of the Ontario County Jersey Club was held at the home of the President, Geo. Todd, at Cherrywood. Informal discussions took place on the formation of a local breeding club, on district sales where buyers would be induced to come, and on the recent proposals of the Canadian Jersey Club to increase the fee for membership, one dollar of which was to go to the Provincial organizations.

Secretary James Bremner and Dr. Cooke were present, and explained the workings of breeding clubs and the progress that is being made in the Peterboro and other districts in Jersey extension work. Secretary John Batty reported on the finances

of the Club. Election of Officers for 1943 resulted in the following: Hon. Pres., George Todd, Cherrywood; Pres., Frank M. Chapman, Pickering; Vice President, John Batty, Brooklin; Secretary Treasurer, Nell Petty, Pickering; Directors: Dr. McQuay, Mr. Von Pills of Whitby and Doug. Thomson, Brooklin.

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