

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent Local agent—Mowder's Store

Rev. I. E. Kennedy was attending Presbyterian sessions in Oshawa last week.

The Misses McGlashen called on friends in Uxbridge on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurtube of North Claremont visited during the weekend with relatives in Oshawa.

Morris Binstead of Toronto, visited over the weekend at his home here.

Mrs. Lyman Pikey is suffering from an attack of the flu her friends will be sorry to hear.

Mrs. Clark of Windsor, visited over the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Forsyth.

Mrs. Frank Ham is improving in health after being confined to her bed for some time.

Services in the United Church on Sunday next at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The subject of the illustrated talk for the evening will be, "Heaven Over our Heads."

George Foote of Stouffville, was a visitor at the Geo. Constable home during the weekend.

Mrs. Dave Dawson is up and about again following a severe cold which kept her bedfast for a couple of weeks.

The Continuation School students are busy preparing for the annual Commencement Exercises scheduled to be held early in March.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist Church held their regular meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fuller, meeting in charge of the Devotional committee.

Lieut. Jos. Ward was home from his post at Camp Borden last weekend, attending the funeral of his father-in-law, the late Mr. Henry Vance.

Canvassers are out this week for the India-China Relief Drive organized by an interchurch committee and the funds collected by each denomination will be used for relief purposes.

The Good Fellowship Class of the United Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farr on Tuesday evening. The program was in charge of the men of the class. Mrs. F. Manion, the president presided for the business period. The Dramatic committee reported on the business of

the play which will be presented in March. A quilting committee was appointed. Games and contests were enjoyed by all present. Lunch was served and a vote of thanks extended to the host and hostess. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought the evening to a close.

The household effects of the late Mrs. Meta Cowie were sold by auction here on Saturday. There was a good crowd and good prices were bid before Auctioneer Farmer knocked them off. This sale rather passes as the final act in closing out an old home in Claremont that we are sorry to see go, but death has taken both Mr. and Mrs. Cowie. The premises were recently sold to John Badgerow of Stouffville, who will move here right away and become residents of our fair village. We welcome them.

Day of Prayer

The Women's Day of Prayer will be held in the Baptist Church, Claremont on Friday, Feb. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. The Baptist Mission Circle and the W.M.S. of the United Church will conduct the service. An invitation is extended to all the women of the community to attend this service.

W.M.S. President Given Presentation

A pleasant ceremony was performed at a joint meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Woman's Association in the Claremont United Church last week, when Mrs. Henry Johnson, who has been president of the W.M.S. for five years, was presented with a reading lamp. Mrs. David Gregg read the address of congratulations and Mrs. H. G. McIntyre made the presentation. Mrs. Hugh Gregg contributed to the social portion of the program rendering a piano solo, and Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. W. Evans, accompanist. Some thirty-five members of the two organizations were present.

Ontario County Sales

Of interest to residents of Ontario County is the recent farm sale reported by Bowman and Row, representing Willoughby's Farm Agency

of Toronto, to an unnamed purchaser of J.G. Ferguson's farm of 170 acres, comprising part of lots 15 and 16, concession 6, Township of East Whitby immediately west of the village of Columbus. This was formerly the Samson-Roberts farm, and was in the Roberts family from 1855 to 1930 when it was sold to J. A. Jackson. The present vendor bought this farm in 1936 and in that time built up one of the best dairy herds in the country. This entire herd of 60 registered Ayrshire cattle with all implements and equipment were included in the sale. On this farm are two never-failing spring creeks, with a certain acreage of bush. There are two houses, the main dwelling being modern with hardwood floors, fire places, furnace complete water system. The barns are modern with water bowls and stanchions and complete dairy equipment. All buildings have hydro installed. The new owner will carry on dairying as this property is particularly adapted for such operations.

Bowman and Row also report the sale of the 50 acre farm owned by Cecil Pascoe, being part of lot 6, in concession 1 Pickering township, just east of Ajax, to William E. Lee of Pickering. This farm was purchased in 1933 from John M. Brown of Toronto by the vendor and before that time was in the Brown's family for 111 years. There is a good barn and frame house, and the buildings are equipped with hydro. The farm has been used for dairying and this business will likely be carried on by the new owner.

BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hollanger and Bruce of Cherrywood were recent guests at the Wm. Gray home.

Mrs. D. Gannon spent Sunday with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon and son Keith of Pickering were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday.

Mr. R. D. Miller is confined to the house for a few days suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Plaxton also Mr. and Mrs. Howard Plaxton visited Wm. and Mrs. Gray on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ravey spent the weekend with her parents, Wm. and Mrs. Elliott.

Friday, Feb. 25th will be observed as a Day of Prayer. Service will be held in the United Church here at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Russell Gray of Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents, A. J. and Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Wm. Elliott is spending a few days with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Rowe and children visited with friends at Pt. Carling recently. Remember the date—Friday, Feb. 25th for the Firemen's Dance in the Hall.

Mr. M. Hamilton is confined to the house with an attack of pleurisy.

Pte. Earl Hills spent several days embarking last week visiting his parents, Joseph and Mrs. Hills and other friends.

Wm. Jones, R.C.N.V.R., has been up from his Halifax post for a couple of weeks visiting at the Bruce Easton home.

Pte. John Moore who has spent several months overseas, arrived home last week and is at present visiting his father, here, Mr. Harry Moore, prior to reporting to a new station on the West Coast.

Pte. Moore went overseas with a Tank Corps Unit and returned as guard for a number of prisoners-of-war being transferred to this country. A brother, William, is attached to a fire-fighting unit of the R.C.A.F. training in Canada.

DISPLAYS LITTLE FAITH IN FARM FLOOR PROMISE

Ontario Agriculture Minister, T. L. Kennedy has little faith in the Federal Government's promises to establish floor prices on farm products, he told the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association. "Don't you believe it. No Government can give you a floor price. Only you yourself can make floor prices," he said. He urged farmers to work out their own problems and then present them to Government. "I say it's your duty to solve your own problems, then come to us and tell us what you think is right," he declared. Where it was merited, the Legislature would be asked to grant it, Col. Kennedy said.

Prime purpose of the Ontario Government's proposal to take over the stockyards and permit farmers to operate them was "to get better feeders and better breeding stock," although it was also desirous of having the stockyards "make ends meet." "Why can't we raise some feeders ourselves? Why have we to go to other Provinces?" he asked. The present Provincial Government was the first one that was not interfering with business. "We believe we can stop this habit of Government interference in business. We plan to keep you to the highest standards, though. You say we can't do it. Well, we are going to try." F. S. Grisdale, deputy food administrator, saw little hope of the abandonment of "meatless Tuesdays," although there had been tremendously heavy marketing of live stock in the past two months.

Claremont Barber Testifies as Trio Face Serious Charges

Tells of Being Roused from Bed at Gunpoint—Case Adjourned Until March 6th.

Pte. Walter Moscall, of Winnipeg, who was stationed at Toronto; Mike Cembal, Oshawa, and Jerry Semowonyk, Oshawa, appeared in police court at Cobourg for their preliminary hearing on a charge of attempted breaking and entering and theft of Cobourg liquor store on December 31, 1943. They have also been charged with shooting at Provincial Constables Robt. Duncan and Wm. Thompson of Bowmanville, with intent to kill, breaking and entering and theft of car accessories from Port Hope and theft of a car from York Township. It was agreed between Crown Attorney Harry R. Deyman of Cobourg and defence counsel Arthur W. S. Greer of Oshawa, that on account of the fact that the evidence in all the charges was so interlocked, to proceed on the Cobourg liquor store charge and afterwards apply the evidence in that case to the other charges. Considerable evidence was taken and adjournment was made until March 6, the accused each being allowed out on \$5,000 bail each.

All three were charged with vagrancy and also with theft of four tires on December 30 in Darlington Township, but upon the Crown announcing that no evidence would be offered, the charges were dismissed.

In connection with the Cobourg liquor store charge, the trio elected to trial the next court, no plea being taken.

First witness was Lewis Taylor of Langstaff, who testified that a license plate was stolen off his car sometime between Dec. 26 and 30 of last year, while the car was in a garage. The license number was 86 w77.

Ira Lorrie, Toronto, whose home is in York Township, testified that on Dec. 28, 1943, at about 3.20 he was awakened when his daughter told him that someone was stealing the car. He got to the window in time to see the car being backed out but he stated that he could not tell who was in the car. Describing the contents of the glove compartment he said that it contained a whisk, sun glasses, flashlight and first-aid kit. Shown a whisk in court, he identified it as coming from his car. The car in question was a Chrysler, license number 2C 886. The car was stolen after the thieves had broken in the garage by forcing a window.

Mr. Lorrie was subjected to rigorous cross-examination on his identification of the whisk, by Mr. Greer. The whisk was also identified by Charles Clayton of Toronto, who looks after the car for Mr. Lorrie.

Steal Buick in Oshawa

Wm. Duncan of Oshawa, testified that on Dec. 29 of last year his car, a two-door Buick sedan was stolen from the garage by thieves who had entered via a window. When it was recovered it had been damaged to the extent of about \$250, including a broken windshield and rear window.

Claremont Man Testifies

The three accused were identified by John Brignall, Claremont barber, who stated that on the night of Dec. 29, at 7.30, the three had come into his shop.

"I asked them what they wanted and one of them said he wanted to play a game of pool, but I told him that I didn't run the poolroom any more," testified Brignall. Brignall went on to relate that on the following morning at 4.30, he heard a noise and went to the front of the shop to see a Chrysler sedan out in front. He was only able to make out the last two figures on the right hand side of the license plate, which were "77."

"At 5.30 on the morning of Dec. 30, I was awakened when someone pushed the glass through in the room where I sleep, with a shotgun. He asked me if my will had been made and told me to hand over my money. I had \$350 in my pocket and I got up and ran out to the front where I turned on the shop lights which were bright. Somebody pushed the glass out with a revolver in the front of the shop and I hit back at the hand with a broom. I thought that they went to the back of the shop again so I ran out the front and across the street to phone the police," related Brignall. Witness

recalled that he also heaved milk bottles at the man with the revolver. While over across the road he saw a car move away slowly down the road from near his shop. It appeared to be a 1941 Buick.

Cross-examined by Mr. Greer, he testified that he had seen the three accused in Oshawa on a number of occasions. Cembal at one time drove a taxi, he declared, and had driven people out to a gambling den on the outskirts of Oshawa. Questioned closely as to where the gambling den was, the witness said that he only had an idea where it was and had never been there nor did he know its exact location.

"Don't hedge about. Where is the gambling den located?" asked Mr. Greer.

Magistrate R. B. Baxter rebuked the witness for the manner in which he was standing, partly inclined against the magistrate's desk.

"Stand up on your feet, don't lean over on this desk, and if you can't tell the truth don't tell anything," declared the magistrate.

Brignall insisted that he knew of the gambling den only by hearsay. He stated, in reply to another question, that he had been taken to Cobourg jail early in January where he identified the three from police line-ups.

Evidence was given by Robt. Holden, jr. of Oshawa, in identification of photographs taken by him on January 4 on a side road between Oshawa and Bowmanville.

Technical Evidence

John Smythe, photogrammetrist from the Dept. of Lands and Forests, Toronto, produced photographs which he had taken of Mr. Lorrie's garage and of a provincial police car in Toronto. One picture showed a shotgun pellet imbedded in the frame of the spotlight on the police car, witness said.

Detailed evidence was given by Detective John Copeland of Toronto, finger print expert and police photographer. This was evidence of highly technical nature, with the view of establishing the fact that marks on the trunk of the Lorrie car had been caused by a medium sized wrecking bar which was also produced as an exhibit. Detective Copeland said that he photographed the marks on the trunk and compared them with marks which he created in a lead plate with the wrecking bar. He produced photographs of the edge of the wrecking bar, showing the characteristics of the edge, pointing out that where part of the edge had been rounded over in use, it had left a corresponding mark on the trunk and on the lead impression. He produced superimposed photographs of the mark on the lead and the trunk with 11 points detailed for the purpose of establishing duplicate characteristics.

Detective W. Turner of York Township police gave evidence in connection with the marks on the window and sash in Larrie's garage. Alfred Pretty of Claremont, who operated the telephone exchange, testified that he was called at 5.30, or shortly afterwards, on the morning of December 30, to notify police, and after doing so, noticed a car moving slowly down the road past his premises.

It was a dark coloured 1941 Buick he said. Witness stated that he couldn't tell how many were in it.

WED IN ST. CLARE'S RECTORY



Wedded Francis Duncan, R.C.A.F. and Mrs. Duncan who were married January 29, in St. Clare's Rectory, Toronto. The bride, formerly Evelyn Marie Sanderson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sanderson, Claremont. The groom is the son of Mrs. Frank Duncan, Newmarket, and the late F. Duncan.

Local Red Cross Objective \$2,000

Objective in the forthcoming Red Cross drive which opens Feb. 28th, for Claremont and North Pickering has been set at \$2,000, it was announced at a meeting of the branch held at the home of the president Mrs. Harvey Brougham.

Owing to the severe weather conditions, only a limited number of representatives were present. The canvassing committee will be the same as last year, we understand. The prisoner-of-war parcels cost \$2.50 each, and each one is asked to donate at least this amount to put the drive over the top.

The branch is getting a group of blood donors together while a good showing on the latest quota of knitted articles was also revealed.

BOSSSES R.C.E. MEN



Sgt. Kathleen Bird, C.W.A.C., is believed to be the first woman orderly room sergeant in a men's unit in Canada. She is stationed at Camp Borden with No. 15 Company, Engineer Services and Works, R.C.E.A.

and it had a license plate on it. At this stage the case was adjourned until March 6th.

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