

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

Local dealers—Mowder's Store and Overland's Store.

Mrs. Allan Robertson was a visitor in Oshawa one day last week. Mrs. Chas. DeRusha was able to be out on Saturday after being confined to her home in ill health for some time.

Word has been received here of the death overseas of Pte. Leslie Raymond Neal whose home was in Mt. Forrest, Ontario. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Neal at one time resided on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Bacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Leggett of Jellicoe, Ont., visited for a few days at the home of his mother Mrs. Jas. Leggett.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Booth of Stouffville were Sunday visitors at the Spenceley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Purdy and family of Oshawa visited at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hinan, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pengelly of Brooklin visited friends in the village on Sunday.

The 17th Annual Oshawa Presbyterian meeting will be held in Oshawa at St. Andrew's Church on March 22nd. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson were in Stouffville on Monday evening attending a special Ladies' Night of the Stouffville Lions Club at which Mrs. Smith, wife of Dr. Neil Smith, was the guest of honor.

Mr. G. M. Forsyth had a narrow escape while walking on the highway in Claremont one day last week. A plank protruding from a passing truck just grazed his right eye, and only by the luckiest margin did he escape serious injury to his sight.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, March 21st, at the home of Mrs. Walter Ward. Mr. Giles will be the guest speaker and his subject will be, "The Romance of the Evolution of the World."

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin who have tenanted the Hardy Farm north of the village for the past seven years are preparing to leave this neighborhood to return to Mr. Martin's home district of Oshawa. The new farm which the family will occupy in April comprises over 200 acres.

Extensive re-decorating is being done at the Lewis Bakery here in Claremont. The work of painting, installation of new fixtures, etc., is being done by Messrs. Will Palmer and Sam Taylor. In the spring Mr. Lewis expects to have the outside of the premises painted.

The farm stock sale at Mr. Ed. Evans' place was a great success marked by the sale of a registered Holstein for \$200 and a second cow for \$137, plus \$37 for her calf. Heifers went for \$80 to \$100, and sheep at the price of \$13.50 each as an average for the 40 herd sold. The team of horses 8 and 9 years realized \$69 each and a manure spreader went at \$169 with A.S. Farmer on the auction block.

Cigarettes or chewing gum have been mailed to the following boys and girls overseas by the Forget Me Not Club: Curly Cook, Edna Bennis, David Connelly, Douglas Reynolds, Lorne Hardy, Roy McLeod, Arthur Loyst, Bruce Hill, Stan Hardy and Ralph Forfar.

The March meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jas. McCullough. There was a good attendance. The worship service was taken by the Pres. Mrs. F. Loyst assisted by members of the Society. During the business period Mrs. F. Loyst, Mrs. Russel Pilkey, F. Carson and Mrs. I. E. Kennedy were appointed as delegates to attend the annual Presbyterian meeting to be held in Oshawa on March 22nd. Representatives from the Mission Band and Baby Band are also to attend. The balance of the program was in charge of the ladies of the Goodfellowship Class. Mrs. D. McCullough, pres. of the class, took charge and gave a very original and amusing reading. Mrs. W. Hill and Mrs. Ed. Boniface also gave interesting readings. A piano solo by Mrs. H. Gregg was much appreciated. Mrs. J. Peddie, very ably gave a chapter from the study book "West of the Date Line." Following the program a social half hour was spent over the tea cups.

Two of Season's Biggest Farm Auctions in April—

Two of the biggest farm auctions of this spring season will be held close to Claremont in early April. Mr. Joe Farr is this week announcing an auction sale of fifty purebred Guernsey cattle, tractor on rubber and other valuable implements. The sale of the Lloydbrook Farm just south of Claremont to Mr. Murphy of Lindsay is also disclosed, and a big cattle sale is scheduled for this place a week later.

Extra copies of the Tribune can be purchased every week at Watson's Store, Goodwood, Overland's and Mowder's in Claremont.

Diplomas Presented at Commencement

Over Five Hundred Enjoy Varied Concert of Continuation School Students

Over five hundred crowded the Claremont Community Hall on the two night entertainment presented by the Continuation School students for their annual commencement.

On Thursday evening Rev. I. E. Kennedy presented the sports awards, and the inter-school trophy won this year by Claremont school in the Pickering-Claremont field meet. In addition Mary Hodgson and Jean Farr received the junior and senior girl championship awards. The champions in the local school field day competitions were presented with school rings, as follows: sr. boy, Victor Morley; jr. boy, Bruce Lehman; sr. girl, Jean Farr, jr. girl, Mary Hodgson and Gloria Beverley (tied).

On Friday night, G. M. Forsyth chairman of the Trustee Board presented the graduation certificates, and spoke of the increased attendance at the school, and the better financial standing which would enable the Board to proceed with some much-needed redecorating at the school. Those who received intermediate certificates Megan Beare, Helen Hodgson, Pearl Pilkey, Thelma Sanderson, Austin Pearce, Jean Taylor and George Nokes; secondary school graduation diplomas, Verna Prouse, Betty Story, and Eric Wallace.

Betty Story gave the valedictory address. The program moved through varied choruses, instrumental numbers, drills, dances, and two short plays, entitled, "Mixed Dates" and "Nobody Home."

Following the program on Friday evening, students and friends tripped the light fantastic to the strains of Bradford's Orchestra until well past bedtime.

Brougham May have Own Water System

A group of influential citizens in Brougham have taken steps to ascertain the cost of giving the village a water supply system by piping from springs located on several acres of land owned by Mr. Lloyd Johnston and situated about a half mile east of the hamlet.

A Toronto engineer has already looked over the site, and a report on his findings and probable costs are expected shortly.

It is proposed to pipe the water on top of the ground, if possible and service all homes in the village who desire it, as well as several farms to the west along the highway. There are between forty and fifty homes in the village. There is said to be ample water for the project on the site, and this would be forced the half-mile distance by means of either electric pump or ram.

At the present time, the citizens are solely dependent upon the wells in the country, and during the past several months there have been strained to the limit. In addition, at least one of the farms adjacent to the village on the west, must undertake the drilling of a new well this year, and would consider the cost of hooking up with such a village system, a good investment.

COUPLE QUIETLY MARRIED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

In a quiet ceremony at her home on Saturday, March 10th, at 2 p.m. Eileen Bernice Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Linton, became the bride of Paul Eugene Wellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wellman of Claremont. Rev. I. E. Kennedy officiated, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. Raymond Stickwood R.N., sister of the bride.

The bride, given away by her father, stood beneath an archway of decorated cedar, and looked charming in a street-length chartreuse blue chiffon dress with lace bodice and finger-tip veil, and carrying red roses. She was attended by her youngest sister Mildred of Pontypool, wearing orchid chiffon with white head-dress and carrying pink roses. The groom was supported by Raymond Stickwood.

A reception was held at the home in Claremont following the ceremony, at which the bride's mother dressed in flowered jersey with a rose corsage, greeted the guests.

For travelling, the bride was attired in blue wool dress, black coat with fox fur and green accessories. Following a short weekend honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Claremont.

CLAREMONT CASE

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were found that this was the result.

Defence Claims "Scheme"

Charging that the whole thing was a "sordid scheme" concocted by Fred Mowder in order to sue Robert G. Roy, Defence Counsel G. T. Walsh, in his address to the jury submitted in forcible terms that adultery had never been committed between the defendant and Mrs. Mowder and that there was no "alienation of affection" because she never had any genuine love or affection for her husband. Contending that the plaintiff had got Glen Flowers and his wife to link up in this "plot" and pointing to statements made by them which were contradicted by a number of the defence witnesses, he declared that credence could not be given to their evidence. To the evidence of those who said that Mowder and wife had appeared to get along well together, he said that people don't wear their hearts on their sleeves.

In review of the evidence, Mr. Walsh referred to an observation said to have been made by Mowder to Roy after an alleged conversation between the defendant and Prime Minister King, to the effect that it wouldn't do for Roy to get mixed up in any scandal. As further indication of a plot, he said that although Mrs. Mowder had never had a holiday before, Mowder then arranged for his wife to spend a vacation at the Roy home in Toronto and while she was there sent her a note asking her to write and tell him if she really hated him. He claimed further that on her return, Mowder treated her shamefully.

To support his accusation as to the credibility of the Flowers' evidence, Mr. Walsh pointed out that they had said that on the evening of May 29, 1943, Glen Flowers drove Roy from the Claremont station to the farm while Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Roy and George Johnston gave evidence that Roy didn't leave Toronto until after 11 p.m., Mrs. Curry testifying that she and her son took him to the farm in their car. Discounting their evidence, he said that no other witness had given evidence as to adultery between the defendant and Mrs. Mowder during this weekend or at any other time, and he referred to the testimony of certain witnesses who said that Glen Flowers had said something about being able to get \$100 for giving evidence.

Chocolate Box Evidence

As the "best evidence of a plot," Mr. Walsh referred to the circumstances surrounding a greeting on the wrapper of a box of chocolates given to Mrs. Mowder by Roy as a Christmas gift. Pointing to evidence to the effect that Roy had put a greeting on the box at Mowder's suggestion he said Mowder would naturally consider such a document valuable as evidence in a suit.

Going on to the fourth question to the jury, he claimed that there had never been any "real and abiding affection" between the Mowders and he emphasized that it was up to Mowder, as well as his wife, to keep the continuance of the marriage vow.

Describing Roy's accusation of a plot on Mowder's part as "inconsistent, faulty and not worthy of belief," Mr. Greer suggested rather than the defendant, in order to overcome the case presented against him at the previous trial, had concocted this accusation as a type of defence which might succeed. In support of his contention Mr. Greer submitted that if there had been any thought of such a plot at the time the lawsuit was commenced, a charge of conspiracy would have been made against the plaintiff in the statement of defence which was filed in September 1943.

Mr. Greer pointed to a number of incidents referred to by defence witnesses in this trial but which had not been mentioned in the previous trial, and he added that there was a "marked similarity" as among the various witnesses, in the events spoken of. As examples of these "added events," he cited the conversation with the Prime Minister, Mowder's having given Roy a pencil to write a greeting on the box of chocolates, Mrs. Mowder's having sold her wedding ring to buy bread, the record of the hours at which Mrs. Mowder said her husband came home during a certain period and so forth.

Claims No Real Trouble

As for Mrs. Mowder's claim that she and her husband had never got along, he submitted that if there had been any real trouble between them they could not have kept it from the surface so well that their friends would fall to notice anything wrong. As one of the "most important features" in the evidence, he referred to the statement which Mrs. Mowder was said to have made five trips to King City to ask the Flowers to sign, and which was to the effect that she had only visited the Roy farm on Mrs. Flowers' invitation and that with the exception of the odd weekend Roy had only made short visits to the farm. He added that the following month Roy laid three theft

charges against Flowers, two being dismissed in magistrate's court and an acquittal being given on the third by a jury.

Remarking that it had been admitted that Mrs. Mowder spent the night of May 29-30 in Roy's part of the house, he urged the jury to believe the Flowers' evidence in connection with the accusation of adultery. He contended further that the evidence throughout was consistent with Roy's having encouraged Mrs. Mowder and he asked why Roy didn't desist from seeing when he knew that her husband was annoyed at him.

Witnesses who gave evidence on behalf of the defence Wednesday were H. F. Curry and Mrs. Curry, of Toronto, F. W. Morgan, Toronto, Mrs. Roy, wife of the defendant, Peter Collett, Toronto, Dr. A. G.

Zeidler, a chemist from Toronto, and Dr. N. F. Tomlinson, a physician at Claremont. Mrs. Curry testified that she and her son had driven Roy to the farm late on the night of Saturday, May 29, returning to Toronto that night and driving back to the farm on the Sunday afternoon to get Roy. Mr. Morgan, who had accompanied the Roy's to the farm on Sunday, June 6, 1943, said that the whole party, Mrs. Mowder included, made a tour of the farm and several of them, including Roy and himself, fixed a wall in a chicken house, following which the Roy's, the Schmeltzer's and himself left for Toronto at about 4:30 p.m. Speaking of one Saturday night in the fall of 1943 when he said Mowder passed Roy, Mrs. Mowder and himself on the road, Mr. Morgan said that Roy and

Mrs. Mowder were having dinner, apparently alone in the house, when he arrived off the evening train that night.

Mrs. Roy testified that Mowder had come and asked if his wife might spend her vacation at their home late in January, 1943, and she explained that the fur jacket exhibited in court was one which she had discarded and which she gave to Mrs. Mowder at that time. She added that she had also loaned Mrs. Mowder a diamond ring. She recalled seeing her husband get into the Curry car late on the night of May 29, 1943, and she said that she had gone to the farm the next day with Mrs. Curry. She said she had invited Mrs. Mowder to their home on numerous subsequent occasions and she expressed the utmost confidences in her husband.

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