

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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

A special service will be held on Sunday morning, July 1st in the Baptist Church when the Honor Roll containing the names of local boys serving in the armed forces will be unveiled. A men's chorus will supply special music for the occasion and the air cadets are expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham of Oshawa visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis.

During the month of July both the local churches will unite for a morning service in the Baptist Church and in the evening the service will be in the park. Rev. I. E. Kennedy will be in charge.

Miss Doris Dolphin visited at her home over the weekend.

The Evans-Pugh family reunion will be held in Stouffville Memorial Park this Saturday, June 30th.

Miss Ollie Forsyth attended the Jones wedding at Oak Ridges on Saturday. Mr. Jones was an employee of Mr. Harry Found some years ago.

Jack Brown who recently returned from Mexico after delivering 109 purebred Holsteins to the president's secretary from the farm of W. Murphy, will leave again shortly for Virginia with another lot of Murphy cows.

Mrs. Wm. Brown is again in very poor health at her home here.

Miss Jennie Pilkey is in poor health at her home here.

Mrs. L. M. Comba of Toronto has been visiting with her cousin Mrs. Esther Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pilkey of Brooklin visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh on Sunday.

An interesting social gathering was held at the United Church on Tuesday evening when friends gathered to entertain the returned boys who are connected with the church.

Mrs. Luther Pilkey has returned after a two weeks' holiday with relatives.

Miss Johnson of Unionville is at the Wellman home where Mrs. Wellman sr. is still confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gibson of Oshawa visited in Stouffville on Sunday.

Decoration Service at Claremont on Sunday

The annual decoration service of the Claremont Union Cemetery will be held on Sunday, July 1st, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Wenham will be in charge. The evening church service in the village will be withdrawn due to the cemetery service.

Western Visitor is Government Game Inspector

Dr. B. I. Love of Edmonton, Alta., and former veterinary of Claremont visited the village on Wednesday. When in business here some twenty-five years ago, Dr. Love conducted an office where the present Lewis Bakery stands. He took as his wife at that time, the former Ethel Burton who has since predeceased him. Dr. Love is now employed by the Dominion Government and left Claremont to inspect a buffalo herd near Winnipeg. From there he will return to his home in Edmonton, and then to the Arctic where the Canadian Government has large reindeer herds.

Claremont and Rooneys Kick 3-3 Tie

Claremont and Toronto Rooneys played to a 3-3 tie in their football game here in the park on Wednesday evening. While the field was just a little on the slippery side the play was fast and drew quite a number of the local "old timers" who recall the day when football was the "biggest" game in Pickering. The Bradley brothers, Evans brothers, DeRusha, Redshaw, Todd, Tran, Dopking and McGauslin made up the local line-up.

A Good Sale Saturday

Despite the busy season and the intense heat on Saturday the Stevenson furniture sale sold like hot cake, and Auctioneer A. S. Farmer was fairly steaming. A meat platter sold for \$8.50 and an old time hanging lamp with those dingleberries hanging around it brought the amazing price of \$11.50.

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It was valued as something of an antique. A small walnut table brought \$20, and the piano went at \$85. A real antique if age counts was a wooden bed selling for \$10 minus springs or slats. The crowd was unusually large even for a fall sale when people are supposed to have a bit of leisure time for such affairs.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Gregg on Wednesday, June 20, at 2:30 p.m. The president, Mrs. Henry Johnston, conducted the meeting. Mrs. Frank Carson gave the topic "Agriculture Canadian Industries." Mrs. Wm. Evans brought the report from the District Annual for South Ontario which was held at Kinsale. Mrs. Hugh Gregg gave a pleasing instrumental. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Grace Mighton who was slated on the program for Current Events. This item was taken by Mrs. Conely. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the hostess and a social half hour was spent.

William J. Linton Dies in Toronto

News of the death of William J. Linton at his home 863 King street West, Toronto, on June 16 came as a real shock to many around Claremont where he was known and spent his youthful life. He was only a few months, Mr. Linton was expected to recover. He was 63 years of age.

Born at Bethel, east of Claremont, William was a son of Byron Linton and his wife Sarah Middleton, pioneer settlers of Pickering. William took up work with the railroad, and after leaving Claremont he was employed for many years at Port Hope and later moved to Toronto. He married Violet Middleton who survives him, together with two daughters and two sons, namely, Stanley Linton of Port Hope, Herbert Overseas, also Mrs. Leonard Jackson, Oshawa, and Miss Hazel Linton, Toronto.

Two brothers also survive, they being Joseph of Lansing, and Thomas of Whitby, also two sisters Mrs. Andrew Ashenhurst of Goodwood, and Mrs. Robert Byers of Toronto.

The funeral on June 18 from Toronto proceeded to Port Hope for burial in the family plot there.

BROUGHAM

Mrs. Davis of Crystal Beach made a short visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Holtby, last week.

Mrs. Frank Ham of Claremont visited with her sister, Mrs. Albert Matthews, on Thursday last.

Mrs. Dryman and daughter Judy of Toronto spent the past week with their grandmother, Mrs. T. C. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hillick and family, also Mrs. V. Wright of Georgetown called on her brother, Albert Beer, on Saturday.

Pte. Gilbert Wannop of Newmarket spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wannop.

Visitors at the Wm. Ellicott home were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ravey, Mrs. R. Ford and little daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dingman of Whitby visited with Albert and Mrs. Matthews on Saturday.

There was a big charivari and miscellaneous shower in the village on Monday evening for the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller. The couple are making their home at Thistle Ha farm.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Wm. Gray in the loss of her brother, the late Mr. T. Judd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess and daughter of Queensville called on friends one evening last week and also attended the Madill shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gannon and daughter Bonnie of Oshawa visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gannon on Sunday.

A miscellaneous shower was held in the hall last Thursday in honor of our newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Madill. There was a good attendance and the number of beautiful and useful presents show the high esteem in which the bride and groom are held.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller have moved into the home they recently purchased from Miss B. Stevenson. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Miller to our midst.

Miss Zella Seebeck spent the past week with her mother and sister here.

Wm. Jones, R.C.N.V.R., is spending a leave with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Easton.

The service in St. John's Church will be held next Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Instead of the afternoon with the Y.P. in charge.

The W.I. are holding their next meeting on July 10th at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ellicott.

Ratepayers will Seek Township Division

Group to Ask Pickering Be Divided in Two

Decision to approach Pickering Township Council at its next meeting with a view to ascertaining the possibility of separating Pickering Township into two units was made at the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed South Pickering Ratepayers Association.

It was also decided that the association delegation should ask council for a polling subdivision in Dunbarton, and for a sidewalk along the north side of Highway 2 from Dunbarton Village to the school, where parents present at the meeting pointed out, children are in daily danger from the heavy traffic.

Association constitution and by-laws were ratified, and the temporary officers elected were: Horace Brown, president; Ed R. Hannah, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Hume, treasurer; W. J. Maxworthy, Hugh Watson, Robert Campbell and William Hume, executive.

Remanded on Arson Charge

Dunbarton Storekeeper Received Enquiry Four Hours Before Fire

Brought before Magistrate F. S. Ebbs at Whitby police court Roy Tripp, of the Township of Pickering, was charged with setting fire to a property at Pine Ridge in the Township of Pickering on June 11. The case was remanded by His Worship with accused to remain in custody till June 26 unless bail is otherwise provided; then the case would be heard on June 29. A.W.S. Greer is defending the accused.

This is the second of two charges against Tripp for he was earlier charged with the seduction of a young girl under 21 years of age on various occasions in March and April, 1945 under promise of marriage.

Claimed To Be Reporter

Four hours before fire destroyed the home of Roy Tripp a man claiming to be a Toronto reporter had telephoned neighbors to learn details of the fire at the Tripp home, Township Constable J. B. Irvine disclosed.

Constable Irvine said investigation into the mysterious telephone inquiry by officials of the fire marshal's office led to the charge.

Mrs. Helen Jack, grocery store proprietor at Dunbarton, said the man claiming to be a reporter, called her on the morning before the fire, saying he had been informed that the home burned to the ground on the previous Saturday night.

"I told him that the home had not burned and thought nothing more of it until 2 o'clock that afternoon when the alarm was given that the house was burning," said Mrs. Jack.

Constable Irvine said telephone records at the Toronto newspaper office from which the call is purported to have come show that no reporter made such an inquiry. He said the call had been traced to a firm in Toronto where Tripp was employed.

No One at Home

Neighbors said there was no one at home when the fire broke out at the Tripp residence. Mr. and Mrs. Tripp and their three children having left in their car a short time previously. Pickering firemen who were called were unable to check the blaze and the building was destroyed. The loss is reported to have been about \$1,800.

When the family returned that evening, Tripp was placed under

COLLIDED WITH ONE-HORSE WAGON

Pleading not guilty to a charge of careless driving before Magistrate F. S. Ebbs at Whitby, Edwin J. Sandell, Toronto, was found guilty by His Worship and a fine of \$15 and costs, or 15 days in the county jail was the sentence imposed.

Evidence was given by Edward Mowle Myrtle, that on May 30th about 5 p.m. he had been driving his one-horse wagon south on Highway No. 12 about half a mile south of Myrtle, when a car, driven by the accused, crashed into his wagon from the rear. The wagon was somewhat damaged and the horse injured.

Ontario Provincial Police Constable C. Hefferon stated that when he arrived on the scene about an hour or more later he found that the wagon had been struck from the rear and that the horse was injured about the hind leg. Immediately behind he found the accused's car.

Telling his story to the magistrate, Sandell stated that he had turned out to pass the wagon at a speed of about 35 miles per hour when he saw a truck approaching so he turned back in behind the wagon which was about 60 yards in front. When the truck passed him he turned out but was by this time quite close to the wagon and struck the left rear of the wagon when his foot slipped off the brake when he was about to brake.

The defence was given that it was not a case of careless driving but rather one of a slight error in judgment. His Worship stated that such a defence was far from accept-

Six Months for Retaining Stolen Goods

Convicted on a charge of having in his possession goods known to have been stolen, a shotgun and a rifle, Archie Fenn, Toronto, was sentenced to six months definite and six months indeterminate in the county jail, by His Honor Judge D. B. Coleman, in county judge's criminal court on Thursday at Whitby.

His Honor dismissed a second charge of theft of the guns from Victor Clark in April, 1942. Clark at that time lived just south of the village of Greenwood. Spencer Pitt, Toronto, defended the accused while Crown Attorney Allan F. Annis acted for the Crown.

Telling the accused that his four witnesses who gave evidence on his behalf, "were very poor and I was not impressed with any of them," Judge Coleman stated that he could not convict Fenn of the theft of the guns as there was no direct evidence.

Fenn claimed that he had purchased the guns from Clark during a drinking bout at Clark's cottage on the evening of the 7th of April, 1942. He said he purchased the rifle for \$5.00 and the shotgun for \$3.00.

Clark, who lives alone, testified that on the evening of April 7th, he had gone to a neighbor's place and on his return, found that the front door had been pried open and the house ransacked. He discovered that the two guns were missing, but that the unknown thieves had failed to find \$60.00 that Clark had secreted away in a drawer.

He testified that he valued the rifle at \$70.00 and the shotgun at \$20.00.

Clark admitted that he had seen Fenn on one previous occasion when he had "sold him a couple of bottles of beer." He denied seeing Fenn at his home on the evening when the break-in allegedly took place.

John Norton, county constable, stated that he had been called to Clark's home at approximately 10.30 on the evening of April 7th and was advised that in addition to the two guns, shells, an open-faced watch, a pair of overalls and about \$5.00 in change was also missing.

"Outside the door, there was the mark of a man's shoe. I would say about a size eight. It had a steel plate on the heel," Constable Norton added.

Provincial Constable Wm. Beyune, Bracebridge, stated that on November 21st of last year, he had gone to the hunting shack of Fenn located about seven miles west of the town and had searched the building and discovered the two guns. He testified that Fenn was not at home at the time, so he left a note for him to come to the provincial police office in Bracebridge.

"In a statement I took from him the next day, Fenn stated that he had bought two guns from Clark in April of 1942. That he had paid \$5.00 for the rifle and \$3.00 for the shotgun. He stated that he had been at the shack pretty well all day drinking. He said that Clark was known as a bottlelegger and a hermit. He said that 'persons in the shack were pretty intoxicated,' the officer testified.

Provincial Constable Ray Hodgson, Oshawa, who was with Beyune when Fenn made the statement, corroborated Beyune's evidence.

Fenn, on his own behalf, admitted knowing Clark and stated that he had been at accused's cabin sometime early in April of 1942. He admitted that during the intervening period he had put in two years in Kingston penitentiary on a breaking and entering charge. He said that he and six companions went out from Toronto to drink beer.

"We paid 25 cents a pint for the beer and the same amount for a shot whiskey. Clark told me that he was short of money and offered to sell me the guns for the price named. There were four people with me when I bought them," Fenn testified.

He said that the gun had been at this hunting cabin near Bracebridge from 1942 until November of last year.

Under cross-examination, he admitted a lengthy criminal record that included sentences to Kingston penitentiary, Burwash and the reformatory.

His Honour, in summing up the evidence, stated that he was critical of the fact that all persons who were supposed to be at the house that evening with Fenn had not been called by the defence. These included two girls.

able and that there was no excuse for the collision and all blame rested squarely on Sandell. Informed that Sandell was taking care of all damage done, His Worship imposed the fine of \$15 and costs or 15 days.

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