

**OUR CAPITAL  
CORRESPONDENT**

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**Pickering Twp.  
Taxes to be Lowered**

Ratepayers in Pickering Township may look for a reduction in their taxes this year, when the annual bills go out, despite the fact that the township council struck a general tax rate one mill higher than last year. The general rate will be five mills instead of four, it was decided Tuesday evening when the tax law was passed.

However, the government is paying 50 per cent of the school costs and this will more than offset the added increase in the general rate.

**GREEN RIVER**

Mrs. Lawrence of Toronto, visited with Mrs. J. Nighswander recently. Mrs. Parker spent Sunday with the Duncan family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gray and Gordon had Sunday dinner with Mr. B. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hagerman and family are moving to Maple Grove, and were tendered a farewell party on Friday evening.

Glad to report an increase in Sunday School attendance. Next Sunday will be missionary day under leadership of R. Carter.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lade (nee Ethel Ireson) on the birth of their son on June 22, 1945.

The Sunday School picnic to Woodbridge on July 11th promises to be a big event for our people.

**W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS  
AND ANSWERS**

Q.—I would like to know why they do not ration stockings? I am working all day and cannot live up to buy them.

A.—Rationing of stockings would be a very difficult and very expensive matter....we are hoping this situation will improve as the summer progresses and so many young people are using lego. We are making as many full fashioned hosiery in Canada as we ever did and there should not be any acute shortage if everyone would buy only what they need.

Q.—Why is sugar so scarce right now? I would think with safer shipping conditions it would be possible to get more sugar brought into Canada.

A.—Canada is not the only country needing sugar....we only receive our fair share from the world supply. The tremendous needs for liberated countries must be met....some of these people have not had any sugar for many years. In Canada we must reduce our consumption of sugar for the rest of this year by two hundred million pounds....that is why your sugar ration will be cut five pounds during the remainder of the year.

Q.—I sent a rug to be cleaned and the cleaner kept it for three months. When it was returned it did not seem much better than when I sent it. Is there anything I can do about this?

A.—There is no WPTB regulation governing the length of time it takes to clean a rug or the quality of the work done. If you were overcharged for the work done we will be glad to investigate. Chemicals used in cleaning are still required for military uses and sometimes it is not possible for cleaning firms to give the same kind of treatment to such items as rugs. The delay was no doubt caused by shortages of staff at the plant....we are sure no reputable firm would want to keep your rug any longer than necessary. Naturally they would send it out as soon as ready in order to collect their money.

Q.—I was asked 46c. a lb. for commercial quality round steak and 36c. a lb. for spare ribs last Saturday morning at the market....I am sure these prices are too high and would like to know the correct prices I should have paid?

A.—These prices certainly were too high....for commercial quality round steak with the bone left in the maximum price you should pay is 40c. a lb. If the bone was removed before you bought the steak the butcher could charge 2c. a lb. more. In the case of pork spare ribs....side ribs should not sell for more than 26c. a lb. and back ribs at 32c. If you will write again giving the name of the butcher charging these high prices we will investigate immediately.

**FRED COLE IS ILL**

His friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. Fred Cole, 9th concession Markham, farmer, is in the Toronto General Hospital for observation for 21 days pending an operation.

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