

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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Friends will regret to learn that Miss S. E. Evans is confined to her home and not in the best of health.

Miss Margaret McNab entertained friends at her home from Toronto one day last week.

The Ladies' Circle of the Baptist Church met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ruth Middleton. The program on Stewardship was taken by Mrs. Morley's group.

Mrs. Peters of Port Perry has been visiting with her two daughters here, Mrs. Geo. Beverly and Mrs. Carruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis visited friends in Toronto on Sunday, and attended worship in the Woodbine Hgts. Baptist Church.

Mrs. Fred Pugh visited relatives in Unionville one day last week.

As part of his congregation in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Rev. Len Wenham had a number of friends from western Canada who have been visiting down east. Rev. Wenham was their pastor there for several years.

We understand that Mr. Hurbabee who has been ill at Havelock, has been removed to the Oshawa Hospital and his condition at last report was favorable.

Lawrence Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils last week.

The new home of Walter Ward being built opposite the Sarco plant has had the first plaster coat and work is being rushed to allow Mr. Ward in as soon as possible. Mr. G. M. Forsyth has been continually held up through material and labor shortages with his new house on the 9th. con. and is not likely to be able to occupy the place before cold weather sets in.

Jas. Coates has purchased a building from the former McIntyre plant here which had been used for cold storage. Saturday it was moved to Mr. Coates property a short distance away, by tractor.

A new barn is being erected on the Mac Middleton property, north Claremont.

Mrs. T. Moment of Myrtle Station visited with Mrs. Towner here one day last week.

Mrs. Smith of Hamilton was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Reg. McKay last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rendell and two children of Napanee spent Tuesday and Wednesday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loyst.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Aurora were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stanbury on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Pyatt of Leaside spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loyst.

Friends are pleased to welcome back to Claremont, Mr. and Mrs. John Beelby, who will occupy the house which they purchased from Robt. Holman.

Sunday visitors at the home of David Gregg were, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peterson of Agincourt, Miss Isabel Elliott and Miss Armstrong, Toronto, Miss Olive and Mrs. Percy Jack, Toronto and Mrs. Condy. Misses Isabel and Jean Gregg also spent Sunday with their parents.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Giles on Thursday with fifty-eight ladies and twelve children in attendance. Dr. N. F. Tomlinson, guest speaker, took as his topic, tuberculosis, its prevention and cure. He explained the survey to be made of Pickering Township in the near future regarding this disease. Mrs. J. Coates gave an interesting paper on making

irritations and calamities into character, making special mention of Helen Keller and what she had accomplished. She also displayed a piece of needlework done by a lady whose hands are completely paralyzed. This piece of work was done with her teeth and tongue. This being Young Mothers' Day. Prizes were given. Mrs. Vernon Elliott won first prize as the youngest mother, and the infant daughter of S. Dunning won first prize as the youngest baby. Mrs. J. Peddie gave a demonstration on First Aid in the home. Mrs. Fred Evans, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. R. Jackson served a dainty lunch.

Little interest was taken in the village in the choosing of new police trustees, and Messrs. Jack Norton, Thos. Hammond and Mait Anderson were returned by acclamation.

Rats Like Woodchucks Said to Infest Dump

Although not legally established, and against Township of Pickering bylaws, the sideroad running west from the Farr Elevators in Claremont has become a real dumping ground for people miles around. Tins cans, bottles and refuse litter the road side in heaps, for some distance, and in some places are even piled up on both sides. Although your reporter didn't encounter any rodents, nearby residents tell us that the place is infested with them, and protests will be received by the township council and village trustees to have some action taken to prevent the use of this public thoroughfare as a dumping ground.

Family Gathering Marks Mother's 80th Birthday

Nine sons and daughters of Mrs. Thos. Benns, Claremont, gathered at the home here on Sunday to mark their mother's eightieth birthday, the actual date of which falls on this Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Mrs. H. L. Regan of Toronto was the only absentee. In addition there are 23 grand-children and fourteen great grandchildren. Mrs. Benns who was born in Uxbridge, England, came to this country at the age of six, and resided in Toronto for a time, before coming to Claremont in 1913. This elderly lady is in excellent health, and according to her daughters, even more spry than they. She takes great delight from her garden and flowers, and is a persistent knitter. The four sons are Thomas and Charlie of Claremont, Phil. of Uxbridge Twp., Harry, Pickering Twp., daughters, Mrs. M. E. Morgan, Belleville, Mrs. R. B. Reed, Oshawa, Mrs. D. E. Watson, Uxbridge, Mrs. T. Robertson, Toronto and Edna, Toronto.

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D. B. Annis Opposed For Reeveship

Small Number of Ratepayers Out to Register Any Complaint Against Present Administration

Dr. N. E. McEwen will oppose Reeve Blake Annis for the reeveship of Pickering, otherwise there are acclamations for deputy-reeve and for council.

Only about fifty ratepayers attended the annual nomination meeting of Pickering Township held in the Brougham Hall on Friday afternoon, and signified general satisfaction with administering of township affairs by the present council.

Blake Annis, reeve, dealt at some length with county matters, stating that he had been given a position for a three-year term on the road committee, and hoped to be able to continue in this office for another year at least. He stated that roads were harder to maintain this year owing to increased traffic from that of wartime, and on the other hand there was less building done owing to labor and material shortages.

He had supported, he stated, a motion to propose a bylaw allowing the county to take over all bridges with a span of 30' or over. Pickering, said Mr. Annis, had 22 such bridges, the largest number of any municipality in the county.

"It is expected," he said, "that the ratepayers will be taxed under the new assessment survey by 1948."

It was revealed that in Pickering township there had been 445 changes of ownership this year, and an increased assessment of \$68,000.

Touching on health matters, Mr. Annis told the ratepayers that the Department had now agreed to pay 60¢ per pupil average school attendance health expenses. This arrangement has been in force in County health areas for some time, but Pickering is the first township area to receive the grant, he declared. The government aid would amount to about \$600 it was believed.

In speaking of the expected T.B. test for township residents the reeve stated that the clinic had had to be postponed this year, but when it was carried out, he hoped that every resident would take advantage of it.

Mr. Annis has spent nine years on council and is coming into his third term as reeve.

Wm. Westney, deputy-reeve, stated that while the Ajax problems were being footballed around by the Ontario and Dominion governments, Pickering had been quite fortunate in not having to shoulder any great burden of expenses there. The school area question will come up for discussion at the January session, he stated. Mr. Westney is a member of the consultative committee, looking into the matter of increased high school areas.

Mr. Westney told his listeners that the township had crushed 27,407 yards of gravel this year, and that the men employed there by the road foreman would be kept on during the winter to cut brush.

Mr. Todd paid tribute to the work of the policemen, Jack Irvine, and his assistant, Fred White. Salaries, he said, had been increased, but this was necessary, and the employees he believed would continue to need more help as the township grew.

It was also revealed that five men had been insured on each fire department in the township, to protect them going to and from fires.

"I'm glad to see such a few out," said Frank Disney, councillor.

Mr. Disney was chairman of the sheep killed by dogs committee, and told the ratepayers that this was one of the smallest years for such payments on record, only \$410.

Mr. Milton Burk, councillor, thanked those who proposed him again for office, and told the gathering that relief costs were slightly upward, a total of \$2366 against \$2058 in 1945.

Nominations:
For Reeve:
D. B. Annis proposed by W. H. Westney and M. B. Burk, W. H. Westney by D. B. Annis and Geo. Todd, Dr. N. E. McEwen by Robt. Ruddy and A. C. Diamond.

For Deputy-Reeve:
Geo. Todd by D. B. Annis, W. H. Westney, W. H. Westney by D. B. Annis and Geo. Todd.

For Council:
Geo. Todd by W. H. Westney and D. B. Annis, Milton Burk by Frank Disney and D. B. Annis, Frank Disney by M. B. Burk and Geo. Todd, Horace Brown by Margaret Baldwin and A. E. Baldwin, Robt. Ruddy by R. C. Reesor and A. C. Diamond, Jos. Banningan by A. D. Ruddy and Geo. Todd.

School Trustees S.S.No.1:
John Power by E.L. Chapman and Robt. Ruddy, Chas. Robert by Robt. Ruddy and E. L. Chapman, Alan Lishman by E. L. Chapman and Robt. Ruddy, Wm. Collins by Robt. Ruddy and E. L. Chapman, Stanley Mann by Robt. Ruddy and E. L. Chapman.

Charges Thrown at Pickering Nomination Meeting Bring Forth Sharp Retaliation

Meeting Registered Strong Protest Against Statements of Horace Brown, led by Robt. Ruddy — Township One of the Most Backward in Province According to Government Dept. Says Brown

"There will not be a man in the Pickering Township 1949 council, that is here today," predicted Horace Brown, president of the South Pickering Ratepayers Association at the annual nomination meeting held in Brougham on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Brown's opening statement brought consternation to the faces of some fifty ratepayers gathered.

The north part of the township cannot isolate itself and all the municipal offices, while the greatest portion of the population and assessment was in the south.

Mr. Brown stated that he understood from the Department of Highways and other government departments that Pickering Township was considered among the backward townships in the province.

This remark brought Mr. Robt. Ruddy and ex-Warden Reesor to their feet.

"That statement's a lie," he declared. "The Department of Highway would never make such a statement, and you know it," continued Mr. Ruddy.

"There's nothing new in north Pickering," stated Mr. Brown. He said that this part of the township was growing old and worn out.

Mr. Brown stated that the south portion of the municipality was growing up, and that any good works which had been undertaken by this year's council had been the direct result of pressure by Mr. Brown and his Association.

The men on the council are not themselves to blame for preserving their own interests, he went on, it's their collective thinking that is wrong.

"We must have a proper democratic council and the only way the north can now prevent what he claimed to be an inevitable ousting, was to have the municipality divided into wards.

"The Municipal Department frowns on this policy," stated Mr. Wm. Westney.

"I've been given to understand differently," replied Mr. Brown.

Mr. Westney declared the only reason Scarborough was divided into wards was the fact that they went bankrupt and had to be taken over, and this was the easiest way of

handling their affairs.

Mr. Brown stated that his association had asked that the hours of voting be changed from 8 to 5, until 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. On this question he said the council after much deliberation moved, and brought forth a mouse. They extended the hours until 6. Thus he claimed the south Pickering ratepayers believed they were being discriminated against since so many worked in Toronto, and were unable to get out in time to vote.

If a plan to divide the township into wards is not forthcoming, beware the sleeping giant, he said in referring to the ratepayers organization in the south.

"You speak of roads, we haven't any good municipal roads in the township," he charged.

"Last year I advocated a three year program of road building, and ditching. The council is still talking about it, and would be in 1950, if given the chance," Mr. Brown declared.

He said he believed the council was penny wise and pound foolish.

Mr. Robt. Ruddy called on the press to make special note of the fact that he was calling on the meeting to register a strong protest against Mr. Brown's statements.

"Mr. Brown's S.P.R.A. is not an association, and he can't give me five names from Pickering Village of ratepayers who belong to it," he declared.

"We in Pickering Village have no association with Mr. Brown's S.P.R.A. Such slanderous statements about Pickering have never before been made on a public platform," he said.

"We've seen what happened to Scarborough Township when a bunch of darn fools got into office—they went bankrupt," Mr. Ruddy continued.

"Will Westney now deputy-reeve of this township, will be on the Board in 1949, and I've \$50.00 or \$100



W. H. Westney was given a third term as Deputy-reeve by acclamation. Mr. Westney headed the poles when his seat was contested last year.

to say so," said Ruddy. "Probably we haven't all paved roads, and we haven't all got paved pockets either," concluded Mr. Ruddy.

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