

Contest for Deputy-Reeve and Council Seats in Pickering Twp.

W. H. Westney Receives Acclamation for ReeveShip—Record Crowd Attends Nomination Meeting Monday.

W. H. Westney will step unopposed into the reeveship of Pickering Township, following the annual nomination meeting on Monday afternoon at Brougham. Mr. Westney has had seven years experience. Geo. Todd, senior councillor will be opposed in his move to the deputy reeve's office by Dr. N. E. McEwen, Frank Disney and Milton Burk, members of this year's council stated their intention to seek reelection, while Norman Littleford, Horace Brown and Clare Balsdon also stated their desire to seek council seats.

Alan Leisman and John Power received an acclamation for school trustees in Section No. 1, Audley and No. 4 East.

Reeve Blake Annis told the gathering of several hundred ratepayers that after ten years experience, he was retiring from office. Mr. Annis spoke primarily of County matters. He told his audience that of the \$16,000 which his County Road Dept. had overdrawn on

the original expropriation, \$30,000 had been for unforeseen snowplowing.

Of interest particularly to northern residents was Mr. Annis' announcement that the Brock Road snowplowing equipment would be stationed for the greater part of the time at Claremont, rather than at Uxbridge as originally planned.

The Reeve stated that the new 100% assessment in the County had raised Pickering Township's assessment from \$4 million to \$7 million. In comparison, the total assessment of Rama Township was up nearly 100%. Pickering's share of County taxes he said was slightly over 20% and over a period of several years, the township received an equal share of services for this amount.

W. H. Westney, chairman of the township road and bridge committee stated that Pickering had some 225 miles of road to keep open in the winter.

"Seven years ago," he said, "we had two plows, today we have five." \$1700 he stated had been spent on widening several bad cuts and cutting down hills. Of the \$60,000 appropriated for road and bridge work in 1947, \$58,000 had been

spent he said. Included in the expenditures were \$2,900 for two new bridges, \$3,356 for new culvert pipe and the cost of 16,500 yards of crushed gravel laid down from their own pit.

Mr. Westney also spoke of a number of new road machines on order, for which delivery dates could not be guaranteed.

An agitation is underway he told the ratepayers to get rid of Ajax, where he said the big share of hospitalization costs were saddled on Pickering.

Police costs he stated, had risen from \$800 in 1940, to over \$6,000 in 1947, and the big share of this cost arises south of the 3rd concession.

George Todd, senior councillor, informed the gathering that some township departments, such as police, roads and clerical, would have to have enlarged staffs, if the work continued to increase. Mr. Todd said that the salary increases granted this year were fully justified by the increased living costs.

Frank Disney stated that his department, "sheep killed by dogs," had shown a profit. Over \$1600 had been collected in dog tax.

Milton Burk said that relief accounts totalling \$1100 had been paid, which was \$300 decrease from 1946.

Robt. Reesor asked the ratepayers what would be done with the influx of population in the south if a depression was to strike? He also urged a Brock Rd. polling booth, stating that some residents had to travel as much as 11 miles to vote.

W. C. Thompson who was nominated for the office of reeve, declined the nomination, but challenged the incoming council to look into the matter of better hydro service for Pickering. "Do we only get the dregs after Oshawa and Whitby are done with it," he said. He also stated that more efficient telephone service should be prompted by the incoming council.

F. M. Chapman, nominated for the office of deputy-reeve added to Mr. Thompson's remarks regarding the hydro.

"We should not allow the hydro to go over the farms, destroying much valuable timber and land value, without paying sufficient for it," he contended. "It's only providing cheap power for somebody else at the farmer's expense," he said.

He concluded with the quotation from Toronto's mayor, "Get the whole vote out and you won't elect any undesirable."

Dr. McEwen who was nominated for the office of deputy-reeve, and is seeking that office at the polls, said, "I'm not going to bowl anybody out, age mellow the man."

He reiterated former speakers' remarks regarding the destruction for new hydro lines, and stated that the Brock Rd. should be paved with gold, the amount of money Pickering has paid into County road taxes.

"The south," he stated, "has two-thirds of the votes and two-thirds the assessment, they're going to have the biggest influx of new homes, and if we don't prepare now, the farmers in the north will be put out of business."

Norman Littleford stated he would be a candidate for council, and included in his platform, better roads, encouragement of new industries, more street lighting, larger police force, better fire protection, and telephone service.

Horace Brown who is seeking office on the 1948 council, stated that Pickering Township could not remain an agricultural island in a sea of industry. The farmers, he contended, carried the burden of relief in the last depression, and they would do it again. Mr. Brown advocated an industrial committee from the township. He stated that he favored a High School area for Pickering, and advocated an Agricultural School in conjunction with it.

Robt. Ruddy, declined nomination for council, but congratulated last year's council members on their work.

Ed. Swaim, Donald Beer, Jas. Coates and Stanley Mann, thanked the men who had nominated them, but stated that they did not expect to be candidates.

Clare Balsdon stated that he would be a candidate for office, and Hugh Michell called on the ratepayers to support Mr. Balsdon at the polls.



Pickering Twp. Electors!

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Solicited for

Milton B. Burk
Three Years Experience
as Councillor

Polling Jan. 5, 1948
VOTING HOURS—9.00-7.00

To The Ratepayers of Township of Pickering

We will be asked to vote on January 5th to select whom we wish to represent us on 1948 Township Council. We want council members to reside in different areas of the township, and to work for the municipality as a whole. Compared with other rural townships our roads are good, and so is our equipment. We have received some new equipment this year and more is on order, and will be delivered when available.

In 1941 you elected me as councillor, since that time you have given me four acclamations.

I appreciate this confidence placed in me. I was born, raised and lived in the township all my life except the time I served in His Majesty's Forces during the first world war. I have been a ratepayer in the 3rd concession for 27 years and in the 2nd concession for 19 years, and have sufficient interest at stake here to make the welfare of this township of vital concern to me. If elected as Deputy Reeve it will be my duty to assist in the work of County Council, which body, as you know, expends about 35.7 per cent. of our Pickering taxes. It is highly necessary to all ratepayers that we have there a man who is experienced in municipal work, who has made a success of his own business, and above all is regarded as a safe man to assist the Reeve in his administration. My record of seven years in the affairs of our township, should carry considerable weight with all who are depending upon their elected men to faithfully discharge their duties in public affairs. I promise I will strenuously oppose all who seek to secure undeserved favors at the expense of the ratepayers, and that no influence can induce me in any move to override the wishes of our Pickering people. I feel that constant watchfulness against any encroachments of our municipal liberties is essential at this time.

Surely experience is the best teacher in any profession, or business.

Therefore I solicit your vote and influence to elect me, as your Deputy Reeve.

Wishing you the best for 1948.

George Todd

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent Local dealers—Madill's Store and Overland's Store.

Farm Suffers from Christmas Thieves

Reward Offered by R. G. Roy for Apprehension of Guilty Parties

Just prior to the Christmas holiday thieves entered the farm of Mr. R. G. Roy at Claremont, and cut some valuable evergreens for Christmas trees. The owner is naturally thoroughly aroused over the matter, and intends to make an example of the culprits, if they can be apprehended.

Mr. Roy is posting a reward of \$25 for information leading to the identity and conviction of the offenders, and he promises that any information offered will be treated in a strictly confidential manner.

It was only last summer that a similar piece of vandalism was committed on the Roy farm, when the fruit from a cherry orchard was stripped from the trees just a few days before the owner would have harvested the crop.

Mr. Roy reported to the press that he had set out a fifty tree cherry orchard about seven years ago, cultivated and cared for it all through those years. Then when the first crop is about to be picked, thieves stepped in and cleaned the whole crop, without detection. Mr. Roy has posted a similar award in the sum of \$25 for information that leads to the apprehension and conviction in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hall of Toronto and Miss N. Warrens were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Overland and son David of Kingston, Miss Peggy Overland, Toronto, and Mr. Lionel Douglas, Bobcaygeon, enjoyed the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Overland.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McCullough spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Middleton of Stouffville. Other visitors at the Middleton home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, Audrey and Eileen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tomlinson of London are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilker and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gleeson, all of Toronto, spent Christmas at the Fred Evans home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Farr and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Farr's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Barker of Thistletown.

Christmas visitors at the Morgan Evans home were Mr. and Mrs. Vince Baker and family of Altona, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Jones and family of Mt. Zion, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dopking and Carleen of Dundas, Mr. and Mrs. Will Evans and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans and Donald, all of Claremont.

Mrs. Luther Pilkey Dies In 84th Year

After an illness of some months, death came on Friday, Dec. 26th, to Mrs. Luther Pilkey of Claremont. The aged mother was in her 84th year, having just marked her 83rd birthday on Dec. 10th. The former Eliza Mitchell, she was born at Utica, and married Luther Pilkey fifty-five years ago. Her husband predeceased her three years ago, and was buried at the time of his death, the day before Christmas.

The couple farmed for many years on the Brock Rd. south of the village. Twenty years ago the couple retired to Claremont, where the late Mr. Pilkey carried on a harness business for some time before his death. The late Mrs. Pilkey was a member of the United Church and was always active in the church organizations. Her husband was a Sunday School superintendent for many years.

Deceased is survived by four sons, Clarence of Invermay, Sask., Clifford, Toronto, Leonard, Oshawa, and Russel, Claremont, also seventeen grandchildren. The funeral was conducted from the late home on Monday afternoon by Rev. I. E. Kennedy assisted by Rev. L. Wenhmann. Interment was in Claremont Union Cemetery.

AUDLEY

Ed. Pardon to our east had the misfortune to fall off a roof last week and to break both legs and his thigh. He is now in the Oshawa hospital. His many friends hope for an early recovery.

It looks like an acclamation for W. H. Westney for reeve of our township. No better choice could be made. He with George Todd as deputy, who has been a good man for several years in the work of the township, will be safe men to send to the county council to handle the ever increasing problems that are creeping up in our local affairs.

Several from here are being afflicted by with severe colds, or a form of Flu that is somewhat different from the old forms of that disease.

School will reopen on the 5th of January.

His many friends will regret to hear of the death of John Johnston of Oshawa. As secretary of the Oshawa Fruit Growers he was in contact for several years with many of the growers here. He was a brother-in-law of the late Elmer Lick who was the leading man in the formation of the co-operative.

NOTICE

Due to being so far behind in our Repair Work, we are closing from January 2nd to 9. Hoping by this we may be able to give better service in future, will be open Saturday night Jan. 3rd.

JACOB SMITH,
Watch Repair.

NEW YEARS DANCE

at
CLAREMONT
FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd
Music by the Columbians
Admission 50c per person

FARR'S ELEVATOR

CLAREMONT
Phone Res. 33J—Farr's Elevator,
Claremont. Office 33v.
Robert Millar, Brougham.

Western Grains, whole or chopped
Dried Brewers Grains
Oil Cake. Salt. Peat Moss
Master and Maple Leaf Feeds
Fertilizer. Cement. Rock Wool
Insulating Siding.
Coal, Coke and Stoker Coal.

BROUGHAM

Mrs. B. Ritchie spent a few days in Toronto last week visiting with her sister who has been ill.

Glad to know Mr. A. Ramsay is able to be around again after being laid up with a severe attack of lumbago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Follows of Hamilton spent Christmas under the parental roof.

Mrs. D. Gannon of Minden called on several Brougham friends on Wednesday before going on to Toronto where she spent Christmas with her daughter Gladys and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Caraswell and daughter Lynn also Miss Hazel Hamilton spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton.

Mr. Bert Beer returned home last week after spending a couple of weeks with his sister Mrs. Wright and other friends at Georgetown.

Mrs. T. C. Brown spent Christmas day with her daughter Mrs. H. Malcolm and family.

The Brougham firemen are planning a concert to be held on Jan. 16. Mr. Al. Harvey will be master of ceremonies. More particulars later.

The Green River United S.S. held their Christmas concert in the hall here on Monday evening when a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gray and family had Christmas dinner with the Albert Gray family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon of Pickering.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mairs also Jack and Barbara were with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Sr. of Claremont for Christmas.

Mrs. Harvey held a family reunion on Christmas day when her family were all home also Miss Atkinson of Toronto.

Mrs. Lemon returned home on Friday after spending a few weeks with her brother Frank of Valentia and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knox entertained their family of children and grandchildren, when seventeen met to spend a happy Christmas at home.

Mrs. Thos. Robertson visited her husband who is still in Christie St. Hospital, on Christmas day. We are glad to hear he is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beer are entertaining visitors from the U.S.A. for the holidays.

Several of our young people were out carol singing on Christmas eve.

Two Men Killed As Plane Crashes North of Whitby

Two men were killed late Friday afternoon in a pleasure aircraft which crashed into a cluster of trees at Glen Major, seven miles due east of Stouffville.

Dead are the pilot, Vernon Woodcock of 70 Gibbons St., Oshawa, and Frank Nokes of Glen Major. The plane went out of control when it was circling low over the Nokes' home.

Two brothers of Nokes rushed out of the house and helped pull the two men from the crumpled aircraft. Woodcock lived a few minutes. Nokes was killed instantly.

The two were pinned in the wreckage which did not burst into flames, but remained telescoped into the ground. Witnesses say the plane was circling low over the Nokes' home and dipping its wings, when it suddenly went out of control and crashed into the ground.

Neighbors of the Nokes, Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett, were sitting in their home with A. A. Walker of Whitby, when they heard the crash. They raced out of the house and assisted the two Nokes' brothers, George and Bobby, to remove the men.

Woodcock was known to Stouffville garage operators, since he came here to do special work, such as putting in auto glass.

Both were members of the Ontario Flying Club, and were flying a two-seater Fleet Canuck. They had taken off from the Oshawa field about 4 p.m. and had apparently flew over Glen Major to "buzz" Nokes' home.

The aircraft smashed the trees about 5 p.m. Coroner Dr. Tomlinson of Claremont was called.

Mr. Woodcock is survived by his widow and nine children, ranging in age from six months to 17 years.

Mrs. Jamieson, wife of Dr. Jamieson of Hamilton, and daughter of the late Archie Leaney, was in town on Monday.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Claremont Creamery, Claremont, Ont.
And in the Matter of the Bulk Sales Act.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Bulk Sales Act that all persons having claims against the Claremont Creamery, Claremont, Ont., which arose on or before the 23rd day of November, 1947, are hereby required to send post paid or to deliver to the undersigned Trustees particulars of their claim duly verified on or before the 5th day of January, 1948, after which said date the undersigned Trustee will distribute the proceeds of the sale of the said creamery having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice.

Dated December, 15th, 1947

H. R. Button, Trustee,
Stouffville, Ontario.
McCullough & Button,
Stouffville, Ontario,
Solicitors for the said Trustee.



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Frank DISNEY
as Councillor

Polling Jan. 5, 1948
VOTING HOURS—0.00-7.00

DANFORTH BUS LINES											
TORONTO				BROUGHAM				CLAREMONT			
EAST BOUND		READ DOWN		WEST BOUND		READ UP		EAST BOUND		READ UP	
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Daily	Ex.	Sun. & Ex.	Sun. & Ex.	Daily	Ex.	Sun. & Ex.	Sun. & Ex.	Daily	Ex.	Sun. & Ex.	Sun. & Ex.
Hol.	Hol.	Only	Hol.	Hol.	Hol.	Hol.	Hol.	Hol.	Hol.	Only	Hol.
9.45	5.45	2.00	10.00	9.15	.....	8.40	9.35	1.50	5.20	9.35	9.35
10.10	6.10	2.25	10.25	9.40	.....	8.10	9.10	1.25	4.55	9.10	9.10
10.20	6.20	2.35	10.35	9.50	.....	8.00	9.00	1.15	4.45	9.00	9.00
10.35	6.35	2.50	10.50	10.05	.....	7.45	8.45	1.00	4.30	8.45	8.45
10.38	6.38	2.53	10.53	10.08	.....	7.42	8.42	1.25	4.27	8.42	8.42
10.40	6.40	2.55	10.55	10.10	.....	7.40	8.40	1.25	4.25	8.40	8.40
10.50	6.50	3.05	11.05	10.20	.....	7.30	8.30	1.25	4.15	8.30	8.30
11.00	7.00	3.15	11.15	10.30	.....	7.20	8.20	1.25	4.05	8.20	8.20
11.05	7.05	3.20	11.20	10.35	.....	7.15	8.15	1.25	4.00	8.15	8.15
11.10	7.10	3.25	11.25	10.40	.....	7.10	8.10	1.25	3.55	8.10	8.10
11.20	7.20	3.35	11.35	10.50	.....	7.00	8.00	1.25	3.45	8.00	8.00
PARCEL EXPRESS OX188EASTERN STANDARD TIME Daily Reduction in Fares. Effective Sept. 20th from Toronto											
To Locust Hill				Single Fare				Return Fare			
To Brougham				.60				1.10			
To Claremont				.70				1.30			
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