

DICKSON HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wideman had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McDowell.

Quite a number of our people were present at the Markham Township Sunday School convention last week.

Miss Mary Bradshaw of Markham, formerly of the 7th line, visited at the Walker home Wednesday last. Mary is planning a visit with her relatives in England, and expects to sail the latter part of April. Her friends from Dickson Hill extend hearty wishes for a good voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Eby visited Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Robert Tuesday evening.

Exciting news over the telephone Saturday night sent neighbours rushing to the scene of a fire that demolished Orchard Grove hatchery.

Instructor Rev. V. K. Snyder and five students from Emmanuel Bible School, Kitchener, spent the day with Mt. Joy and Dickson Hill congregations Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis who have spent some time visiting friends in Ontario, have returned to their home in the West.

BETHESDA

The ladies of the W.M.S. and friends met at the home of Mrs. C. Burkholder, to quilt and sew for the needy of Europe. A nice lot of clothing was received and several pieces made over.

The annual meeting of Toronto East Presbyterian W.M.S. of the United Church will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd in Rhodes Ave. Church, Toronto. All are welcome.

The W.M.S. of the United Church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Empringham on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 2.30. A welcome awaits you.

On Sunday last, a car load of friends motored down to Port Hope, to visit Mrs. Haines who has not been well for some time. She will enter Port Hope hospital for an operation, and we all wish her the best of luck, and a speedy recovery.



Gasoline sales at New Toronto, Ont., service station operated by Ralph Moore, seen with sign,

and Charles Peck, has trebled since they cut prices three cents in inflation fight.

Mac Clement Leads With Four Goals in 11-1 Win at Newmarket

Mac Clement, defence stalwart for the Junior Red Wings, led his team with four goals in a 11-1 win over Newmarket on Tuesday night. All but one of Clement's goals were scored unassisted. The first two periods of the game were a slapping, shilly affair, with neither team showing too much combination. Although both teams missed numbers of royal scoring chances, Stouffville proved much more dangerous when close in, and Bill Mabbett, Keith Jewett and Bun Sellers rattled three counters behind Bill Mulholland in the Newmarket net in the opening twenty minutes.

The Red Wings added three more goals in the mid-session, Clement getting two and Jewett one. Davis, a new player with Newmarket, recently acquired from Aurora notched one for his club on a nice passout from the corner.

The visitors started to definitely pull away in the last period. Clement scoring two more, Bill Mabbett, Doug Burkholder and Keith Jewett each one. Johnny Atkinson, Skip Taylor, Polly Minton and Doug Burkholder laid some of the most effective passes in front of the Newmarket net.

Only three penalties were meted out by referee Max Reesor, two to Stouffville and one to Newmarket. Stouffville play host to the Newmarket team in the local arena this Friday night.

GOODWOOD

Wedding bells are ringing again. We congratulate our hockey team on their win Monday night.

Mr. H. L. Nettle of Toronto spent the weekend with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rae and family of Sunderland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Baston.

Mrs. J. F. Reid is staying in Toronto where her sister is very ill in the Western Hospital.

The Goodwood United Church are holding their annual congregational meeting on Friday night, Jan. 30th.

Goodwood United Church W.A. Officers for 1948 are: President, Mrs. R. Storry; Vice-President, Mrs. E. Tindall; Secretary, Mrs. B. Tindall; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Hall; Pianist, Miss B. Elderkin; Missionary, Mrs. D. McDonald; Temperance, Mrs. L. Meyers; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. H. Harper, Mrs. A. Hall; Flower and Visiting Committee, Mrs. S. Bacon, Mrs. C. Feasby, Mrs. E. Tindall; Quilt Committee, Mrs. A. Hall, Mrs. W. Todd.

The Goodwood W.A. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Ashenhurst on Feb. 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Devotional to be taken by Mrs. Samuel Bacon, and program by Mrs. Howarth. All ladies welcome.

Next Wednesday night, Feb. 4, a Carnival Queen will be crowned at the Stouffville Arena. It's the occasion of the Athletic Club carnival and \$25 will be awarded to prettiest, and prettiest dressed carnival gal. Judges from Stouffville, Unionville and Claremont will make the choice.

New Assessment System Works Well

(By Farmer Tissington in The Globe and Mail)

Ontario's new municipal assessment system is having its troubles. Like the majority of new ideas which are conceived in all sincerity, and are designed for the ultimate good of the township, village, town and county, the attempt to equalize all assessments on a county wide basis; to make taxpayers in one end of the county pay their fair share in relations to the taxpayers in the other end, has run into more than its share of criticism.

Those who are close to municipal affairs, particularly in the smaller centres of population, are almost unanimously agreed that no feature of municipal business affairs have been so sadly neglected through the years as the assessment system. While municipal councils have paid attention to their clerks, treasurers, health officers, building inspectors and their other officials, no one thought very much about the poor assessor. They simply handed him last year's assessment roll and told him to go out and bring in an assessment roll for the current year.

In too many cases the assessor has been a part time, poorly paid official, who lacked the experience, training and the time to do the job properly. In many cases he accepted the figures on last year's roll and let things ride as they were.

The result has been something approaching chaos. In an attempt to correct the obvious faults a uniform system of assessing land, buildings and business was laid down, and strong pressure brought to bear on all municipalities to accept the new system as quickly possible. The system was instituted on a county basis and the county councils started off by appointing county assessors to direct and supervise the job.

Municipal councils were not loath to operate under the new system, as many believed that a new assessment, on a basis nearer to true land values, would produce additional revenue, and as every councillor knows, additional revenue is something that they can use to good advantage in this day and age of demand for more and better services.

Some of the counties have been struggling along with the new system for the past couple of years and they are gradually beginning to see some light. But there have been a lot of tough problems to face and there will be a lot more headaches in the future.

In the north end of Ontario County, in Mara and Rama Townships to be exact the new system hit the farmers like a bolt from the blue this year, as township assessors, working under the instructions handed to them, jacked up assessments in wholesale fashion. In case after case, land owners found that next year they would be taxed on assessments nearly twice as high as they had enjoyed in the past.

Loud protests arose; emergency meetings were held and were attended by County Assessor Ralph Wilson of Whitby. In Rama Township, the Court of Revision sat from 10 o'clock in the morning till after midnight to consider over 125 appeals where normally only half a dozen would be filed. A few of the appeals were allowed, but the majority of the assessments were upheld and the total assessment of the township is 282 per cent of what it was the year before.

In Mara Township, the Court of Revision sat for three days to hear around 300 appeals. Even this was not a record for Ontario County, as in Brock Township there were 320 appeals filed against the new assessments. Any ratepayer who is not satisfied with the decision of the Court of Revision has the right to appeal to the County Judge, and a number are taking advantage of this right.

In Simcoe County Assessor Eric Simpson of Barrie, has not been faced with quite the same difficulties and 15 of the 31 municipalities in the county have completed their work under the new system.

Mr. Simpson is critical, however, of the present courts of revision, which in practically every case are composed of the members of the municipal council. This year, he himself has found it necessary to appeal a decision handed down by the court of revision in one town, and, while some courts have been doing good work, he describes others as nothing but horse traders. His solution, which would no doubt prove more efficient, although probably more costly, is to have the county set up a county court of revision of five appointed men, who would visit each municipality in turn and pass judgment on appeals.

Of Interest to All the Churches
The Rev. Dr. J. J. McConnell of New York, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches in America, will be in Stouffville United Church next Sunday evening to speak on a very timely subject: "Visitation Evangelism."

Churches of every denomination are adopting this method with encouraging results. Come and hear this challenging message next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

JUNIOR O.H.A. HOCKEY

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Victoria Square Red Wings

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RINGWOOD

The ladies of the Excelsior Class held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Steckley last Thursday afternoon, with an attendance of twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Conner spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Plaskitt in Toronto.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Frank Atkinson whose mother, Mrs. Janet McKenzie, wife of the late Dr. Dugald McKenzie of Newtonville, passed away last Thursday at the home of another daughter in Newcastle, Ont. The private funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon from the Trull funeral home. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. Harold Drewery spent the weekend with friends in Toronto.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Wm. Simpson and son Ronald of Ballantrae.

The Helping Hands Class of Ringwood Sunday School held their Jan. meeting last Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. J.M. Grove's home.

Mrs. Nelson Raymer is in the

Toronto General Hospital for observation and treatment. We hope she will soon be home.

Mrs. Nancy Lee of Stouffville spent Wednesday of last week with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Grove.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Robert Devitt is making satisfactory recovery after a serious goitre operation in the Lockwood clinic.

Mrs. Clifford Morgason also was a patient at the Lockwood clinic last week, when she had her tonsils removed. We trust that she will enjoy better health now.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. W. J. McLean who has spent most of his time at the home of his son, Lloyd here, is now in very poor health at the home of his other son in Sudbury.

Mrs. Sam McKuen spent a few days last week with Mrs. Lloyd Hoover of Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and son John of Beaverton, were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Halsted.

We are glad to see Elred King out again, following his recent accident to his ankle and a deep gash on his leg while working for Fred Steckley in Toronto.

PINE ORCHARD

Mrs. Shepperd spent Tuesday in Toronto.

Sorry to report Mr. Chas. Brandon lost a valuable cow last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rae McClure and Myrna were recent tea guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Newmarket.

Who says we never have good old fashioned winters any more? Surely Friday was a sample of them. But now how about a good old-fashioned real January thaw?

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, also Mr. and Mrs. W. Widdifield of Stouffville, called on Mr. and Mrs. Brandon who both are on the sick list.

Mrs. C. West and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lundy.

The girls are busy preparing a good program for the club on Wednesday, Feb. 11th.

WARNING

Motorists are reminded that they must not leave their cars and trucks on the sides of the road day or night, to the inconvenience of Township snowplows. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

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