

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

Local dealers—Madill's Store and Overland's Store.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Chester who have taken possession of their new home which was recently purchased from the Miller estate in the village.

Service in the Claremont Baptist Church will be withdrawn next Sunday evening in favour of the anniversary services at Goodwood.

A number of owners have been making extensive improvements on their homes recently. Mr. James Briscoe has put new foundation and floor and a fresh coat of paint on his veranda. Mr. Harold Loyst has a newly shingled roof, pulled off the old siding and is putting a new foundation under the front part of his house.

Mrs. William Neal has workmen busy at the foundation of the house purchased at the Late Miss Underhill sale, which she intends occupying when improvements have been completed.

The May meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, commencing at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Donald McCullough. The roll-call will be answered "by your idea of success." Two topics, "The Value of Guidance in our Schools" and "The Prospect of Health" will be taken by members. Motto—"Wood on fire is fuel, knowledge on fire is power." Lunch committee, Mrs. W. Benson, Mrs. H. Gregg, Mrs. White, Mrs. Jordan. Transportation will leave corner around 2.15 p.m.

Mrs. T. Bacon of Stouffville visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peddie and son on Saturday.

Re-dedication services in the newly decorated Baptist Church were held at the regular services on Sunday. Dickson's Hill Male Quartette assisted with music at the morning service and the Altona Double Trio at the evening service, when the United Church congregation were present, and Rev. Kennedy spoke a few words and led in prayer. Rev. Wenham preached at both services, and the church was well filled with worshippers from the surrounding community.

All parents wishing to start pupils as beginners at the Claremont Public School next September are asked to enroll their child on Monday, May 17th, at 1 p.m., at the school. The Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Nurse will be present to give useful information of any condition found to be interfering with the child's health progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Pilkey, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward of Oshawa, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harton, Miss Kathleen Beelby and lady friend, Miss Eileen Cooper, Miss Dorothy Hockley, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Isobel Gregg, and Miss Doris Dauphain, all of Toronto, spent Sunday with their respective parents and relatives, and attended divine services at the morning session.

Mrs. C. A. Overland was in Toronto on Monday where she underwent a further examination on her knee which was seriously injured in a car accident some time ago. While Mrs. Overland is out and around since the mishap, she moves with difficulty.

Repair work is expected to commence shortly on the Claremont United Church where an architect laid out plans for improvements some time ago. The work to be done includes lowering the ceiling and strengthening the walls, in addition to re-decorating. Bud Spang has the repair contract.

At the United Church service Ruth Sharon Hall, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Toronto, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, and Robert Charles Sims, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, were baptized by the Pastor Rev. I. Kennedy, who later preached on the subject "Remember Mother's home, Bible, God."

On Saturday afternoon, May 1st, Mr. and Mrs. T. Stanbury were honored guests at the marriage of their granddaughter, Helen Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Farmers Discuss Formation of Co-Op.

Two weeks ago a meeting of district farmers, held in the Township Hall, Brougham, discussed at length the formation of a Farmer's Co-Operative and a representation committee was appointed to further investigate and bring in a report. This committee has now completed its work and will present its findings to the farmers of the district next Friday night (May 14th) at the Brougham Township Hall at 8.30 p.m. It is hoped every farmer interested will endeavour to be present.

Local Store to Change Hands

The A. Brooks smallwares store in Claremont has been sold to Clare Keovil of Pickering who will take possession on May 15th. Mr. Brooks is employed in northern Ontario while Mrs. Brooks with the assistance of her family has been operating the store. We understand that Mrs. Brooks and the three eldest sons will move to the former Bacon farm just west of the village recently acquired by Mr. Ed. Norton. The Brooks boys will operate the farm. Mr. Norton is employed near Ajax.

Former Greenwood Pastor, Rev. John Bunner is Dead

A minister of the United Church for over forty years, Rev. John Wesley Bunner died in the Oshawa General Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. His health had been failing for some months and two weeks ago he had been confined to the hospital.

Born in Bowmanville in 1866 of pioneer English parents, his early years were spent there. Deciding to study for the ministry, he entered Albert College, later graduating from Victoria University.

As a minister of the Methodist Church, he served in the early days at Haliburton and later at Havelock, Newtonville, Prince Albert, Greenwood and other charges in the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Retiring from active ministry, he returned to again make his home in Bowmanville, where he took an active interest in church, civic and school affairs, serving as an Alderman on the Town Council. He was a member of Bowmanville Lodge I.O.O.F. During the past two years he has resided in Oshawa.

In 1898 Mr. Bunner married Nellie Grant, who predeceased him. Surviving are one one daughter (Helen) Mrs. Stewart-Alger, Oshawa and three sons Ewart of London, Grant and Dwight of Oshawa.

90th BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 16, Mr. L. D. Banks of Pickering, will celebrate his 90th birthday. Failing eyesight prevents him from reading or writing, but he enjoys fair health despite these handicaps. Friends extend hearty congratulations.

Frank Parkinson of Cobourg, to Mr. William Fairley, son of Mrs. Fairley and the late William Fairley of Merritt, B.C. Miss Kathleen Warner and the boys' choir provided wedding music, and Rev. H. Bedford Jones in St. Peter's Church officiated. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a portrait gown of bridal satin with slight train. A coronet of seed pearls held her long veil and she carried Delight roses and frusia with a sprig of white heather. Her attendants chose picture frocks of orchid bud and cascade green crepe with sprays of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. John Parkinson. After a reception at Lakeview House the couple left for Quebec, the bride travelling in an ensemble of soft blue wool with navy coat and accessories. The couple intend making their home in Vancouver.

ATHA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld called on Mr. Will Davidson of Cherrywood who is quite ill and not improving as fast as his friends would like to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown and two sisters visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tran, also Mrs. C. A. Overland of Claremont spent Monday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pugh and Barbara of Claremont visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Draper who are happy to announce the arrival of a baby girl at the Brierbush Hospital. A little sister for Eileen and Freda.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld and family visited in Oshawa on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Carruthers and Ruth Ann motored to Niagara Falls and St. Catharines on Sunday to see the blossoms.

BROUGHAM

The May meeting of St. John's W.M.S. Auxillary will be held at the home of Mrs. Manson Ellicott on Thursday, May 20, at 2.30 p.m., when the ladies of the Greenwood Auxillary will be entertained. The visiting group will furnish the program. All ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend.

The May meeting of the Happy Circle Mission Band will be held in the school on Saturday, May 15, at 2.30 p.m. Georgina Duncan and her group will be in charge of the program. Please bring needle and thread.

Mother's Day service was held in St. John's church on Sunday afternoon with a good attendance. Mr. Manson Ellicott, Sunday School Supt., conducted the service assisted by Miss Beulah Hamilton, Miss Ann Barclay and little Carol White. Rev. I. E. Kennedy told a very interesting story advising all to remember "Mother's love," "Mother's teaching" and "Mother's God." A baptismal service was held for Betty-Jean Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox; Garry Ralph Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crawford, and Linda Diane Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright. Rev. I. E. Kennedy officiated.

Another enjoyable evening was held in the hall on Friday, May 7, when a number of friends and neighbors met to tender a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Liscombe, our latest newlyweds. The number of useful and valuable presents showed the high esteem in which the young couple are held. Cliff is a Brougham boy who has lived here all his life, and has been employed by Barclay's Transport for several years. We extend best wishes to the young couple who are at present making their home at Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bedford of Toronto were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray.

On Sunday, May 16, the regular church service will start at 9.45 a.m. followed by Sunday School. Miss Squires, regional supervisor, Ontario Public Health Dept. was in Pickering township this week on a routine visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Follows of Hamilton spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Follows.

Mr. W. Ellicott and daughter Diane of Toronto spent Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellicott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and family of Hampton spent the weekend with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hopkins of Rosebank called on their daughter Miss A. Hopkins one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs and family visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson of Claremont on Sunday afternoon.

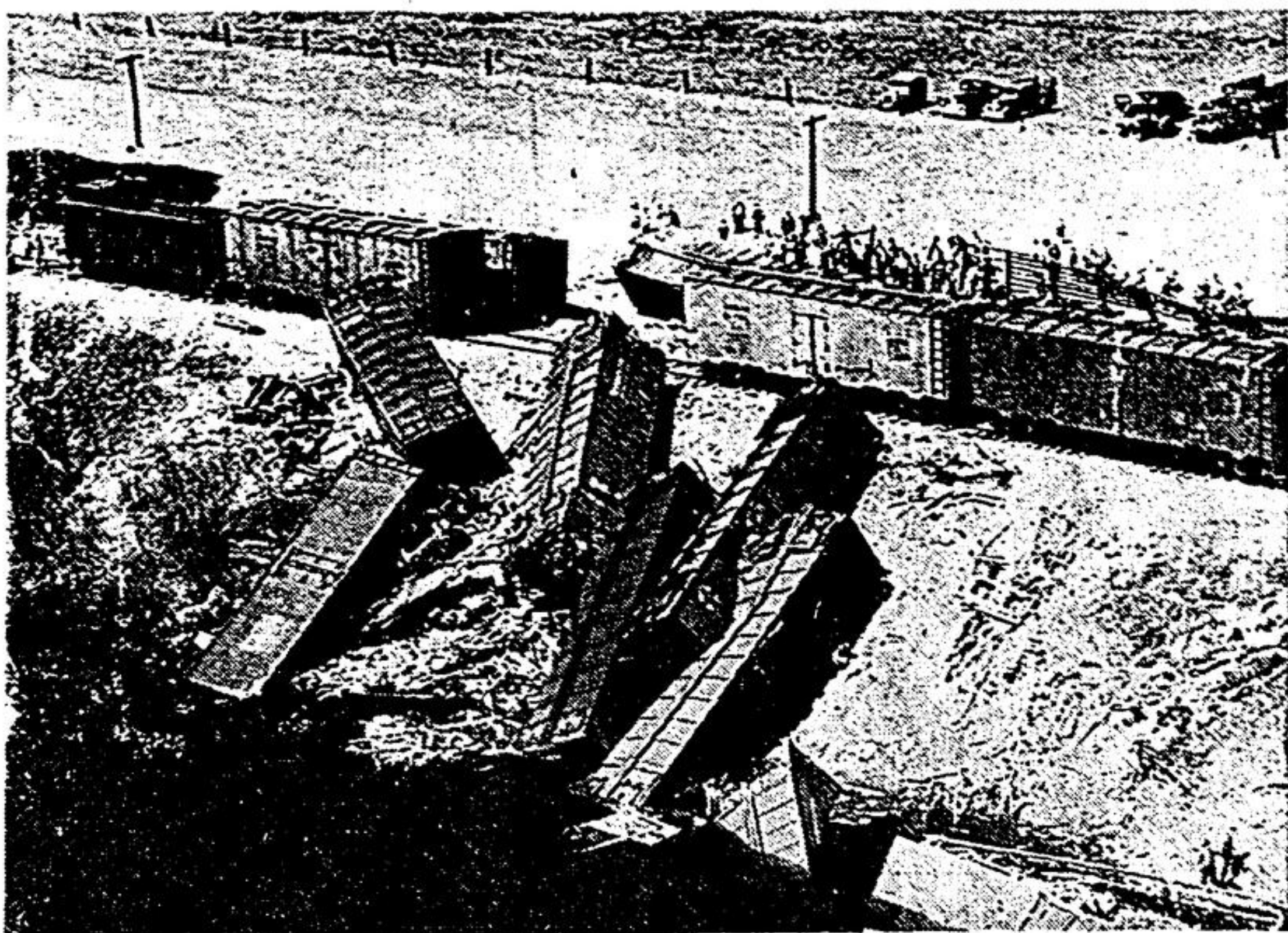
Mr. and Mrs. M. Harlock had tea on Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Duncan of Green River.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hubbard, also Mr. and Mrs. C. Balsdon of Pickering and Mr. Fred Hamilton called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton, on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy and Billy of Toronto visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knox, on Sunday.

A unique occasion was marked at the home of Mrs. T. C. Brown on Sunday when no less than eight great grandchildren of this well-known pioneer lady of Mrs. Brown were all present in the home at one time. They were, Helen, Patsy and Kenneth Knox, Howard and George Malcolm, Richard and Lynda Wells, and Gary Crawford. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Malcolm, west of the village, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crawford, Brougham.



Boxcars that floated downsternam are still being sought after this accident; seen from the air, near Field, Ont. Five cars floated hundreds of yards and have not yet been found while others floated a short distance and

sank. A boat in the foreground checks the numbers of cars in the Sturgeon river while in the background spectators visit the accident scene. A second freight accident derailed 20 cars at Bur-

ton, Ont., just 35 minutes earlier blocking the main line and forcing the transcontinental passenger trains to detour, officials said. Aerial view of the Field wreck shows the cars slid down the steep banks.

50c an Hour Wage Quite All Right Say Some Ontario County Councillors

Thorah Reeve Says He'd be Glad to Get that Much

"I want to ask a few questions," Dr. Neil E. McEwen of Pickering announced at the county council session in Whitby. Most pertinent of the doctor's queries was: "How much is this county paying for road labor?" He supplied the answer: "50c an hour."

Dr. McEwen told how he was driving along the road one day and stopped to talk to some county employees who were knocking off for the day at 4.30. He had noticed that they started on the job at 9.30.

"How do you expect a man to support his wife and family on that?" the doctor challenged. "As a member of this council, I felt mighty small when they told me what they got. I mentioned that they were leaving the job early and they said, 'What the h..... do we care.'"

Replying, the chairman of the county road committee countered with: "Last year these men were getting only 35 and 40 cents an hour."

T. D. Thomas of East Whitby: "At 50c an hour I don't see how any man could show much interest in the job. In East Whitby we have it thrown up to us that the county of Ontario is paying these low wages, but the confirmation of it is news to me."

One councillor suggested that the employees come from the north part of the county where living is cheaper in the "uncivilized" areas. Andrew Muir quipped: Is that your basis for complaints about the assessment?"

Thomas Harrison of Thorah: "I'm a farmer and I guess I have one of the better farms in the neighbourhood—I'd be glad to get 50c an hour. My own hired man does better than I do."

Mr. McIntyre: "We had better reduce your council stipend."

Mr. Thomas: "At last I know why so few farmers pay income tax."

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COUNTY ACCEPTS \$21,361 FOR ALL AJAX BACK DEBTS

Ontario County Council Friday accepted \$21,361.30 to write off all the back debts incurred by the county and Pickering township in providing municipal services to the crown-owned village of Ajax.

The council at the same time entered into agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to accept \$9,000 annually for administration of municipal services. Many members expressed the view that the sum was inadequate and Reeve T. D. Thomas of East Whitby township, asserted that "if they're willing to give us a sum like that for each of the next two years you can see that they have an idea of what it cost us over the past six."

Reeve Thomas Harrison, Thorah township, asserted that the exact total of costs incurred by the county might never be known.

"When the original munitions plant was being built the government's heavy trucks cut the road throughout that area into pieces. The Federal government isn't playing Santa Claus to us, that's certain," Reeve Harrison declared.

George Finley, Central mortgage representative, told council he envisaged a future city at Ajax and said the government-owned company intended to transform Ajax into "an asset that this county can be proud of."

Commenting on the final settlement, T. K. Creighton, Progressive Conservative nominee for the Legislature, stated that "it's a pre-election settlement that Ottawa could not very well avoid making in a last-minute effort to avoid the wrath of the electors."

Council members contend that there are no exact figures on just how much the county has paid out

Mill Rate Lower but Taxes Same in Pickering

Pickering Council has confirmed the 1948 tax rate of 17.7 mills applicable to the whole township. Village of Pickering rate is an additional two mills. Rate for high school purposes in all areas except Claremont and Pickering, where there are continuation schools, is 2.2 mills.

Township Clerk L. T. Johnston pointed out that although the general rate was 23.59 last year, the lower 1948 rate does not mean lower taxes because of the equalized assessment proceedings. Whereas the assessment last year was approximately \$4,500,000, this year it is over \$7,000,000.

A special meeting will be called in about two weeks to further discuss the question of Pickering township approving the high school area proposal, Reeve W. H. Westney stated.

Barn Destroyed by Fire at Greenwood

Brougham, May 10—A serious barn fire occurred here on Friday, when the barn on the farm of Mr. D. Tweedie was totally destroyed by fire, and was beyond control before Brougham fire brigade arrived on the scene. However, the fire lads saved the large shed adjacent to the barn, and neighbors removed the contents of the barn.

The loss was covered by insurance with T. Birkett & Son, Stouffville, and the cause of the fire is a mystery. Mr. Tweedie was away at the time, and Mrs. Tweedie summoned the aid of neighbors when the alarm was sent to Brougham. In municipal service cost to "the village that doesn't pay taxes."



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will be shown at this Theatre starting Monday, May 31st

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