

## Pickering Council Meeting, Lively Session

Enraged by a skyrocket jump in Pickering Township taxes, 200 residents Wednesday night stormed a special meeting of council at Brougham in protest. The largest firm in the township threatened to move out because their tax jumped from \$135 last year to \$700 this.

Ex-warden for Ontario County, G. N. Forsythe called the increased taxes "unheard of" and complained that the due date for taxes had been advanced three months. He suggested having the township assessors visit the Sarco Co. plant again in an effort to lower the taxes. This firm operates the only major industry in Claremont.

"My assessment has gone up 18 per cent," Reeve W. H. Westney said, after hearing the complaints of the taxpayers. He promised to see if he could do something to rectify the situation.

The new system of assessment, increased county demands, higher township costs, and a leap in school costs were blamed. In the section

where the factory is located the mill rate is 45 compared with a basic 17.7 in the other districts.

Assessment has jumped from \$4,246,865.05 last year to a total of \$7,103,232.75 for this year. Because of the increased assessment, the tax rate has dropped in the township from 23.59 in 1947 to 17.7, although the budget was \$55,000 higher.

The firm is situated in Claremont School Section 15, where special improvements were made to the high school, calling for a 300 per cent. boost in the budget. If it had been located just two miles south of its present site the taxes would have been only half of that now charged, according to Township Clerk L. Johnston.

Each section of the townline is taxed differently, with a basic rate for all. Local improvements are charged to the one district, not the entire area, as are repairs or additional school costs.

This year the county has called for an added \$16,000 and the town-

ship costs have leaped \$15,000, it was revealed. Of the 45 mills being charged in the Claremont section, number 15, only 8.11 mills are applicable to township costs, Mr. Johnston said. The remainder goes to the county and school boards.

Based on square feet for private residents and on cubic feet for manufacturing concerns, the new assessment is designed to equalize tax rates.

Under this system a new furnace, installation of bathroom fixtures or a new fireplace in a home would increase the assessment. It would also jump if improvements were made to these facilities.

### PURCHASED HOME IN RICHMOND HILL

Dr. Berkley Stalker, who since disposing of his medical practice in Hanover, some time ago, has been living retired, and making Walkerton his headquarters, has purchased a home in Richmond Hill, the Hanover Post reports.

## Scene, During Malvern Murder Hearing



Committed for trial with Fred Aldred on joint charges of breaking, entering and stealing and breaking and entering, May Hill, 17, right, is seen with her mother and father, second from left, after she left court on \$3,000 bail. Aldred was committed for trial on charge of

murdering William Cowan. Widow of slain Malvern storekeeper, Mrs. Mary Cowan, centre, is seen with daughters Ruth, left, and Eleanor, right, when in Toronto for the court proceedings. Ruth, 14, told the court of her father's fight with the intruder in his

store. Three daughters and Mrs. Cowan saw the fight in the store when Mr. Cowan went downstairs with his gun to investigate at 3.30 a.m., Aug. 1. In group from left are Ruth, Christine, Mrs. Cowan and Eleanor. Christine heard father speak to intruder.

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### GREENWOOD

Mrs. Wesley Sadler visited for a few days last week with friends in the city.

There was no church service last Sunday owing to the illness of our pastor, Rev. Mr. Luffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wismer of Toronto were visitors at the McTaggart home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCrimmon and the Pegg boys spent last weekend in the north country.

Well, the harvest is near the end, and the yield has been the best for some years. Rain is badly needed in some parts.

The W.M.S. meeting for the circuit will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Pegg on Thursday, Sept 2, with Mrs. Gibson in charge of the program.

Mr. Percy Clarke had a business trip to the city last Saturday.

The Pegg family had a get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pegg's, Churchill, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry White passed away in the Oshawa Hospital last Monday morning, following a stroke a week ago. The community has lost a good citizen. She was always ready to lend a helping hand at any time. The funeral was held from McEachine's Parlors, Pickering last Wednesday afternoon to Salem cemetery. Rev. Luffman conducted the service. The many floral tributes showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held. She leaves to mourn her loss a sorrowing husband, five brothers, and a host of friends.

### Dobson's Picnic At Port Perry

Recently the Dobsons of Reach Uxbridge gathered in Centre Cabin Park at Port Perry. Although, owing to various circumstances, the crowd was not so large as in former years, there were relatives present from St. Thomas, Toronto, Weston, Oshawa, Cannington, Brechin, Uxbridge, Sonya, Little Britain, Sunderland, Bethesda, Prince Albert and Port Perry.

The airplane ride, swings, swimming tank, slides and shuffleboard, were fine attractions for the children and older young folks. The eldest lady in the party was Mrs. Cora Stillwell of Uxbridge. The person coming the farthest for the picnic was Mrs. Alice White, of St. Thomas. The youngest girl at the picnic was baby Brenda Hoey, the youngest boy was Lorne Ellsworth Wright. The winners in the ladies' game were Mrs. Frank Dobson and Mrs. Frank Nugent. Winners in the children's contest was Barbara Suddard.

At the conclusion of the picnic supper, Bert Dobson, acting for Mr. Gilbert Crosby, the absent President, called the crowd to order while the following officers were elected for next year:

President—Gordon Ewen of Uxbridge; Sec.-Treas.—Miss Gertrude Stovin, Port Perry; Asst Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Gordon Beare, Uxbridge; Table Committee—Mrs. John Ball, Uxbridge, Ray Even, Mrs. Ray Even, of Uxbridge. Sports Committee—Newton Hodgson, Little Britain; Gordon Beare, Uxbridge; Ted Suddard, Oshawa.

Place and date of next picnic will be left to the discretion of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

### SELDOM SEEN

I was cutting weeds around the fence bottoms when a strange looking vehicle passed by. It was a cut-down democrat with rubber tires. A comfortable looking car seat had been installed in place of the usual wooden affair. A horse of somewhat advanced years was pulling the vehicle and an old gentleman wearing a straw hat was driving.

When I paused in the labourious task of eradicating wild carrot and a host of other pests, the old gentleman called "Whoa" to his horse, waved his hand in a friendly greeting and said, "Got a horse to trade." I laughed and said, "No, I'm afraid not."

That seemed to relieve the old gentleman and while I leaned on the scythe he pulled out a plug of tobacco and cut some from it, then carefully rubbed it in his hand and put it in the pipe. He made a ritual of the whole thing, finally lighting it and when the smoke was whirling up he said, "I knew your father pretty well. I'm Horse Dan MacCallum."

Then it all came back to me. This was one of the most famous horse traders in the country. The stories about him were legion and it was said by the older folks that he could outsmart a gypsy any day of the week. Now, he just rambled around the roads making an occasional trade but actually being retired from the strain of his work.

I asked him what he considered to be the best trick he had ever pulled. He squinted and laughed and then using the pipe to illustrate, he said, "I shouldn't by rights be telling you this but I was bested in a deal by a man named McGuiness. He was a sharp one. I took his word for it when I bought a mare from him that she was in shape. Her wind was broken and you could hear her pant a mile away. He had a gypsy dope her. I bided my time. He had a nice chestnut horse and needed a mate for him. I happened on a real good match but a perfect devil of a horse. She was three years old and had never had the harness. She was a tricky one. She would let you put the harness on, then the minute you started she would buck and rare and break everything. To look at her you would think she was as quiet as could be.

"I bought her and put her on pasture. I made up to her so that she would come running to me for sugar if I went out to the pasture. McGuiness came along and eyed the mare. I told him I wouldn't think of selling her. I let him coax me into getting her up and later I put the double harness on her. Then I said, while she stood there as quiet as could be, 'I got to tell you Fred. She won't drive single.' He was all eyes for that horse. I said, 'I think I'll keep her.' He just reached in his pocket and pulled out a hundred dollars and handed it to me. Then he hopped into the buggy and pulled on the lines and then it started. She bucked and rared and wrecked everything. What I didn't tell him was that she wouldn't drive double nor single. Well so long." Old Josh

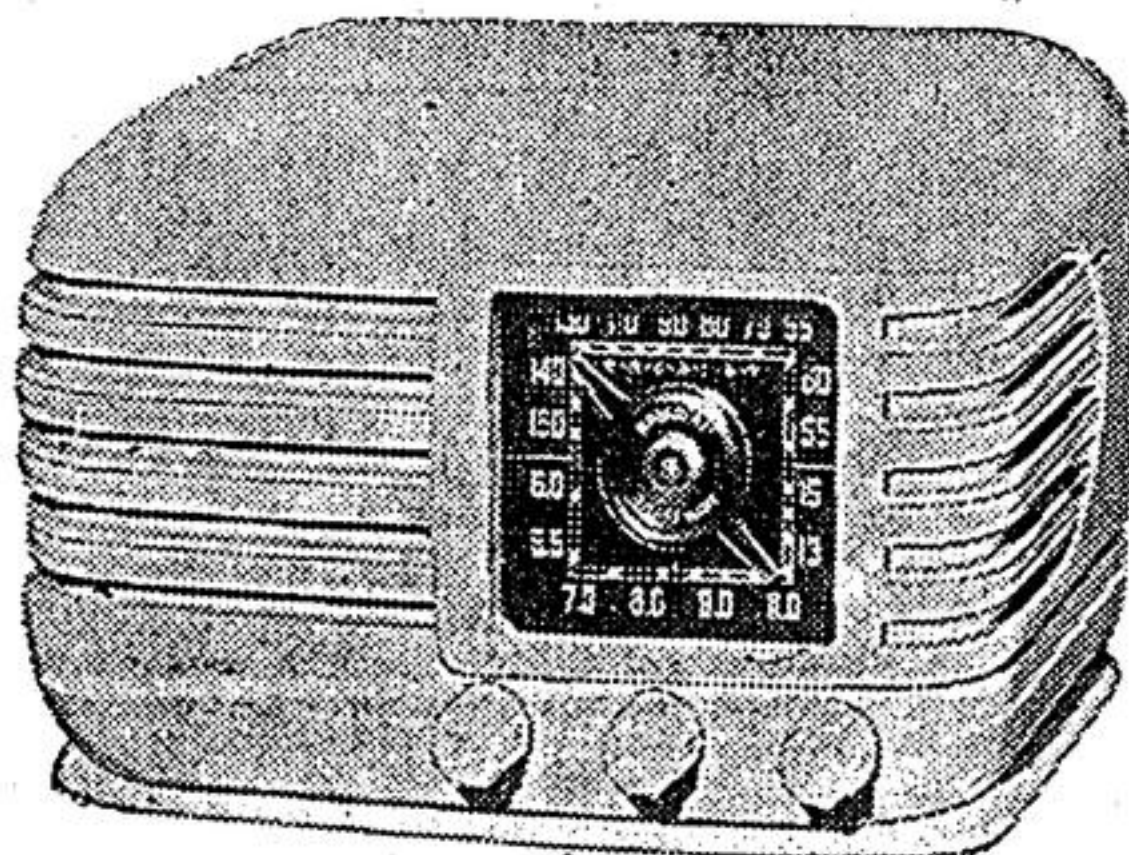
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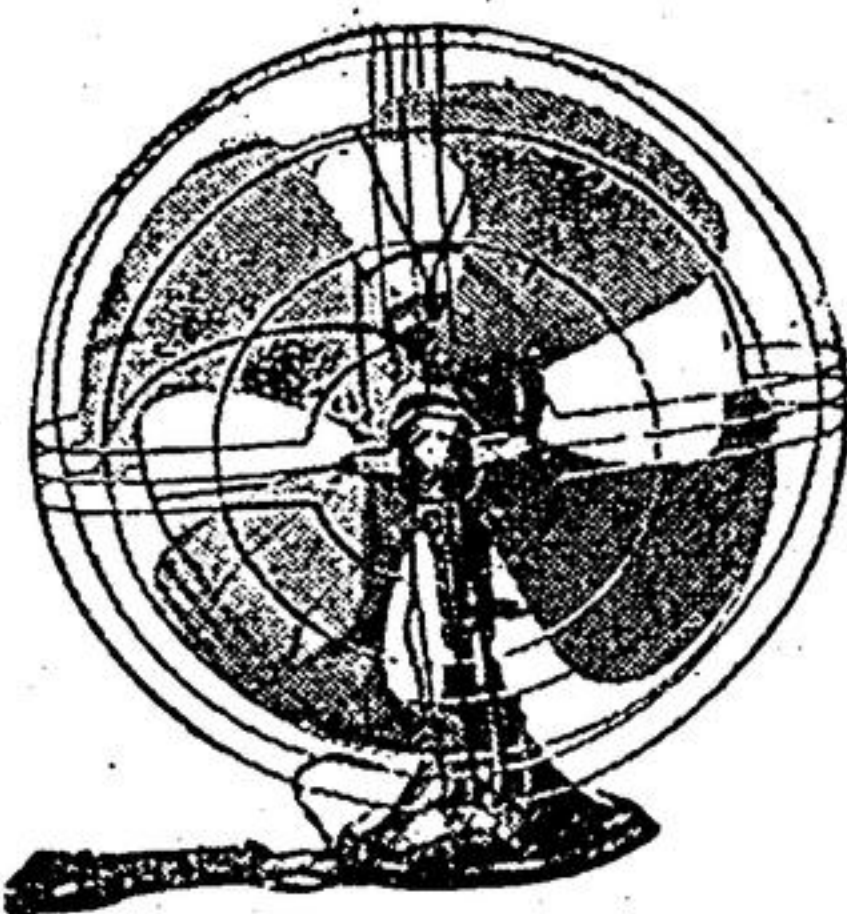


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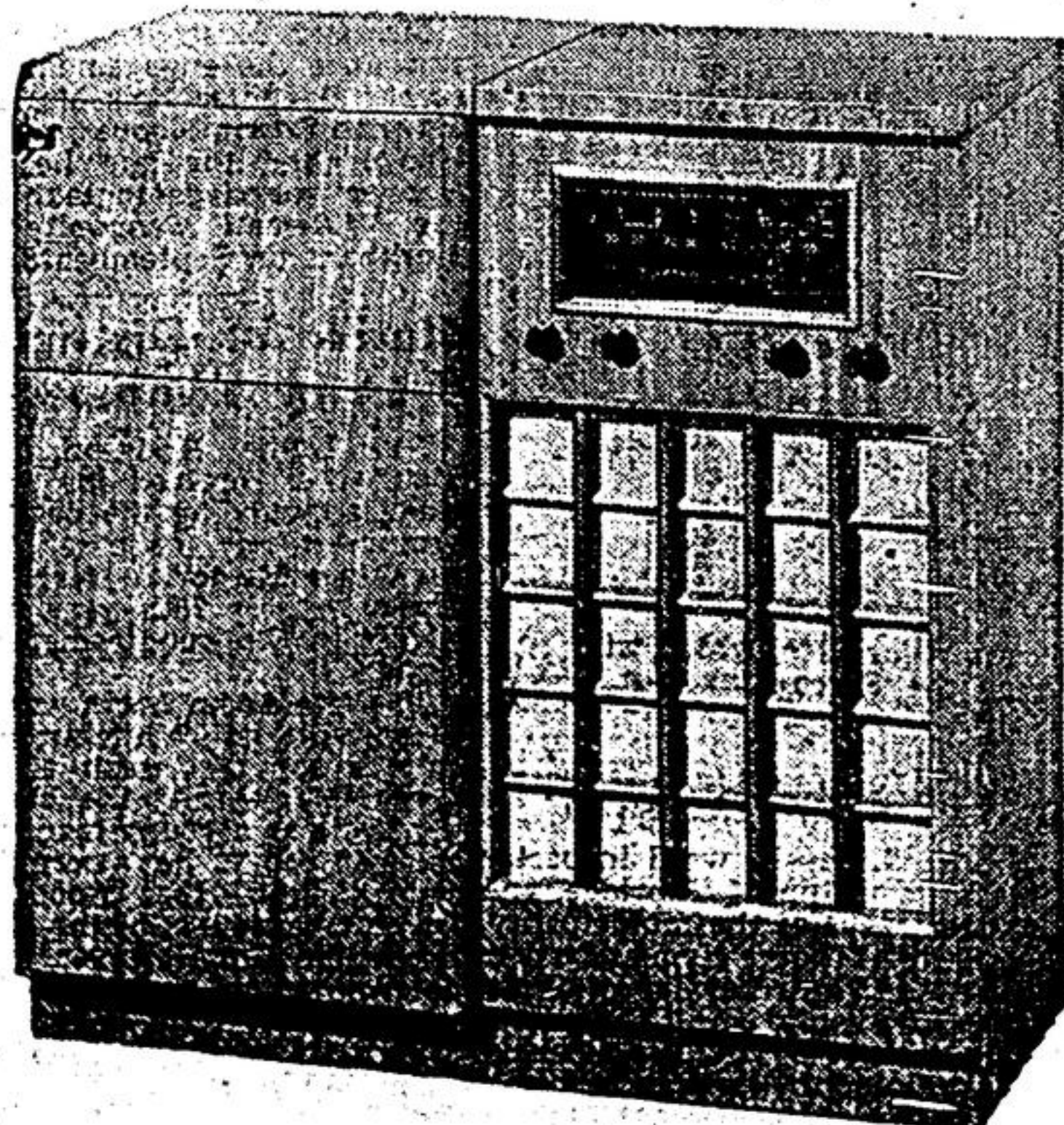
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