

Claremont and District

By Staff Correspondent

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

Additional Pickering Township news elsewhere in this issue.

Friends will regret to learn that Cliff Liscombe who is employed by Frank Barclay Transport was removed from his home to hospital on Saturday suffering with appendicitis.

Little Sheila McMullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMullen, is threatened with pneumonia at her home just west of Claremont, we are told.

Customers at Overland's Store are asked to take note that commencing on Feb. 1st, the store will close on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6 p.m.

Tony Duda, farmer just north of the village, and who was removed to St. Michael's Hospital some weeks ago, is in very serious condition we understand. Mr. Duda who is quite a heavily built man has had his weight sink to less than a hundred pounds during the ordeal of his illness.

Jack Brignall is offering a real spring clearance sale of Atlas Tires, beginning Feb. 1st. Prices on all sizes are reduced by 15% for the period of Feb. 1st to Feb. 12th. If you're in need of new rubber, here's your chance to buy at a real saving. Read the display adv. in this week's issue.

A local boys' club is in the making under the sponsorship of the Baptist Church. Boys over 12 are eligible. Some of the leaders who will be assisting are Jesse Warden, Ed. Binstead and Don Warden.

Dr. D. S. Rawson of Saskatoon was a recent visitor with his mother here, Mrs. M. Rawson. Dr. Rawson is taking a year away from lectures at the University of Saskatchewan.

Pure kettle rendered lard in 20 pound containers for \$1.40, at either our Toronto stores or from our store in Whitby. If you are convenient to city stores call there, or if Whitby is more available then you will be welcome at that place. Pickering Farms.

Some motorist stepped away from serious trouble on Saturday night, when he cracked off a hydro pole just opposite Nels Wagg's driveway in north Claremont. The big pole was completely severed, and was still dangling dangerously with wires attached, on Monday. The hydro men were unaware of the break until telephoned by a resident nearby on Monday. The car which struck the pole, must certainly have been damaged considerably, but was apparently moved away in a hurry, with no trace left of the identity of the driver.

The community of Ashburn was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of John Briggs on Saturday, Jan. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were returning to their farm home west of Brooklin from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Parrott, of Ashburn, when he suffered a heart attack and died in his car. Funeral service was held on Tues., Jan. 18, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, with Rev. J. Riddell of Port Perry in charge. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Briggs in her sad bereavement.

The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church have elected the following officers for 1949: President, Mrs. Evans Ward; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Edgar Ward; 2nd Vice Pres., Miss Vi Forsyth; Sec'y., Mrs. James Coates; Assoc. Sec'y., Mrs. Binstead; Treas., Mrs. J. Ward; Assoc. Treas., Mrs. Burnell; Inspirational Leader, Miss S. E. Evans; Agent for Link & Visitor, Miss V. Forsyth; Organist, Mrs. Chas. Gostick; Auditors, Mrs. Edgar Ward and Mrs. Binstead; Band Leaders, Mrs. Davison and Mrs. K. Ward; Junior Congregation, Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Burnell.

The Editor's Mail

TO PICKERING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Dear Sirs,

I would like to congratulate our Pickering Township Council on being able to give Mr. Adam Spears a \$10 per month pension after 23 years service to the township.

The late Robert Phillips, and the late Edward Wilson were assessors, but did they get any pension? These men would leave home on Monday morning, and would be away all week. They would have to stay wherever night overtook them, pay for horse feed, lodging and board. Mr. Spears had a good car, and could be home every night. He also was given the position of Corn Bearer Inspector.

It is my opinion that after a man farmed for years, then had a good position, that he would not need a pension, and if he did, there is the old age pension, and a good county home at Whitby. So we ask, "Why put this on the tax payers?"

Wilmot G. Shea, Sunderland, R.R.3.

BROUGHAM

There was a good attendance at church on Sunday afternoon. Come again next Sunday afternoon when Rev. I. E. Kennedy will speak on "What Has God Done For Us?"

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knox and Betty-Jean, Mr. and Mrs. K. Pascoe, and Mr. Francis Willson visited friends around Enniskillen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Banks, Mrs. McLeod and little sons Norman and Billie, also Mrs. Jas. White, all of Pickering, called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Devitt on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Harvey Sr. spent several days last week visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ellicott and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellicott on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Wright of Green River visited with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Devitt for a few days last week.

Mrs. Wm. Milne and Mr. G. E. Holtby returned home last week after visiting their aunt, Mrs. Davis of Crystal Beach who has been sick.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. Malcolm who celebrated her ninety-first birthday last week. Mrs. Malcolm's name was read in the "over ninety birthday list" on the radio Sunday morning.

Miss Moffatt of Oshawa spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Evelyn Woodward.

Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Bent of Oshawa called on their mother, Mrs. W. Hamilton, and sister, Mrs. Moore on Thursday last.

Mrs. Wm. Ellicott was laid up last week due to an attack of pleurisy, but is better again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton spent Wednesday evening in Claremont calling on old friends.

Mrs. S. Pugh of Whitevale visited her mother, Mrs. Johnston, one day last week.

Danny Moore, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, returned home from the hospital on Friday. He is much better after his recent operation.

Mr. Hubert Whitley and Miss Helen Pollard of Oshawa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lismobe's infant son was taken to Oshawa Hospital last week, but after a few days treatment was able to return home.

brother, W. C. and Mrs. Wilson, spent the weekend with her brother, W. C. and Mrs. Wilson, and other friends. She attended church on Sunday afternoon taking her usual place in the choir and also assisted by Warren sang a duet which was very much appreciated by all present.

Mrs. Walter Hamilton spent a few days in Oshawa with her daughters, Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Bent.

The W.M.S. of St. John's United Church held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Gray with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. M. Ellicott, presiding. Rev. I. E. Kennedy was present and installed the officers for the coming year. Hostesses, Mrs. A. J. Gray and Mrs. Wm. Gray served lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton and Mrs. Lemmon were at Valentia on Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood and family.

Mrs. Wm. Milne is now assisting Mrs. R. Milne who has been sick. We are glad to hear Mr. M. Milne is getting along nicely.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton were Mrs. C. Balsdon of Pickering, Mr. Vernon Balsdon of Montreal, and Mr. Geo. Burton of Ajax.

Mr. Clifford Liscombe, driver for Barclays Transport, underwent an operation for appendicitis during the weekend. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs were visiting friends at Keswick on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Madill, Port Credit, formerly of Brougham, on the birth of a son.

The January meeting of the Friendly Bible Class of St. John's United Church, Brougham, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duncan. Despite the poor weather conditions, a good number of the members were present. The president, Mr. Frank Carter, was in charge of the business meeting. It was decided to hold the February meeting in the town hall on Monday, Feb. 14, in the form of a croquinoles party. Mrs. Helen Gray and Rev. I. E. Kennedy were in charge of the interesting program. Mr. Kennedy gave a short talk on "New Year's Resolutions." At the conclusion of the program Mr. Kennedy conducted some very interesting contests. Before the members dispersed, a delightful and satisfying lunch was served. Our Brougham Midget hockey team won their first game on Fri-

Reward of \$100 For Whitevale Man

Elderly Whitevale Resident Will be Subject of Intensive Search—Township Offers Cash Sum

Reeve W. H. Westney and members of Pickering Township Council have authorized a reward of \$100 for information leading to the whereabouts of John MacPherson, 78-year-old resident of Whitevale village who has been missing for almost two weeks. Almost simultaneously Pickering police announced that the fourth and largest search for the missing man would take place Saturday afternoon.

Chief John Irvine said he was accepting the offer of Chief Clarence Wideman, of Markham Township, to call in high school students from Markham and Unionville High School. The principal said the students would even be given a half-day holiday if necessary to help search for the man.

Members of Pickering Township Council were approached last week by Rev. John McLaughlin and Lawson Miller of Whitevale, and Chief Irvine to authorize a reward. Members of council unanimously agreed on \$100.

Better Type Housing And Farms Believed Carrying Tax Load

From records of the Pickering Township assessors, the tax collector and clerk, it would appear that the better type housing and farms of the municipality are carrying the largest share of the tax burden. This assumption was drawn by clerk Lloyd Johnston during the course of an address which he gave to the Pickering Rotary Club on Monday evening. The facts were also perused by the Pickering council at their special meeting held on Monday afternoon.

It was revealed that in the sixteen large sub-divisions in the township there are 1,305 houses, 647 or 50% of which are year-round dwellings and have 2,332 persons living in them. The average assessment of these houses is \$903. 24% are houses assessed at \$500 or less, and which yield only \$17.50 in taxes a year. The average house in these sub-divisions yields \$32 in taxes a year.

Taking Dunbarton sub-division as an example, it was pointed out that eight years ago the school population was 120, while today it's 440. At the Rouge sub-division the direct cost per pupil in 1948 was \$51, but in 1949, with a new debenture issue, it will mean an extra \$23, or \$70 per pupil in costs.

These facts as outlined by the clerk are all under study by the Pickering-Whitby Township Planning Board.

Considering that large families are as a general rule living in the cheapest houses, it seems reasonable to assume that the better type housing is carrying the tax load. Primary education is only part of taxes; to it must be added, \$70 per pupil for secondary education, relief, hospitalization, police, etc.

The Planning Board realizes that cheap housing, owned by persons with possibly very small amounts of money invested in good times, may have very little interest in the future welfare of the township. It is not hard to see trouble ahead, when times get "tough", the clerk believes. However, these residents

day when they defeated the Brooklin Midget team to the score of 5 to 0 and they showed how they had benefited from the first two games they lost and that they must have listened to their coach and manager since those games as they showed much improvement. Their next game on schedule is at Brooklin, Feb. 4th, in a return match with Brooklin midgets.

Our Intermediate team is doing very well this year as they defeated Dunbarton to the score of 11 to 1 on Friday night and on Tuesday night last at Stouffville rink they defeated Uxbridge Intermediates 5 to 0. They have now played 5 games in the two leagues and have won 4 out of the 5 and the game they lost was only by one goal. One nice thing about this year's team is that 7 of their players are practically right in the village of Brougham. Keep up the good work boys.

Team	Games	Points
Brougham	3	6
Pickering	1	0
Dunbarton	1	0
Cherrywood	1	0
Brooklin	0	0

Former Claremont Lady Buried at Oshawa

Funeral service was held at the Luke-McIntosh Funeral Home Monday for Charlotte Wilson, beloved wife of the late Howard Mothersill who died in Kingston General Hospital on Friday night in her 53rd year. Interment was in Mount Lawn Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Willson, minister of First Baptist Church.

The deceased, who was a member of the staff of the Ontario Hospital at Kingston, underwent an operation from which she failed to recover. She had been a resident of Kingston for the past seven

years, and prior to this had resided in Claremont for a considerable period. Mr. Mothersill had been employed at the McIntyre plant, Claremont. Her husband died two years ago.

A daughter of the late George and Mary Wilson, the deceased was born at Pickering on November 4, 1897.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Keith Montgomery (Marjorie) and Mrs. Norman Mouldley (Norma) and one son, George, all of Kingston. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Harry Clark (Bertha) of Toronto.

	Assess.	Houses	Pop.	Average Ass.
Pickering	\$370,325.00	183	657	\$2,025.00
Whitevale	\$51,425.00	56	169	\$919.00
Brougham	\$79,425.00	54	150	\$1,471.00
Claremont	\$201,550.00	153	444	\$1,371.00

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Ninety-Three Friday

On Friday this week Mr. Ira Boyer who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lee, will reach his 93rd birthday in comparatively good health for a man of his advanced years. Widely known in the Claremont district where he spent so many years, this veteran of the years, will receive the congratulations of his many friends on this occasion.

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