

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wood, Misses Margaret and Joyce Wood, of West Hill, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hockley and Michael of Toronto were visitors during the weekend at the Nelson Sanderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boake and family of Pine Orchard, Miss Pat Lehman of Stouffville, and Murray McMullen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown from Toronto were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Steckley.

The United Church Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas concert on Dec. 15th, in the community hall, if this can be arranged.

Don't forget the musical evening we have planned for your enjoyment in the Congregational Christian Church in Stouffville on Friday, Nov. 10th, at 8 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Goodfellowship Class will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Pugh next Tuesday evening. Rev. H. Lackey and Mrs. W. Evans are in charge of the program.

We extend the sympathy of the community to Mrs. J. Badgerow, her husband and young son, in the death of her mother, Mrs. Wagg of Goodwood. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at Goodwood.

William Ham, former Pickering Township native now residing in Toronto, marked his 84th birthday on Sunday. Mr. Ham, a brother of Mr. Frank Ham and Mrs. Duncan Dolphin of Claremont, is enjoying very good health despite his great years.

Chicken Pox is catching up with those young folk who eluded him for several weeks. We trust there will be no complications, and that the disease will vanish before Christmas activities begin.

The Women's Institute will be held on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Glidden. Roll Call—the name and date of first ownership of your property. Topic—"Historical Research." There will be an exhibit of old cups and saucers by the members.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Jas. Rumney on Sunday were Mr. Frank Rumney, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rumney, Mrs. Nellie Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Art Warner, Mrs. Joe Free and her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Hoidge, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crideil and Miss R. Robinson.

The public are reminded of the Baptist Church Bazaar to be held on Saturday afternoon of this week. This will be a good opportunity to purchase some of those Christmas gifts. Afternoon tea will be served. This bazaar represents many months of hard labour on the part of lady members of the Baptist Circle. They deserve your patronage.

Rev. Mr. Young of Pickering delivered two thought provoking sermons on Sunday, at the Harvest Home services in the United Church. In the morning, he preached on "Bartimaeus, and his faith in Jesus' power to heal," while the general indifferent attitude of the church group towards the outcasts was stressed. In the evening his subject was "How Can I Be Sure the Bible is True," the final assurance to be in the possession of each individual. The home choir contributed two musical numbers during the morning service, and Baker Hill Octette of ladies sang three numbers during the evening. Rev. G. Davison of the Baptist Church assisted during the service, and the Baptist congregation was in attendance. Rev. H. Lackey preached at Pickering United Church.

## Propose Separate School District For Pickering

A proposal to create a separate school area in Pickering Township is now under way, it was learned last week. Up to the present time, there has not been any parochial school in Pickering Township but due to the increase in population, many Roman Catholic parents now desire that this be accomplished. So far, the township council has not been officially approached on the matter.

There is a separate school in Ajax and it has been intimated that Catholic children now attending Pickering Public School, may be leaving to attend there.

## GETS SIX MONTHS FOR STEALING PIGS

Earl Leffler of Brougham was sentenced to six months for stealing a number of sows and pigs. Leffler testified he had been drinking before trading some animals and "couldn't keep track of other stock while trucks were coming and going on the farm during a sale."

## Claremont Man Bread Salesman Suddenly Stricken

Making his usual city rounds on Saturday, Clifford Soden, salesman for the Brown's Bread Co., was suddenly seized with a heart attack, and passed away several hours later. He was in his 85th year.

The late Clifford Soden, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soden of Claremont, had never known a sick day, and was a man who looked the picture of health. He was born on the 8th concession of Pickering, worked for some time with his father on the home place, later moving to the village. For the last twenty years he has resided in Toronto where he has been employed with Brown's Bread Co.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Bernard. Two brothers, John and Ross predeceased him. Two uncles are Frank Ham of Claremont and William Ham of Toronto, and an aunt, Mrs. Duncan Dolphin of Claremont.

## BROUGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown and grandchildren of Toronto visited his mother, Mrs. T. C. Brown, on Sunday.

Mrs. Soden had a business trip to Hamilton one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willson and Dorothy visited with friends at Alderwood on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Manson Ellicott was at Collingwood over the weekend attending the funeral of her aunt.

Mrs. Kenneth Balsdon and Mrs. Pity of Pickering visited Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. A. Ramsay are glad to know she is now improving at her home after a serious operation.

Mrs. Brown visited in Greenbank recently and called on Mrs. McMaster and Mr. J. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey of Tall Pines, Haliburton, visited with his mother and brother Al and family during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mairs had Sunday tea with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton at Markham.

The Woman's Association met on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1st, at the home of Mrs. T. Philip with 19 members and three visitors present. The worship period was taken by Mrs. Ross Madill and the program was in charge of Mrs. Dean Mairs. Final preparations were made for the church bazaar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 25th, in the township hall, commencing at 3 p.m. There will be booths for aprons, home baking, candy, plants and bulbs and miscellaneous articles.

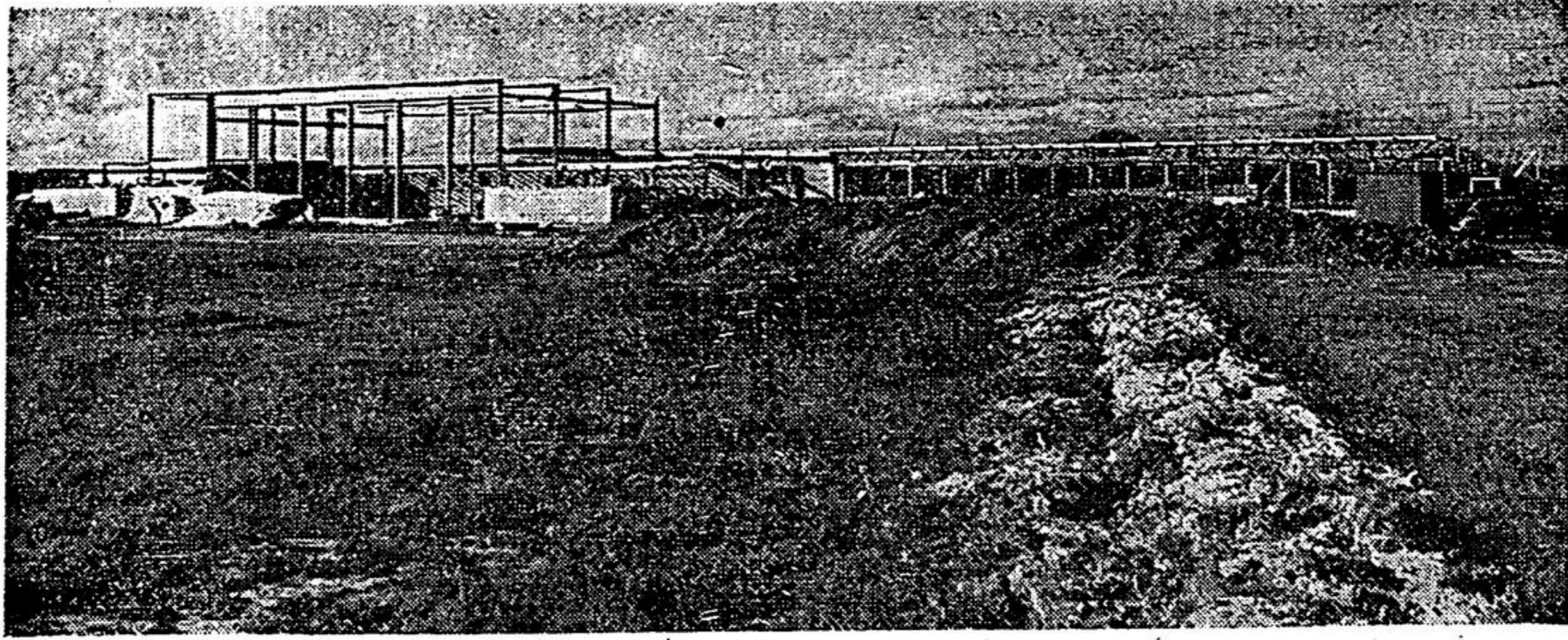
The Young People of St. John's church will hold their next meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, at the home of Miss Ruth Gillman. All young people welcome.

The November meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Manson Ellicott on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Geo. Duncan, convener, and group A in charge. Roll call to be answered by a verse from the book of Galatians. Hostesses are Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. R. Ellicott and Mrs. W. A. Knox.

Mr. Fred Hamilton, son of Mr. M. Hamilton, was rushed to Toronto East General Hospital for an emergency operation last week. While in a critical condition at the time, his condition during the weekend was reported as much improved.

Inhabitants of the Isle of Man are called Manxmen.

## Pickering High School Will Be Imposing Structure



The new 13-room Pickering District High School is expected to be completed for opening of the next fall term. Located

on Church Street, just north of the municipal park, sufficient land has been acquired for a fine school site. Architects

Shore and Moffat of Toronto have designed a building with the most modern educational features. Designed for 400

pupils, many will be from rural areas. For their convenience, a large cafeteria is included in the structure.

## Approves Purchase of New Fire-Fighting Equipment

Mr. Summers was present at the regular November meeting of the Pickering Township Council on Wednesday, Nov. 1st, to give information regarding the purchase of an additional fire truck, which could be used for grass or other small fires, to save taking out the large truck. On this truck, called a "second unit," primarily used for a fire truck, equipped with booster pump, tank and accommodation for smaller fittings, a grant of 25% would be realized. The truck would cost \$4,075 equipped with a 500 imp. gal. tank. The pump would be run from power take-off on truck. On motion of Councillors Zinkie and Burk, purchase of this fire unit recommended by the Fire Committee was authorized subject to approval of the Municipal Board.

Problems relative to living in cellars, trailers and unsuitable quarters were discussed. Council's attitude was stated as being opposed to furnishing hydro unless a house was being built. The Building Inspector was present to discuss problems related to his department. Council instructed the Clerk to write the Medical Officer of Health asking what action had been taken on their instructions given a month ago.

There were no sheep or dog claims for the month of October. A communication from F. L. Button re Roy Brignall of Claremont was discussed, asking council to replace Mr. Brignall's fence. Roy Ward, Supt. of Roads, said his men had cleaned up the old fence-row at considerable expense. Council agreed no fence replacement was promised, nor fence bonus—the deal was Brignall removed his fence and council cut the brush and burned it. Brignall took the fence down himself, and got the fence. Township men cut the wood up for him.

Road expenditure for the month amounted to \$8,070.75. Subsidy as of Aug. 31st, 1950, for the Township of Pickering was in the amount of \$18,688.53.

As road equipment, including wrenches and batteries, had been stolen, Deputy-Reeve Todd's motion to replace these was carried.

Fines and fees for the month of September amounted to \$188.73.

Hospitalization and T.E. after-care for the month totalled \$576.97.

Jack Martin of Rosebank subdivision asked about the dogcatcher, and was informed Mr. Schwalm commenced duties as of Nov. 1st. Mr. Martin suggested council make a move to do something about bringing water to the southern part of Pickering. On motion of Councillor Balsdon, council will procure an estimate of the cost of bringing water to the proposed water area.

A By-law was brought forward fixing the salary of the Road Superintendent at \$3,000 per annum, with mileage at 6 cents.

A By-law to fix Nov. 24th as the date of nominations was also introduced.

Another By-law up for consideration would regulate tourist camps, the fee for each cabin being \$10. From October to May the rate would be placed at \$15.

As complaints regarding the operation of a welding plant in Woodlands by Albert Sanders of Toronto had been received, a communication from the Clerk was on file requesting him to meet council on Nov. 1st.

A letter was on file from S. T. Jordan of north Fairport Road, approving roadwork done, and suggesting further improvements.

A delegation from Pickering Village, consisting of Cyril Morley and Jack Balsdon brought their problems to council. One problem was that of a grass street on which a house is to be built, which would need to be graded and gravelled before materials could be hauled to the location. Inquiry is to be made regarding Norah Street. Mr. Morley wanted to know about the water supply, and what had been done. He felt there must be some reason it was being held up. A motion previously passed was read to Mr. Morley, sponsored by Councillors Balsdon and Zinkie, in which council will agree to pay 10% of road expenditure on the three main approaches to Ajax, which motion is being sent to Mr. Grant, council's solicitor, in order that he may take it to the Municipal Board.

Requests for gravel were made from Port Union district and Range line, Pickering Beach; and specific drainage problems were cited.

Mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system.

## GREEN RIVER

Hallowe'en went over very quietly. Everyone had their usual callers with a variety of funny faces and costumes.

On Friday evening, Nov. 10th, there will be a crokinole party in the U.S.S. Ladies provide. Everyone welcome.

Last Sunday was our Quarterly Temperance Day. The picture provided by Temperance Federation was displayed with the added talk by Mrs. G. Gray. Mr. Geo. Bruce gave a very fine story while the girls' quartette favoured us with two numbers.

The annual business meeting of U.S.S. will be held at the home of Mr. W. Duncan on Monday, Nov. 13th.

The Gray family had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray of the 7th line, the occasion being Brenda's 3rd birthday.

Mr. Bruce Buckles and Bill McKay had a trip to Montreal over the weekend.

The school teachers, Miss P. Hardy and Mr. B. Buckles, had a Hallowe'en party for the children and all report a very fine time.

## Gather for Memorial Day Service

Taking as his theme, "Epitaphs," Rev. W. Sturgess, assistant pastor of Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto, addressed the gathering at the Memorial Day Service held in the Claremont Baptist Church on Sunday by the local branch of the Canadian Legion. Rev. Geo. Davison, padre of the local Legion, conducted the service, and the music was led by the Whitty Band.

A number of wreaths were presented in honor of our war dead. Wreath for the Silver Cross Mothers was presented by Mrs. Wes. Lehman, Canadian Legion wreath, Bob McLeod, Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Gordon Benson, Baptist Church, James Coates, United Church, Don Hedges, Business Men's Association, Len Lye, and Claremont Schools, Joan Todd.

## Decomposed Body of Man Found by Girl Hunter

The decomposed body of a man was discovered in a swamp on the east side of Pickering Township by a 19-year-old girl during a township wide pheasant shoot.

Walking through heavy underbrush with three other hunters, Sylvia Hawke of Toronto saw a felt hat lying on the ground. Closer examination revealed the body.

Police said the body was that of a middle-aged man. It is believed the man had been dead for about three years. No evidence of foul play was discovered.

Found near the battered hat was a plastic pocket comb. The man had been wearing winter clothes, a dark blue overcoat and brown woollen mittens. A child's pair of leather cowboy type gauntlets were in the overcoat.

Possibility the man froze to death while on a hike through the isolated swamp was advanced by Chief Const. Lockhart Trinnell of Pickering Township. The body was found over a mile from a private lane on the property of W. P. Moore.

While Miss Hawke and another hunter, William Reid of Howey Ave., Toronto, remained on the scene, Russel Brown and Harold Reid went for police.

New Zealand this autumn will be the first Commonwealth country to use wee Prince Charles' picture on a postage stamp.

## Bulk of Pickering Assessment Appeals Only Minor

Although there were thirty-five appeals registered against the assessment roll of the Township of Pickering, the largest percentage of them were only of a minor nature. Seven of the appellants appeared before the court held at Brougham on Thursday morning.

A total of \$7,100 was the reduction on the entire appeal slate. The largest deduction was on the Joe Makouchik place in the 3rd concession. Mr. Makouchik's assessment was \$9,375 on a very large dwelling. The court felt that the owner was being penalized for having this very large home which he could not make use of, and reduced his assessment under the over-built clause. Two of the assessments appealed were believed by the court to be too low and were consequently raised.

Chas. Connacher, well-known sports figure appealed his assessment on his lakeshore home for the second time, but the case was dismissed. The assessment was \$8,625.

Following are the names of the appellants, their reason for appeal and the disposition of the case:

H. S. McIntosh, Stouffville, R.R.3. Over-assessed. Reduced \$700.

Wm. E. Smith, 261A Croxwell Ave., Toronto. No building on property. Reduced \$175.

Miss S. E. Newton, 2035 Danforth Ave., Toronto. One barn removed. Reduced \$550.

Wm. Heaton, Pickering, R.R.2. Over-charged. Sustained.

F. H. Westney, Pickering, R.R.1. Exempt woodlot. Reduced \$100.

Mrs. Mary Hutchings, Pickering. Buildings assessed too high. Sustained.

Donald A. Wilson, Pickering, R.R.2. Buildings assessed too high. Increased \$150.

Mrs. Margaret Philip, Brougham. Over-assessed, house old. Sustained.

Mrs. W. Willson, Brougham. Error in land assessment. Reduced \$50.

Thos. Vose, Pickering, R.R.2. Buildings over-assessed. Reduced \$400.

Mrs. Ethel Gow, 347 Leslie St., Toronto S. Buildings over-assessed. Sustained.

Joe Makouchik, Whitby, R.R.1. Building over-assessed. Reduced \$2,575.

Douglas M. Hughes, 32 Mac Naughton Rd., Leaside. Buildings over-assessed. Sustained.

Mrs. H. Jatiuk, Pickering, R.R.2. Buildings over-assessed. Reduced \$225.

N. Littleford, Pickering, R.R.3. Buildings over-assessed. Sustained.

Thos. Goddard, Highland Creek, R.R.1. Buildings over-assessed. Sustained.

Fred L. Lloyd, Whitby, R.R.1. Buildings and land over-assessed. Reduced \$225.

Robert Barwick, 17 Pine St., Ajax. Acreage incorrect. Include Lot 47. Sustained.

Mrs. Grace E. Crawley, Pickering, R.R.2. Over-assessed. Reduced \$575.

Rouge Hills Ltd., 2217 Kingston Rd., Toronto 13. Over-assessed. Sustained.

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Edward Lewis, 26 Mallon Ave., Toronto. Over-assessed. Reduced \$100.

Mrs. Cassie Bassett, Pickering, R.R.2. Over-assessed. Reduced \$125.

Raymond Traynor, Pickering, R.R.3. Over-assessed. Increased \$500.

Mrs. Veronica Morton, 5 West Ave., Toronto. Over-assessed. Reduced \$25.

Mrs. Mary E. Leeds, c/o Mrs. E. Butler, Main St. N., Weston, R.R.2. Over-assessed. Sustained.

Mrs. Lulu Jackson, c/o Mrs. O'Brien, Pickering, R.R.2. Bad road. Sustained.

C. W. Conacher, 43 Scott Street, Room 11, Toronto. Over-assessed. Sustained.

Rudolph Sauriol, 305 Erskine Ave., Toronto. Over-assessed. Reduced \$150.

Arthur R. Akers, Pickering R.R.1. Error in acreage. Sustained.

Wm. H. Long, Pickering, R.R.3. Over-assessed. Adjustment to be made.

Desmond Ewins, Pickering, R.R.2. Over-assessed. Reduced \$150.

J. Brough, 14 Rougemont Dr., Pickering R.R.2. Over-assessed. Sustained.

G. White & Co., 2217 Kingston Rd. Lots double-assessed. Reduced \$50.

James Murray, 851 Logan Ave., Toronto. Lots double-assessed. Reduced \$100.

R. E. Lee, Fairport P.O. Boat-house removed. Reduced \$100.

W. Hollinger, Pickering, R.R.2. Hydro purchased 6.23 acres. Reduced \$250.

Jan. G. Worts, 110 Crescent Rd., Toronto. Barn torn down. Reduced \$300.

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