

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan had Saturday evening tea with Mr. and Mrs. Allison Fleming of Unionville.

Misses Isobel and Jean Gregg of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gregg.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan who celebrated their wedding anniversary on Mar. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mason of Scarborough spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norton.

Give—to the Easter Seal Campaign for Crippled Children.

Mr. Harry Porter was ill during the past week but is on duty in his shop again this week.

Mr. R. Tansley has been ill in bed with an attack of shingles during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooke and son visited with Mrs. S. Cooke and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harton of Lansing on Sunday.

The W.A. will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, to be followed by a community supper in the church basement commencing at 5.30 o'clock with Mrs. Baker's group in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson accompanied by Mrs. H. Johnson attended the funeral service of a cousin, Mr. W. Taylor conducted from the Turner Funeral Home in Toronto last Monday afternoon. Interment was made in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The Girls' Canasta Club sponsored a euchre, bridge and canasta party in the community hall last Friday evening. There were about thirty tables, and a dozen prizes were given by the various business houses of the community to the winners. The proceeds from the evening's entertainment were presented to the Park Board.

Last Saturday's ice storm played havoc with those travelling to and from the various centres of special interest throughout the night. Glare of car lights were seen from all directions around midnight, and a number of travellers were stranded all night. The situation did not improve until the next day.

The Women's Institute was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ken Ward, with a good attendance. Five new members were added to the roll call which was the annual membership fee. A geography match on New Brunswick and the N.W. Territories was conducted by Mrs. Peddle. The following officers for the new year were elected: Hon. Pres., Mrs. John Badgero; Pres., Mrs. G. McConnell; 1st Vice, Mrs. J. Badgero; 2nd Vice, Mrs. D. Catherwood; Sec-Treas., Mrs. M. Johnson; District Director, Mrs. G. McIntyre; Assist., Mrs. W. Evans; Pianist, Mrs. H. Gregg; Assist., Mrs. W. Evans; Standing Committees: Public Relations and Community Activities, Mrs. H. Johnson; Mrs. McDonald; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. Morgan; Home Economics and Health, Miss V. Forsythe; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Ken Ward; Citizen-

Born in Uxbridge Passes in West

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from Henderson's Funeral Home, Abbotsford, B.C. for Thomas McNelly, 71, who passed away Sunday at his home. Rev. A. L. Elliott officiated and interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Graveside service was conducted by the Loyal Lodge of which Mr. McNelly was a member.

Mr. McNelly was born Sept. 7, 1880, in Uxbridge Township, oldest son of the late Peter McNelly and Christina Gibson, moving to Zephyr about 1881. He went to Western Canada in 1904 and to B.C. 35 years ago in 1917.

He is survived by his wife, six daughters, Mrs. Flossie Roberts of Abbotsford, Mrs. Olive Kelly, Vancouver, Mrs. Phyllis McIlveen, Oshawa, Ont., Mrs. Jean Elliot, Abbotsford; Shirley and Lois of Vancouver, and two sons, Norris of Pemberton, B.C., and Clarence, Prince George, and three sisters in Ontario, Mrs. Ethel Barker and Mrs. Flossie Snowden of Newmarket and Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Zephyr. A sister, Minnie of Toronto, and a brother, Morris of Zephyr, predeceased him.

Thirsty Thieves Leave Empty-handed

A thirsty gang of safecrackers, who drank ten bottles of pop while blowing the outer door from a safe in Uxbridge Co-Op were frightened off before they could touch off a charge to open the inner door.

They escaped, empty-handed, but left the inner door "sounded," and a loaded rifle and shotgun, which police believe they took from the stockroom of the Co-Op in case they were caught at their day.

Joslyn Rogers, provincial analytical chemist, was sent from Toronto with an OPP inspector to neutralize the nitro-glycerin packed about the inner door.

OPP Constable Victor Proctor said he believed there were four men in the gang, two lookouts and two men working on the safe. He described their work as professional. They cut a hole in the roof to enter the store.

Why is it that so many people think that being broke is something to write home about? ship and Education, Mrs. W. Glidden; Flower Committee, Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. L. McCullough, Mrs. W. Benson; Membership Committee, Mrs. R. Morgan, Mrs. W. Wallace, Mrs. L. Hill; Auditors, Mrs. L. Lippert, Mrs. W. Lehman. A dainty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

BROUGHAM

The regular weekly euchre sponsored by the Brock Road Club had the following winners: ladies, Mrs. T. Cornutt, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Miss Coakwell; gents, Mr. Riddle, Mr. A. J. Gray, Mr. L. Hopkins; lone hands, Howard Malcolm; door prize, Wm. Gray, Mrs. Loss Hill; travelling prizes, Mrs. H. Plaxton, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Mr. Clark and Mr. Wm. Gray.

Several real estate transfers are reported in our village lately. Mr. and Mrs. Todd of Claremont are expected to move into the Gammage house while Mr. and Mrs. Reaman and family have purchased the Storey house.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Toronto visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey, on Sunday.

Mrs. Beach of Brampton is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Willson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mairs entertained friends from Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown from near Montreal visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ravey on Saturday night while enroute to Guelph to visit his mother who is ill there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harbron and daughters Bernice and Ina-Jean of Myrtle had dinner on Monday evening with their aunt, Mrs. Matthews.

Miss Wilcox of Toronto spent the weekend with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crocker who recently returned after a month's visit to Florida, called on Mrs. Matthews last week.

Miss Margaret Burton of Detroit visited with her sister, Mrs. M. Hamilton, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellicott and little daughter Janet visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. McGuckin of Stouffville on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Knox has been on the sick list during the past week. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Connor who has been farming on the seventh concession has purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Pascoe and expects to get possession on May 1st. Mr. Connor found it necessary to retire from farming due to ill health.

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

A congregational supper will be held in the township hall on Friday evening, March 28th. This will be in the form of a pot luck supper and every one is invited to attend. There will also be a parcel post sale sponsored by the Woman's Association held during the evening.

The W.M.S. of St. John's Church met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Johnston on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. M. Ellicott had charge of the meeting due to the absence of the president. The program "Our Fellow Canadians from the Orient"

was given by Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. M. Burk and Mrs. R. Ellicott. Plans were made for the Easter Thank-Offering to be held early in April.

The following were the prize winners at the Women's Institute Euchre held on Tuesday evening, March 18: ladies, Mrs. L. Hill, Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. Matthews; gents, Mr. Cliff Hardy, Mr. Ross Carlton, Mr. Blackwell, with a special door prize going to Mr. N. Burton.

Messrs. Mel and Percy Gliddon of Clinton are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellicott and family.

Mrs. H. Shea had a business trip to Toronto on Monday.

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There passed away at Oshawa Hospital on Friday, March 21, Winnifred Richmond, beloved wife of Mr. A. Ramsay of Brougham and mother of Kenneth of Toronto and Mrs. I. Hess (Norma) of Brooklin. The late Mrs. Ramsay was in her 50th year and had been in ill health for some time. Funeral services were held at the Robinson Funeral Chapel, Brooklin, on Monday afternoon with interment in Brougham Cemetery. Sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

When Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Willson returned from church on Sunday they were greatly surprised to find their home occupied, but the occupants were welcome, being Mr. and Mrs. Francis Willson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross Willson and Ruth, and Mrs. Beach of Brampton.

The dining room table was set with appetizing food and decorated with a bouquet of yellow and white daffodils and a beautifully trimmed wedding cake with congratulations for their 40th wedding anniversary which is March 27th. During the evening cars began to arrive, their son George being first, later Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Willson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Willson and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willson and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Remmer and Mr. Tom Rowson of Whitby, Mrs. John Remmer and son Jack.

After supper Mr. and Mrs. Willson were presented with a new General Electric Vacuum Cleaner and a lovely flower vase. Appreciation was expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Willson, and the singing of "For They Are a Jolly Good Couple" brought the pleasant evening to a close.

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Deplores Slaughter Of Owls in Pickering Township

Wanton slaughter of useful and beautiful owls in Pickering Township has been commented upon in a recent newsletter of the Toronto Field Naturalists Club. The author of the publication tells about it in his own words:

"In January, Bill Smith and I stepped off the road into the southern corner of the Black Alder Wood in Pickering. We were looking for a winter wren and a white-throat seen there during our Christmas census. Our attention, however, was soon riveted upon other birds.

"Shortly after entering the trees we noticed a fresh track winding through the wood. Some one had been here not long before. What for? That question was soon answered when I found myself all at once standing over the body of a long-eared owl. Picking it up, I saw its breast bespotted with fresh blood, yet uncoagulated. The sight of this beautiful and useful bird, foolishly slaughtered and left on the snow sent a hot surge of anger through me. But more was to come.

"Circling through the wood in the track of the hunter, Bill and I came to the edge of the trees, then separated to make the return trip. Hence I was alone as I re-entered the trees midway along the northern side of the wood. Almost at once I stayed in my steps by the sight of a whole group of long-eared owls, happily all alive, and all gazing at me intently from the depths of a cedar tree. Ear tufts erect, every eye centred upon me in nervous alarm; usually long-eared owls are quiet, tame and approachable. But not today. Some small movement on my part sent the whole flock of eight, into sudden eruption. The cedar tree literally exploded owls. Brown shapes hurtled away from me on the road, to look. Jack was in luck as most of the owls glided silently over the road to seek refuge amongst the cedar trees on the other side. I was hurrying to the road to find out where they had gone when as I came within talking distance of Jack, I once more found myself looking down upon the soft brown body of a long-eared owl.

"By this time Bill had rushed up and directed by Jack, gone on into the cedars to the east. Here he roused again two of the owls but sad to relate he found the third long-eared dead upon the snow."

ATHA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Beelby and Janet were Sunday supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. George Beelby at Scarborough Jct.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tran and family were Friday supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dyck.

Congratulations to Mr. Murray Dunkeld on winning second prize on fall wheat seed at Port Perry on Saturday.

Last Friday evening about forty-five neighbours gathered at Atha School to tender a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Marshman. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley and Brian of Toronto were Sunday afternoon guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. Draper.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wagg and family of Mount Albert were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld.

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Reach to Enforce Warble Fly Act

At the latest meeting of Reach Township Council a large delegation of ratepayers with Agricultural Representative Lynn Fair, presented a petition, signed by more than two-thirds of the cattle owners in the Township, requesting the council to pass a by-law to carry out the provisions of the Warble Fly Act of 1950. Said act states that if the council is presented with a petition signed by more than two-thirds of the cattle owners, the council shall pass a by-law compelling all cattle to be treated.

A by-law was passed and Council is buying a sprayer to carry out provisions of the act.

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