

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Mrs. G. Clark entertained friends on Sunday and took a trip into Toronto on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds and son of Napanee were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Taylor and family of Siloam were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor.

A Remembrance Day program was held by members of the Good Fellowship Class last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill. Mrs. J. Morgan and Mr. W. Evans were appointed leaders of the two groups whose aim is competition in monthly attendance — the losing group to provide a supper at the end of the year.

The Badminton Club is having its opening night on Dec. 2nd, and each Tuesday and Thursday evening thereafter, unless otherwise notified. Ping Pong is an added attraction this season. All interested in joining are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Tansley attended the funeral of an old friend of many years, Mr. Milan of Beaver-ton, last week. Death was due to thrombosis. Interment was made in Toronto.

There was an attendance of 35 members and five visitors at the November meeting of the W.I. last Wednesday afternoon in the community hall basement. Mrs. D. Dawson and Mrs. G. Taylor were hostesses. The main programme was the report of the two delegates who attended Central Ontario Convention in the Royal York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. Tansley on Monday evening to a supper and bridge party on the occasion of their 47th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lapp and Phyllis of Toronto, Mrs. Gordon Coulter and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wallace of Weston were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. E. Beare. Mr. Beare was successful in getting a 200 lb. buck while on a recent deer hunting trip with a party of nine others. There were seven deer brought home by the group.

The president of the W.M.S. received permission to display for sale a number of all wool colored blankets—premiums from the recent community blanket purchase—at the bazaar to be held on Saturday afternoon in the United Church Sunday School room. The public is cordially invited to this bazaar of miscellaneous articles, aprons, fancy work, knitted goods, home-made baking, candy, post office and afternoon tea. Come and meet your friends and make your Christmas purchases from the Women's Association of the Claremont United Church.

"Self Discipline" was the topic of the W.A. program in charge of Mrs. J. Peddie's group last Thursday afternoon in the United Church Sunday School room. Mrs. M. Johnson read a short biography of the late Booker J. Washington as a shining example. Miss Betty Evans sang a verse of "Jesus loves Me." Mrs. Couperthwaite read the scripture—Rev. H. Lackey conducted the election of officers for the new year as follows: 1st Vice President, Mrs. C. Reynolds; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. M. Johnson;

BROUGHAM

Mrs. Lemmon spent Wednesday in Toronto.

Mrs. Matthews spent a couple of days last week with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knox and Carol visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox, on Sunday.

Mrs. Ross Knox, Betty-Jean and Faye and Miss Jean McGuckin had tea on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor of Goodwood.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Burton of Stouffville called on Mr. and Mrs. M. Hamilton on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rowe spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. T. English and with her sister, Mrs. G. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Duncan and daughters of Markham visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. Harlock on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton spent the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleton of Highland Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford and family of West Hill spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellicott.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gray of Green River called on his brother, A. J. Gray and family on Sunday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Citizens League of Brougham will be held in the council chamber on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, at 8 o'clock. All interested citizens are welcome.

Mr. C. Plaxton has been confined to his bed during the past week due to a heart attack. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The bazaar on Saturday afternoon sponsored by the Women's Association proved a real success. The ladies had a busy afternoon as all booths were well patronized. Many thanks to all who helped to make it so successful.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Duncan. The devotional period will be conducted by Mrs. W. Ellicott while the program will be in charge of Mrs. Geo. Willson.

The Women's Institute euchre on Tuesday was well attended. The following were prize winners, ladies, Mrs. A. Bunker, Mrs. A. Farthing and Mrs. Shea; gents, Mr. Wm. Gray, Mr. Pugh and Mr. A. J. Gray. Two special travelling prizes were won by Miss Calbert and Mr. H. Plaxton.

Loyal service to our fellow men, Good guidance to our girls and boys

Will keep that "Torch" forever high.

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Although Truman is still president until Jan. 20, he must feel somewhat out of place.

2nd Vice, Mrs. H. Johnson; Sick Committee, Mrs. R. Morgan; Buying Committee, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. McIntyre. A splendid hot supper was served by the group from 5.30 until all were served.

Pickering Twp. Nominations

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made in township roads, the erection of concession road signs and the efforts made to obtain water from Ajax. Mr. Todd stated that the financial condition of the township was very good with all business being handled in a progressive manner.

Deputy-Reeve Milt Burk expressed deep regret in having to give up his position on the council but due to the fact that he was leaving the municipality the situation could not be changed. Mr. Burk mentioned a number of improvements that had been made on the roads during the year. A new power road maintainer had been purchased at a cost of \$19,000, in addition to 200 culverts that had been purchased and installed. Some 170 tons of calcium chloride had been placed on the road and over eleven miles of ditching had been successfully completed.

Mr. Burk stated further that the council had made a thorough study of the township road and roadside conditions with over 37 points being selected and repaired.

Councillor Clare Balsdon seeking the office of deputy-reeveship expressed concern over the short-handed office staff that was being asked to carry a considerable load of township work. Mr. Balsdon pointed out that a profit of \$898.00 had been realized from dog tax revenue after the sheep losses and the dog catcher salary had been paid. Mr. Balsdon also mentioned the establishment of industry, the cleaning up of roadsides, the consideration of water supply and the control of new sub-divisions as accomplishments over the past twelve months.

Councillor Hugh Michell seeking re-election for another term asked for more co-operation between the north and the south in all township affairs. Mr. Michell acting on the welfare committee of the council noted that \$3,000 had been spent on welfare, \$5,000 on relief making a total expenditure of \$8,000. Of this amount a government grant is received of \$5,000 cutting the sum down to \$3,000. The council levied a total of \$3,400 for this purpose leaving a surplus of \$400.

Councillor Bill Newman having completed a very successful year in his first term on the council claimed that the \$2,264 paid out for livestock killed over the past year was considerably lower than it had been during the previous term. Mr. Newman paid tribute to the progress attained by the road department and the establishment of industry in the township.

Former Reeve, Mr. W. H. Westney, declined to run for office but handed down a four point program including a rigid control of sub-divisions, more federal gov't. assistance for education, a program for the permanent surfacing of roads and the establishment of a set construction price on houses.

Mr. Harry Newman also received a nomination for the office of reeve but declined. During the course of his talk to the gathering he expressed the opinion that the police were inefficient having collected a paltry 7% of the administration funds in fines. Mr. Newman claimed that he didn't want the police to work overtime but when it is necessary to have them they are wanted at once. The speaker continued that the township of Pickering was on the verge of the greatest expansion it has ever known and the council members must be careful not to allow the "scum" of other townships to filtrate through her borders.

The slate of five members made up of Stephen Stephenson for reeve, Russell Frame for deputy-reeve and Albert Bannock, Kenneth Taylor and Kenneth Roberts seeking seats on the council spoke briefly outlining their proposed methods of handling the township's affairs. The slate claimed that industry must be brought into the township to pay for the services the residents were demanding. They felt that the township wouldn't get industry by zoning but the members must get out and sell the township to industry. In respect to the water situation the slate agreed that industry should be brought in first then worry about obtaining the water. The members felt that the slate idea would be successful with every man pulling his own weight and working for the good of the township.

Remarkable Couple Sixty Years of Married Life

One of the best known couple in Pickering Township, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Spears marked their diamond wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, and celebrated the occasion by being at home to some one hundred and seventy-five friends and relatives throughout the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Spears are even more remarkable since they are both 81 years old, their birthdates being only eight days apart.

The couple were married in a double ceremony in 1892 by Rev. A. H. Kippin of Claremont. The second couple were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murdoch of Winnipeg.

Mr. Spears was born at Atha on the old Spears homestead, and the couple farmed there for thirty-six years. Mrs. Spears was the former Jessie Gibbons of Claremont. The couple came to Whitevale 24 years ago.

Mr. Spears had an extensive municipal career. He served seven years on Pickering Twp. Council, as councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve. In addition he occupied the position of assessor for a total of twenty-three years.

The couple have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Harold Hornshaw of Whitevale, and a son Harrison of Whiteby. There are six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The youngest grandchild is in a unique position having four grandmothers and an equal number of grandfathers.

During the at home celebration on Saturday, two sisters, Mrs. R. Worthy and Mrs. S. Stephenson, also two nieces, Mrs. Geo. Crewson and Mrs. W. Gibbons, poured tea. The couple who are in quite good health were the pleased recipients of a host of cards and gifts, and a telegram of congratulations from Prime Minister St. Laurent, and her Majesty the Queen.

water from Ajax, which carried, 145-10. Ajax officials later broke off negotiations and the plan was dropped.

In a statement being issued by the trustees this week, prior to the public meeting, the plans outlined call for the water to be pumped from the well, which will store sufficient water to allow ample supply for fire fighting purposes. At this spot, the water will be treated to remove a smelt iron content and will then be pumped to the village through a 10-inch main.

Three water trucks have been hauling water on a 24-hour schedule for weeks. Most of the Village's wells that are still being used have a poor quality test. One well, supplying five households a few months ago is now supplying 11. On one street, every well is dry and people carry water by the pail as far as three blocks.

New Truck Purchased by Pickering Township Council

Tenders for a new truck were received last week at an emergent meeting of Pickering Township Council, and the successful bid went to the White Truck Co. at a price of \$6,800. Five tenders were received. The acceptance is subject to the approval of the Dept. of Highways.

A resolution proposed by Councillor Newman was lost when it called for council to recommend to County Council that Joe Barjak be given a 1952 Wrecking License, that it is expected that he will clean up his premises to the satisfaction of the constable by Jan. 1st, 1953. Otherwise he will not be granted a 1953 license; that he erect a board fence as required, on four sides, immediately.

A bylaw was given three readings and passed which provided for a bylaw to permit a vote of the electors of Pickering Village on the question of the establishment of a municipal water system at an approximate cost of \$258,000.

Second Water Vote Called by Pickering

Pickering village property owners will vote on a \$258,000 proposed water system on December 10, it was announced today.

The proposed water supply is to come from an artesian well, four miles north of the village, and to be piped through a 10-inch main. The well, sunk about eight weeks ago, has continued to give a steady flow, and has been tested by health authorities, who report it to be of exceptional good quality.

A mass meeting will be held in the high school here on Friday night, when village trustees, J.S. Balsdon, C. E. Morley, W. G. Messer and a representative of the firm of engineers who developed the system, will give a breakdown of the costs and answer questions.

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Finally, may I be permitted to comment on Mr. Harry Newman's oration. One paper spoke of "his customary quixotically humorous vein." I do not know what dictionary the paper in question uses but Nuttall's defines Quixotry as "Romantic and absurd notions" while the Oxford definition is the more usual "Acts of a person utterly regardless of his material interests in comparison with honor or devotion." Don Quixote would never stoop to make a personal attack on a public official who was neither present nor in a position to answer back, neither would he refer to such an individual as "an old retired gentleman"—he would have remembered that he himself was an even older man and that from age we expect wise counsel and not personal attacks from a public platform made without knowledge—romantic and absurd notions indeed.

I number many eminent lawyers among my friends and within my family and am happy to have one offering his services with me on our Slate but Mr. Newman's misuse of his undoubted mastery of words could tempt one to feel with John Keats, "I think we may class the lawyers in the natural history of monsters" or with Shakespeare, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers."

Yours faithfully,
S. Stephenson.

Doctor Dies Ere Nomination for Reeve Pickering Township

Dr. Neil Edward McEwen, 63, former deputy-reeve of Pickering township who was to be nominated for township reeve at last week's



nomination meeting, died of a heart attack at his home in Whitby Thursday.

Born in Georgetown, Que., Dr. McEwen was graduated from Ontario Agricultural College and taught for many years at McDonald College, Montreal. He came to this district three years ago and showed a keen interest in reforestation problems.

Dr. McEwen has been a colorful election figure in Pickering for many years and has always been a most active campaigner in municipal campaigns.

Surviving besides his widow, the former Huldah McNeil, is a daughter, Winona, and one son, Forbes, both of Whitby.

Urges York, Toronto Join

Deputy Reeve Eric Baker of suburban York Township this week proposed outright amalgamation of his municipality with the city of Toronto.

Municipal experts have been predicting that the report of the Ontario Municipal Board, expected before New Year's will recommend unification of services for the 13 municipalities of greater Toronto.

The deputy reeve, who made his proposal in a statement, said that he will press for an early meeting of York Township officials with the Toronto board of control for a full discussion of it.

EDITOR'S MAIL

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.

Re: Pickering Township Nominations and Elections.

I had the privilege of attending Pickering nominations on the twenty-first instant and there— and elsewhere—heard some criticism of the "Slate." This criticism has—in the main—been aimed against it as a system and not against the particular group to which I have the honour to belong.

Harry Newman, Q.C., mentioned not too lucidly but in what I think too lucidly but in what I think was meant to be a derogatory manner, slates, but he nominated or seconded Milton Burk, John Skidmore, Wm. Newman and Mrs. McPherson—the Newman Slate. Four members of the present council are running and pulling for each other—the Old Gang Slate. There is also the F. S. Chapman Slate. May I suggest that these non-publicised slates are the real danger to democratic government.

No member of the slate which I am proud to lead knew more than one of his colleagues until the groups of ratepayers concerned brought them together late in October. We are a team selected for our differing backgrounds, training and experience, as well as for residence across the township, with the belief that this varied experience can serve you. In no sense are we a clique and there are many things in which our opinions differ—there is, however, one thing on which we all feel alike—the future welfare of our township and its residents—present and future—and that—and only that—is our platform.

There are only two reasons for an individual seeking election—either the real urge to be of public service to the community in which he lives or personal gain, be it financial, the urge to power or personal publicity. I can vouch that only public service to the community is our motive. We are not serving any vested interest, major landowner or any purely local plans but seek to serve the township as a whole. I respectfully suggest that voters are entitled to know why each individual is running.

At the meeting we heard the 1952 council give a mass of figures concerning finance, all of which would have been far more digestible, and less tedious, on paper than given as they were—but I failed to hear anything—other than a hope that they would be re-elected—about PLANNING FOR THE YEARS TO COME. They spoke of zoned area but not of how to sell industry in to coming to us.

I feel—and think you will feel with me—that their pathetic incompetence to deal with anything beyond their immediate

Electors of Pickering Township

Dear Friends—

It has been my happy privilege for five years to serve the township as councillor working in your interests for the betterment of the township and the taxpayers as a whole. Being a life long resident I have always been keenly interested in municipal affairs because the council is the governing body closest to the needs and interests of the taxpayer. If you elect me as your Deputy-Reeve I will have more responsibility in our township, and as a representative on the county council, I shall endeavour to do for you as I have tried to do in the past, that is, use my very best judgment and discretion in all matters pertaining to your problems.

The council during the past year has tentatively approved an area where industry may locate without any objection. We have temporarily delayed the establishing of new sub-divisions until a greater industrial assessment is obtained to ensure a balanced economy.

The council has had roads paved which could ably be done without issuing any debentures on the township. We have framed and enforced by-laws for your protection. I will strive to locate industry in our township; to keep our taxes as low as possible; to assist areas getting a water supply and work for the general advancement of our township on an economical basis.

It would be my pleasure to meet and discuss with any ratepayers their problems. I would also like to approach every voter and solicit their support, but owing to the area to be covered and the number of people to contact, time will not permit. I take this opportunity of urging you to vote, and thank you for your loyal support in the past.

Clare Balsdon

For Deputy-Reeve.

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