

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pilkey, John and Judy were Sunday visitors at the Harold Norton home.

Mr. John Phillips who has spent the past 2 months with his daughter and family has gone to Uxbridge for the winter months, with his sister Mrs. Mina McMaster.

Don't forget the euchres in the Legion Hall every Monday night. The prize winners at last week's euchre were: Ladies, 1st—Mrs. Mildred Pugh, 2nd—Mrs. Margaret Wilker, 3rd—Mrs. Delma Nokes. Men, 1st—Mr. Galloway, 2nd—Mr. Gordon Benson, 3rd—Mr. Walter Murray.

Receipts from the Claremont Baptist Bazaar totalled \$136. The sale was held on Saturday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spencer of Uxbridge were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Art Spencer.

Mr. Thorpe will take over the duties of organist at the United Church on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Pugh of Dunbarton spent the weekend with her family in Claremont.

Miss Mae McIntyre of Toronto was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. H. G. McIntyre.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gauslin has been a patient in the General Hospital during the past couple of weeks, undergoing some leg treatments.

Last Sunday cash donations were received from members of the United Church for relief of flood victims of the recent disaster.

The Mission Band will be held next Sunday after the regular S. S. Members please bring money for World Friends, and from sale of calendars.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bryant and children of Whitby R. R. were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hockley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayden Taylor of Oshawa were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor and family.

A large container filled with beautiful flowers from the funeral of the late Mr. Phillips of Brougham, adorned the centre table at the front of the United Church on Sunday.

Remembrance Day Parade On Sunday, Nov. 14th the Claremont Legion will hold their Remembrance Day Parade. All Legion members will meet at the Hall at 2.30 p.m. The Service will start at 3 o'clock in the Baptist Church.

Central Ontario Institute will be shocked on learning of the sudden passing of Mrs. Norman White of Brooklin, past Area president and active in Community and Church work through life. We understand that Mrs. White dropped dead on the bus upon reaching Brooklin, after attending the W.I. convention in Toronto on Friday evening.

You are reminded again of the bazaar being held in the United Sunday School room on Nov. 20th, commencing at 3 p.m. Members please bring their special 25c gifts from friends far and near.

The W.I. will be held next Wed. afternoon Nov. 17th in the Hall. A special collection will be taken for shut-in gifts for Christmas. Roll Call — A current event. Convener—Mrs. K. Ward. Lunch Comm.—Mrs. R. Hockley, Mrs. E. Cook, Mrs. J. Peckle, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. H. Johnson. Everyone welcome.

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AND MOUNT ZION Mrs. W. P. Jones visited for two or three days last week with friends at Stouffville. Messrs Lewis Jones and Glen Manderson left Saturday morning for the north, to hunt.

Mrs. Stan Neale and Glenna of Toronto visited Saturday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harbron.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and son and Mrs. Alex Zealand of Lindsay spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Harbron.

The sympathy of this community goes to Mr. Norman White and family of Brooklin in the passing of Mrs. White on Friday.

Mrs. Lewis Jones, Erla and Phyllis visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parrott at Ashburn.

The Mt. Zion baseball club had a social evening at the school on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Empringham and grandchildren of Claremont visited Sunday at the Jack Empringham home and helped to celebrate Mr. Jack Empringham's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and family visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones at Glen Major.

ing of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church will be held on Thursday afternoon, November 18, at the home of Mrs. D. L. Mairs, assisted by Mrs. H. Plaxton, Mrs. E. Johnston and Mrs. E. Campbell. Program Convener—Mrs. Lackey, assisted by Mrs. Lemmon and Mrs. N. Burton. Roll Call—"Love". Several of our local ladies took advantage of the bus trip to Toronto on Thursday last and attended the W. I. convention held in the Royal York.

The regular weekly Euchre sponsored by the Women's Institute was held as usual on Tuesday last when the following were winners: Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. N. Burton, Mrs. Milne, Mr. Ross Carlton, Mr. Bruce Hollinger and Mr. Ed. Williams. Birthday prize went to Mrs. H. Barclay. Travelling prizes—Mrs. Shea and Mr. Frank Carter. Wedding Anniversary—Mrs. H. Barclay. Coming longest distance—Mr. W. Burton and Special Prize to Mr. Ed. Williams. All prizes were donated and the sum of thirty dollars was realized for the Flood Relief Fund.

It's a mighty nice trait to be able to be nice and polite to people without wanting something from them.

## Request Better Police Protection

The Pickering Township Police Commission has heard a plea from a spokesman for a ratepayers' association within the township for more men on the six-man Township force.

At a meeting of the commission in Whitby last night, Ted Bennett, speaking for the Liverpool Ratepayers' Association, asked the Commission to investigate the situation with a view to increasing the staff.

On the Pickering Township Police Commission are chairman His Honour Judge J. E. Pritchard, Magistrate F. S. Ebbs and Reeve George Todd. Force Understaffed.

Mr. Bennett stated that the association which he represented felt that police protection in the township was inadequate in that it was understaffed. Most ratepayers, he said, would be willing to pay an additional \$5 or \$10 per year to secure adequate protection.

He outlined three chief concerns of the association. On many occasions, he said, the police office is vacant and it is through this office that all fire calls are turned in and through this office that a siren is sounded to call the volunteer fire brigades.

On many occasions, he said, there is only one man on duty and if he is answering a call outside the office and an emergency arises, he cannot be contacted.

Thirdly, he said, the force is so understaffed that the routine duties of a constable left him with no time to perform his investigations into complaints and offences.

A television set, he said, had been stolen from a township home on Thanksgiving weekend and, to his knowledge, police had not yet conducted an investigation into the matter.

On the past Sunday, he said, when there had been a double drowning at Frenohman's Bay, a call had been sent to Police but there was no one in the office.

Admits Understaffed Sgt. David Freeman replied and stated that the force had been operating two men short for the past month thus making only one man available for each shift. If he receives a call at the office, then he must leave with no one to answer any other calls. He said that for 25 or 30 percent of the time, the office is vacant.

On Sunday afternoon, he pointed out, he had been picking up his relief when the call had come in and had that day worked 16 hours before retiring to begin his shift seven hours later. He also admitted that when a fire call came to the office and no one was there to take it, the operator had to call a member of the volunteer fire brigade to turn in an alarm.

Need Larger Budget In replying for the commission, His Honour stated that more police protection is directly related to the matter of more policemen which would involve a larger budget. The Commission, he said, is well aware of the necessity of a larger force to meet the needs of this fast-growing community but, he added, this view is not shared by all the ratepayers of the Township of Pickering.

The commission, he said, has the power to appoint more officers but the pay for those men must come from the taxes which are levied by the council. To overcome the necessity of hiring extra men, he said, the Commission had authorized the payment of overtime to the present members in order that they might extend their protection without adding to the tax burden.

The Council, he said, would be obliged to pay for the additional men but he would not like to take such a position. "I would like the council to agree that more men are needed before taking such a move, he concluded, "and if they do, new men will be added immediately."

## First Settler Moved Into Uxbridge Twp. in 1806

This year, 1936, Ontario County marks its 100th birthday. The Township of Uxbridge will mark its 105th birthday in January. The Township was surveyed in 1804 and 1805 by S. S. Wilmot. The first settler was Dr. Beswick in the year 1806.

He attempted to build a grist mill and sawmill in that year, but before its completion he sold his property to Joseph Collins, who completed the mill. He was killed in it while attempting to remove the ice around the flatter wheel.

In the year 1808 that part of the township around Glasgow was settled by the following families: The Kesters, Mordens, Forsyths, Browns, Widemans, McWain, Townsend and French. In 1808 there was a large settlement of Pennsylvania Dutch Quakers. They included the families of Joseph Collins, James Hughes, Amos, Stephen and Thomas Hilborne, Jonathan and William Gould, Samuel Haines, Geo. Webb and Charles Champman. They settled at or near Uxbridge Town.

Quaker Hill, west of Uxbridge, is where the first church in the township was built in 1809.

The second male child born in the township was Joseph Gould who for many years represented Uxbridge and the adjoining township of Scott in the Home District Council. He was the first provincial ward of the County of Ontario, first reeve of the Village of Uxbridge on its incorporation. He was a leader in municipal, commercial, educational, manufacturing, lumbering and agricultural matters in the township.

His son, Isaac, was County Warden and represented North Ontario more than once in Provincial and Dominion Parliament.

The first sawmill in the township was built in 1809 by Joseph Collins, and he also built the first grist mill in the same year. Later grist mills were built by Jos. Gould, McNaughton of Glasgow, Wheeler of Uxbridge and Davidson of Goodwood.

The first schoolhouse was built in 1817 on lot 30, concession 6. The first teacher was a little Irishman whose name has not been handed down to posterity.

The first store was built in 1830 by J. P. Plank, who came from the State of New York in 1826 and brought a stock of goods from Oshawa.

The first post office was established in 1836. The first postmaster was Jos. Bascom. A descendant, Dr. Jos. Bascom of Toronto, was the first mayor of the Town of Uxbridge. The Home District Register in 1837 gives the population of the township at 462, and the number of freeholders and householders at 99. The population of Thorah was then 639.

The only other village of importance was Goodwood. The Downswells and Todds were the early settlers. Members of these families have held important municipal positions, both in the township and the county. The Waggos, Longs, Widdifields, Vanzants, Browns, Minros, Mordens, McCulloughs and Forsyths, were early settlers in the neighborhood.

The township had twelve schools and eleven churches in 1907. In 1832, the Rev. Mr. Caruthers, the Presbyterian missionary, speaks of a twelve mile tramp from Plank's tavern to Whitchurch through the woods without seeing a house or a settler.

In the York Almanac, published by Charles Fothergill in 1825, the population of Uxbridge and Whitchurch is given as 1,291.

The township was well timbered with pine. The Goulds, Forsyths, Widdifields, Nesbitts, Pilkeys, Sharrads, Weirs, Dykes and Kellars, built sawmills. Benjamin Parker of Glasgow was one of the early settlers.

He was reeve and then member of the County Council for many years. John B. Feasby was also reeve and member of the County Council for many years.

Aaron Sharrard, later of Whitby, carried on an extensive saw and grist milling business at Glen Sharrard, now Glen Major.

John Weir, lumberman, took an active part in the municipal politics in Pickering and in Uxbridge. Elisha Miller of Glasgow was an active settler and for a great many years an active constable. The northern part of the township was settled earlier than the south part.

The brothers, Asa and Joseph Millard, of Altona, were credited with being the leaders in breeding fine horses in the County. They represented Uxbridge on County Council in several sessions.

Some of the former Reeves of Uxbridge Township have been 1912—W. Smalley; 1914—Duncan Morgan of Claremont; 1916—Isaac Wagg, Goodwood; 1918—Hezekiah Roach, Goodwood; 1920—David Watson, Goodwood; 1922—Owen Davies, Uxbridge No. 1; 1924—Wm. G. Cassie, Uxbridge.

## GLEN MAJOR

Miss Annetta Carpenter has gone to Montreal to spend the winter with her parents.

Mrs. Edgar Johnson and Mrs. Charles Fiss accompanied Miss Della Johnson of Pine Grove to Waterdown and spent the weekend with Miss Mabel Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and Shirley visited Sunday with Mrs. Walls, Brooklin.

Mrs. Gowan Ferguson and Mr. Robt. Ferguson spent the weekend at "Glen Gowan."

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Neville left on Monday to spend the winter in Florida.

Sunday callers at the Jones home were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith and boys, Prospect. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and Carl, Mt. Zion, Mr. Ernest Winter and Mr. Allan Jones of Newmarket.

Misses Eleanor Johnson and June Fiss spent the weekend at their homes.

Mrs. Arthur Paddie and Artie, Claremont, visited Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss.

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