CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

Relatives from North Bay have been spending a few days vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Desjardins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glidden entertained relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Keevil, the Hayward family and the Taylor family attended the C.N.E. on Saturday.

A number of friends from Claremont and district attended a party for Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod at their home on Saurday evening.

Miss Marjorie Neale returned to her home at Greenwood after spending a month's vacation with Rosemary Hedges.

Several carloads of fans attended the soccer tournament in Stouffville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Inglis and family from Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Penny of Unionville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and family have moved to Agincourt. Mrs. Nicholson is a sister of Mrs. Hammond.

Mr. Fred and Ed. Pugh have motored to the Western provinces for a month's holidays.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Dawson of Pennsylvania was guest organist at the Baptist Church evening service, and contributed two fine organ selections. A duet—"Go to thy Father in Prayer" by Mrs. Drake and Mr. J. Coates was also enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans and Mrs. Wilkes visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Scott of Fenelon Falls on Sunday. Mr. Scott who has been confined to bed for several years, looks well and appears cheerful.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Devit of Toronto visited with their son, daughter and two grandchildren on Sunday.

Four of the Sr. graduates from Pickering High School will attend Normal this term — David Pegg, Mary Schneider, Carol Johnson and Joyce Reynolds.

Mrs. M. Johnson enjoyed the past week-end visiting with Mrs. Ormerod Sr. and Mrs. Ormerod Jr. and children.

The W.M.S. will be held on Thursday afternoon of this week commencing at 2.30 o' clock in the S.S. room. All ladies of the church and any visitors are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill and son Alvin returned home from Trenton, Michigan, after spending two weeks at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Lehman.

ALTONA

The regular monthly meeting of Altona Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Bunker on Wednesday, Sept. 14th, at 2 p.m. Mrs. M. Reesor has charge of the program. Motto — "He must be proud who tills the soil and turns the heavy sod." Roll Call —a vegetable beginning with first letter of your name. Paper —The heritage of country living. Short papers on home beautification. Demonstration: Dining room table bouquet.

Miss Faye Bunker and Mr. Lionel Gleason were Labor Day supper guests with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bunker.

Mrs. Ray Hill and daughters are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKenzie of Columbus.

Altona Union Sunday School enjoyed a corn and wiener roast Monday evening at the Grenville Wilson farm.

AUDLEY

David Hedge of Nestleton has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hedge.

Carol Wardle of Barrie visited with her cousin Edith White.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin enjoyed a motor trip to Ottawa recently.

A number from here attended the donkey baseball game at Brooklin.

The Audley W.A. held the August meeting at the home of Mrs. G. K. Pratt, with the president, Mrs. Clemence, presiding. There were twenty ladies and fifteen children present.

The president read a poem, "Let us Count the Blessings." Mrs. George Squire led the worship service, of which the theme was "The Call to Discipleship." Passages of Scripture were read by Lorraine Matthews, Jean Burleigh and Joan Burleigh. Ten girls sang two songs, "Open Up Your Hearts," and "Happy Hands."

Miss Beatrice McLean of Greenwood gave a very interesting talk on youth work, showing slides of the various church groups and church camps. Lynda Puckrin presented a bouquet of gladioli to Miss McLean. Eileen Guthrie led in prayer. Roll Call was answered by a verse containing the word "lead." The west group served refreshments.

A doctor says that golf gives the average man al the exercise he needs. And a lot more, the way some people play it.

Councillor Criticizes Court of Revision

Mr. J. Sherman Scott, serving his first term on Pickering Twp. Council, criticized the Board which was presently sitting at township Court of Revisions. Mr. Scott also argued that the Board should meet at night rather than in the daytime in order that more wage-earners could attend the sessions.

"Court of Revision Boards who meet during the daytime have been a big objection for years among South Pickering ratepayers," stated Councillor Scott. "It's easier for the farmer to attend day meetings but not the wage-earner."

Clerk Lloyd Johnston pointed out that with Planning Board, Council, etc., many nights during the week were already taken up.

"We must draw the line somewhere," commented councillor Lawson.

The subject was raised by Reeve Todd in order that a new appointment could be made to replace the late John Forgie who held a position on the Board.

Councillor Scott was of the opinion that the township was not well represented on the Board.

"I've heard much criticism concerning our Court of Revision Board and I now agree that much of it is well founded," stated Mr. Scott. Dep. Reeve Bill Newman suggested that Geo. Wills of Dunbarton might be interested in serving on the Board. He agreed to approach him on the subject.

BROUGHAM

Miss Dorothy Willson is holidaying in Toronto as guest of her cousin, Miss Pat Coakwell.

Mrs. Witter returned home last week after spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. A. J. Gray spent the weekend with her son Russell at his cottage on Balsam Lake.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. H. Shea is so far recovered from her recent operation to be able to leave the Hospital, and is now recuperating at the home of friends in Oshawa.

Mrs. Wm. Willson of Stouffville and Mrs. Chas. Gostick were around renewing old acquaintance on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Connor's little granddaughter has been holidaying with her during the past week.

Sorry to hear that Betty-Jean Knox has not been well during the past week. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox of Enniskillen and little son Dean visited with Ken and Mrs. Pascoe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Meyer, also Miss Margaret Burton, all of Detroit, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Burton and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middleton and little daughters called on Mrs. Lemmon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knox, also Mrs. Geo. Knox and little girls enjoyed a motor trip to Goderich on the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pascoe and Donna also Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Rickard of Uxbridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Ford and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Holtby during the weekend.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Institute will be held in the Hall on Tuesday afternoon, September 13. Hostesses — Mrs. Wm. Gray, Mrs. Glen, Mrs. R. Malcolm and Mrs. M. B. Burk, Roll Call — "An article I have made this year." Mrs. Meron, District President of Brooklin, will be the guest speaker. All ladies welcome.

September 18, just a week from next Sunday, will be Rally Day in St. John's Church. Sunday School and Church Service will be joined at 2 p.m. This will also end the morning services. Hereafter the Sunday School will be back on regular time at 1.30 p.m. and Church service will be at 2.30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church will be held on Thursday afternoon, September 15, at the home of Mrs. N. Burton who will be assisted by Mrs. H. Barclay. Program Convener will be Mrs. Lackey, assisted by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. E. Johnston. Roll Call — "Sin."

PICKERING MAN FINED

Oshawa: — Nicholas Slonecky, 60, of Pickering Township, was fined $100 and costs or one month in jail for illegal possession of a still.

RCMP Constable Percy Harris testified he found two barrels of choke cherries, a drip still and some mash in the Slonecky garage.

GREEN RIVER

Once more the school term opens when all the little hopefuls start forth on another year of new adventures.

Mr. and Mrs. Boules Sr. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. Boules and family.

Mrs. Wylie of Kearney, N.J., also Mrs. Ferguson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Buckles.

Weekend visitors at the Chafen home were Miss Shirley Smith of Ajax, Mr. and Mrs. Ibey of Scarboro, also Messrs G Stewart, Mr. Stacey and Mr. Pyne of Toronto.

Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Draper on Tuesday, September 13th at 8 p.m.

A number from here took a weekend trip to northern points and among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. C. Postill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson and son of Toronto were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Michell.

Owing to the anniversary services at the First Baptist Church, Whitevale, there will be no evening service here next Sunday.

PICKERING HAS SPENT $29,000 ON ROAD PAVING

To date in Pickering Township, more than $29,000 has been spent on paving roads within the municipality. A total distance of close to four miles has been hard-topped this year. Major expenditures are to be kept down to a minimum as there is only $25,000 left in the road budget. Road Superintendent Roy Ward stated that it would be necessary to let some work lie over for another year.

PICKERING TWP. TAX ARREARS ARE $43,000

To date the tax arrears in Pickering Township total $43,135.21. Delinquent taxes collected during August totalled $2,231.39. Outstanding taxes in the past four years are as follows: 1951, $5.75; 1952, $1,889.78; 1953, $9,615.00; 1954, $31,624.68.

The tax roll to August 31st, 1955, amounted to $582,740. The amount collected to this date totalled $313,152.76.

The building report for August showed 37 permits issued at an estimated value of $269,200. Of these permits 19 were for dwellings at an average estimated cost of $11,000. There were also permits issued for ten garages, 6 house additions, one public school addition and one work-shop.

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Gas Co. May Service South Pickering Area

A delegation representing the Consumers Gas Company, appeared before Pickering Township Council on Friday afternoon to inform the members of their intentions of laying mains through the southern sections of the municipality. The line would follow the same route as No. 2 Highway and would serve all areas adjoining the line if economically possible. The rate would be fixed by the Ontario Fuel Board. This proposed gas line would also feed Pickering Village.

The spokesman for the delegation informed council that he didn't expect any work would be started on the project until 1956. He said that their initial concern was the selling of the gas to residents within the defined area.

GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott and daughter of Flint, Mich., were guests of the Ormerod family over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Annis of Orillia spent the weekend with Geo. and Mrs. Blake and family.

A meeting of the Session of the Church will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the church.

The W.A. meets on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A quilt will be ready to do.

During church service last Sunday six children were baptized; they were Shirley, Bonnie, Kenneth, Joan and Terry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gardiner, and Janice Pauline, daughter of Les and Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. A. Pegg returned home last week after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter Mrs. C. McTaggart.

Mr. Les Devitt of Toronto was a caller at the Stanley Byers home last Monday.

Mr. James Thomas was a guest at the Ed Pascoe home last Sunday.

The afternoon W.A. are sponsoring an ice-cream social this Friday night, the 9th, at the church, a program of pictures, music, etc., with ice-cream and cake at the close. Everyone will be welcomed.

The Morden and Byers families had a trip up around Horning's Mills last Sunday.

It is exceedingly rare that any person has to hire a dramatic coach to teach him how to act the fool.

The number of motor vehicles operating in the Ryukyu Islands (southwest of Japan) has increased from three hundred before World War II to 4,300 now owned and run by islanders.

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CLAREMONT RESIDENT REQUESTS BETTER GARBAGE COLLECTION

Mr. Gerald Allman, a resident of Claremont, appeared before Pickering Township Council at their regular meeting on Friday afternoon to request more adequte garbage collection service in the village. Mr. Allman stated that the present collector refused to handle his garbage and he believed the same was true with other residents. Mr. Allman pointed out that it was impossible to bury it and one couldn't burn it and since the village is growing each year garbage collection is an important and necessary service.

It was suggested by one of the members that the Claremont Village Trustees be contacted in order that a more satisfactory system could be employed.

The setting up of a garbage area for the South Pickering district was discussed. Council felt that the some 2,000 homeowners in the area were in serious need of garbage collection.

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This Weeks Sunday School Lesson

MALACHI CALLS FOR RIGHTEOUS LIVING
(Lesson for Sept. 18)
Lev. 22:1, 2; Malachi

Golden Text—Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother . . .? — Mal. 2:10.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson

When Zerubbabel and Jeshua were directing the completing of the Temple after leading the first contingent home from captivity they had the support of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (see Ezra 5:1, 2; 6:14). When Nehemiah came up to Jerusalem with authority from King Artexerxes to complete the walls, and in general to look after the welfare of the Jews, he had the support of Ezra, the scribe.

After twelve years as governor of Judah, Nehemiah returned to Shushan to report to the king. He probably was gone for two or three years, and when he returned to Jerusalem he found that abuses had crept in so that it was necessary to institute a number of reforms. Of these we read in the last chapter of his book. It is generally believed that Malachi's ministry belongs to this period. It is rather noticeable that the evils which the Prophet Malachi denounces are the same that Nehemiah under took to correct. This would set the ministry of Malachi somewhere around 430 to 420 B.C. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets. Four centuries were to elapse before another broke the silence. Of this successor, four hundred years after, Malachi speaks in 3:1, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me." The messenger here referred to is certainly John the Baptist.

The name Malachi means "messenger of the Lord," and it is interesting that the prophet who bore such a name spoke of two other messengers of the Lord. First, the forerunner of the Lord, as we have just seen, and the other, "the messenger of the covenant" (3:1), the Lord Jesus.

The style of Malachi is quite distinctive. He has much of the dialogue frequently in the form of questions and answers. This gives a dramatic touch to his book.

Verse by Verse

Mal. 3:1—"Behold, my messenger, the Lord whom ye seek, the messenger of the covenant, he shall come." Forthe identity of "my messenger," see Matthew 11:10. "The Lord" here is Jehovah, so identifying "the messenger of the covenant" with Jehovah. Is the reference here to our Lord's presentation in the Temple, or to His cleansing of the Temple? The latter seems more in keeping with the whole passage.

Verse 2—"But who may abide the day of his coming? . . . like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap." This looks back to the phrases "whom ye seek" and "whom ye delight in." They did not realize how His appearing would bring to light all their iniquity. Notice the figures to describe the cleansing—burning and washing.

Verse 3—". . . a refiner and purifier of silver . . . the sons of Levi . . . that they may offer . . . an offering in righteousness." The refining and purifying are focused on the priests, whose sins Malachi had been denouncing. See 2:1-10.

Verse 4—"Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant, as in former years." As with the priests, so with the people. When the offering of the priest is holy, so will be the offering of the temple. The prophet recalls the earlier sacrifices, such as those of Moses and David.

Verse 5—"And I will come near to you in judgment . . . a swift witness . . ." Notice the category of sins that will be brought to judgment, culminating in a want of the fear of God. God is both witness and judge.

Verse 6—"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." God's unchanging faithfulness to His covenant had preserved His people ("ye sons of Jacob"), although He had chastened them for their sins. It was not their virtue or their righteousness that had kept them from destruction.

Verse 13—"Your words have been stout against me. What have we spoken against thee?" An example of the dialogue style of Malachi. So insensible had the people become that they could not perceive their guilt even when their sins were exposed. Compare verse 8. See also Jude 15.

Verse 14—"It is vain to serve God . . . that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?" Profit, not the glory of God, was their aim, and because serving the Lord did not pay so big dividends of a worldly sort as they wished, they were ready to secure their ends by other means. Who asked them to walk "mournfully" before the Lord? See Psalm 100.

Verse 15—". . . we call the proud happy; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." This indicates their new and rebellious attitude: pride and wickedness are the criteria of happiness and good fortune and God does nothing about it!

Verse 16—"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another . . . and a book of remembrance was written for them that thought upon his name." In contrast is the godly conversation of those who fear God, conversation that pleased Him and was reqorded before Him for suitable reward. The fear of the Lord produces reverential thoughts, and these in turn produce godly conversation.

Verse 17—"And they shall be mine in that day." Another reading might be, "And they shall be a peculiar treasure to me in that day which I am making." So the Septuagint and the Vulgate. Instead of objects of judgment, the godly will be God's jewel.

Verse 18—"Then shall ye . . . discern between the righteous and the wicked." The distinction, drawn in this passage, between the righteous and the wicked will be fully seen in that day.

The Heart of the Lesson

Malachi's ministry seemed to have special reference to the priests. He found them performing their Temple tasks in a very perfunctory manner. They were content to go through the external observances, but were neither teaching the people the Law of the Lord as was their duty, nor were they honoring the Law in their own lives. The result was that the people were drifting away from the path of obedience and becoming rebellious. It is over against this situation that Malachi prophesied the coming of the "messenger of the covenant," whose ways should be prepared for Him by an earlier messenger referred to in 4:5 as Elijah.

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