

# CLAREMONT and PICKERING TOWNSHIP DISTRICT

**Pickering Building Slightly Down in '55**  
Total value of building in Pickering Township in 1955 was down slightly from the total of 1954, but still ran to more than two million dollars.

Mr. Len Lye attended a dinner in the King Edward Hotel on Saturday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lye.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glidden and family visited with friends in Toronto on Saturday.

Only permits issued in December were for three garages valued at \$1400. These figures were reported by Frank J. Prouse, building inspector.

Mr. Bill Glidden has received the appointment of Assistant Assessor in Pickering Township, succeeding Mr. Ron Smith of Bethesda who recently joined the Ontario Provincial Police force.

**ATHA**  
Little Janet and Laurie Bielby spent their holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Reesor, at Cedar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and boys, Mr. Howard Hill of Stouffville, Miss June Morgan of Toronto, Mr. Norman Meek of Sandford, spent New Years Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wray Bielby and family, Toronto, were New Years supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby and family.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Pickering Township Council was held on Monday at 11 a.m. Rev. J. S. Crouch, of the Dunbarton Anglican Church presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim White and family, Altona, Miss Marie Brilinger from Bethesda spent the day on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby and family.

The Baptist Church Young People were in charge of the evening church service on Sunday and two of the Faith Mission girls took part in the choir musical and singing.

**GREENWOOD**  
There was a low attendance at Church last Sunday, due to the inclement weather.

The Woman's Institute will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 18th, commencing at 2 o'clock. Altona Institute members will be guests and Miss Ernestine Cooper, highest club girl of the district, will be the guest speaker.

The congregational meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18th in the basement of the church.

Two of Mrs. Hansley's sisters from Toronto visited with the family last week.

Mr. Wm. Clark Sr. returned home last week, after spending a holiday with his daughter at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Empringham entertained their son-in-law over Sunday.

The Farm Forum met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Moore last Monday night. Topic for discussion was "Who Benefits from Price Supports?"

The nomination meeting in Pickering Township will be held in the evening rather than in the afternoon as has been the practice in past years.

The flowers in the church last Sunday were from the funeral of the little Short boy, who was buried last Friday at the Erie Cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to the Short families.

Mrs. Jean McPherson, the new member on the 1956 Council, voiced an opinion that the evening hour from six to seven o'clock was not very convenient for the average farmer but other members felt that if a later hour were set, the audience would not remain to hear from all the nominees.

A man in New Jersey opened a cantaloupe and found raspberries in it. What was he hoping to find — uranium?

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Discussions were held re the Albert College and the M and M Fund. Card Conveners, Mrs. Cassie, gave a very satisfactory report of her work during the past year. Quilt report was also given, showing a very good year. Roll Call was answered by a thought for the Day and each member paying her dues for the coming year.

We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson who were married recently — Mrs. Jackson is the former Noreen Ellis of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownell have moved into their new house. They are to be congratulated on the splendid home, having done practically all the work themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Forsyth were dinner guests of Mr. Forsyth's brother on Sunday.

The annual congregational meeting of St. John's Church will be held on Friday evening January 20th, in the church. Will all conveners please have their reports ready for this meeting.

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Potatoes are plentiful supply elsewhere in the Province, keeping the price low and many local farmers are refusing to accept offers averaging one cent per pound.

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, January 7, in Weston Presbyterian Church, when Joan Bennett, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bennett of England, became the bride of George T. Norton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Norton of Locust Hill.

Cereal grain crops suffered considerably from the drought. Mr. Fair said, and imports of Western grains this year will be larger than usual.

A testimonial dinner held in the Brougham Town Hall on Thursday evening of last week, more than 150 Township residents gathered to pay tribute to three recently retired Municipal Officials, Road Supt. Roy Ward, Reeve Geo. Todd and Dep. Reeve Clare Balsdon.

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The Ontario County potato crop yielded only 60 percent of normal, being hit during a vital growing period by the worst drought in 40 years.

Mr. Ralph Mowbray, Reeve from 1938-39, proposed the toast to Pickering Township. Mr. W. H. Westney, Reeve from 1945-51 and Warden in 1950, proposed the toast to the County of Ontario.

Reeve Newman in his remarks, stated that Road Supt. Roy Ward was the best bridge-builder in the Province of Ontario. His words were echoed by Mr. L. A. Boucher, the Dist. Municipal Engineer.

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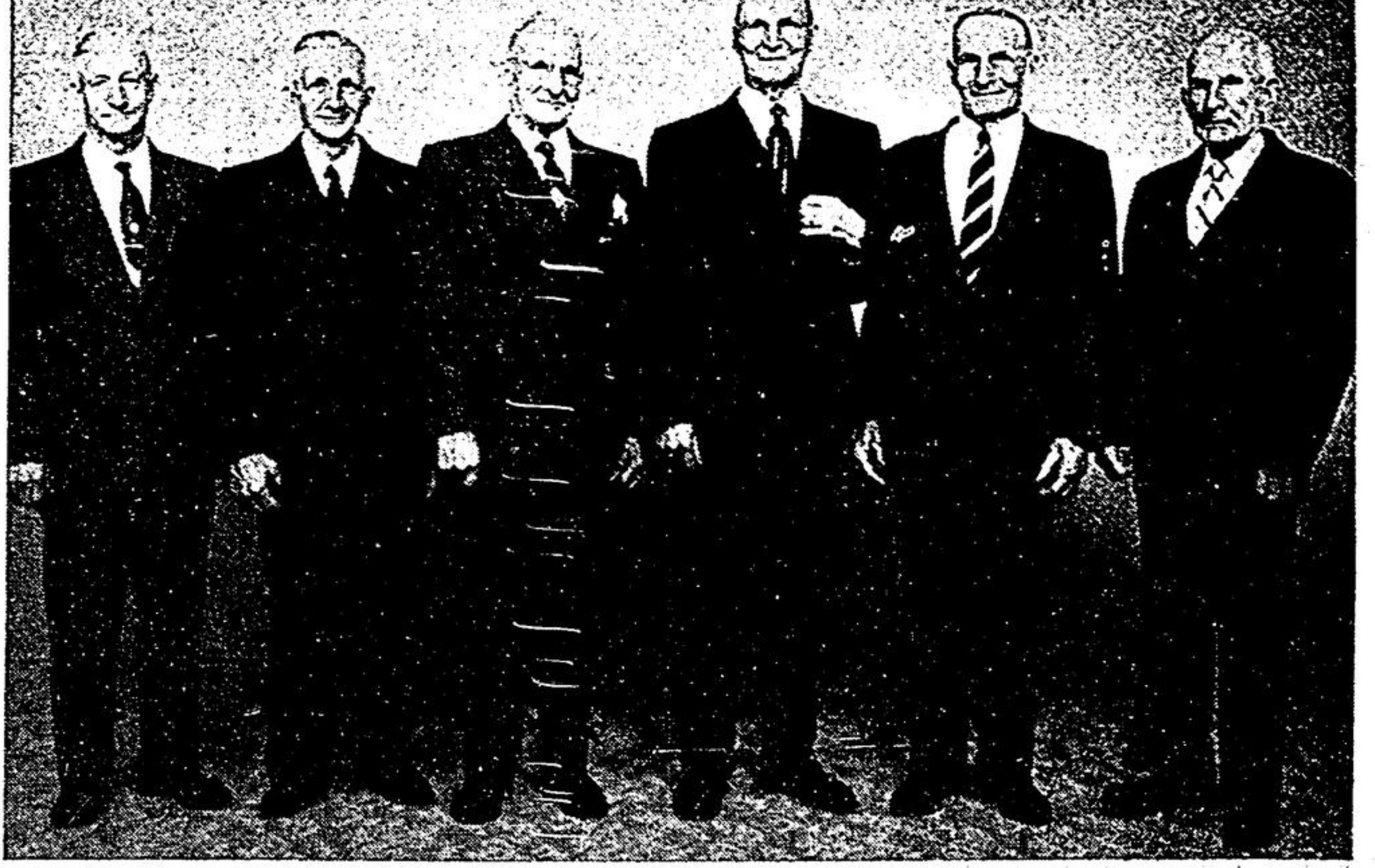
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**Farm Picture Is Bright Despite Lengthy Drought**  
The local farm situation is surprisingly good, despite last summer's dangerous drought, it was announced last week, by H. Lyn Fair, agricultural representative for Ontario County.

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**Pickering Reeve Wants More County Aid for Hospital Indigents**

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11.00 a.m.—Rev. A. S. McGrath, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance.

7.30 p.m.—The Minister.

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## Claremont Driver is Jailed Following Accident

George C. Matthews, 52, of R.R. 2, Claremont, was sent to jail last week for one month on his second drunk driving conviction in 10 years. The charge was laid by Constable Allan, of the Whitby Detachment of the OPP, following a minor accident in Claremont on October 15th. Matthews' car had collided with a parked car belonging to Edward Lewis, also of Claremont. Admitting he had taken two bottles of beer with his breakfast, to aid his breathing, Matthews said it was almost a daily habit taking either beer or liquor with breakfast.

He also had advice for those who suffer from ulcers. "Milk and a bit of whiskey is better for ulcers than all the doctor's medicine they can give you."

His driving license was suspended for two years and his car impounded for 3 months.

## ALTONA

The fourth meeting of the Altona Wardrobe Planners' Club met on Saturday at the home of Mrs. F. McNair with the President, Jessie Ford in charge. Meeting opened with "The More We Get Together."

Roll Call — "The color, material and style of blouse. I have chosen to fit in my wardrobe. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Business was discussed, then followed a quiz on Harmony, relating to costume and wardrobe chart. Then some began cutting; others were assembling their blouses, ready for stitching. Home Assignment — Buy blouse pattern and material, if not already bought. Continue work on chart and Record Book. Roll Call for next meeting — Report on progress of chart. Meeting closed with "The Queen."

Meet again Saturday, Jan. 21.

## AUDLEY

Mildred Puckrin

The Community Club held its first meeting of the new year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown with a good attendance. The president, Bob Betson, conducted the business. Charlie Clemence introduced the speaker, Mr. Ivan Law of Whithy, who gave a very interesting talk on his trips to Florida and other American points. He showed colored pictures taken in various parts of the U.S.A., also at the International Plowing Match at Leamington, and of local scenes.

Bill Brown Jr. sang a solo, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Glyn Eastwood at the piano. Fred Puckrin and Mrs. Arch Bell played two musical numbers.

The Club members enjoyed a skating party at Brooklin rink on Saturday evening, returning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guthrie afterwards for lunch and a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Winter of Pickering had Sunday dinner at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Saunderson spent Sunday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saunderson of Oshawa.

Billy Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker, entered the Hospital for Sick Children on Saturday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## GOODWOOD

Mrs. Les Meyers

The Woman's Association met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hill. Miss Arbuckle gave the devotional and in place of the regular program, Mrs. McLean of Locust Hill spoke to the group on Co-operative Medical Services. If

## Field Crops Value Hits \$5,548,900

According to the statistics branch of the Ontario department of agriculture, the total value of field crops in Ontario county in 1955 amounted to \$5,548,900. The figure for Durham county was \$2,233,600.

The breakdown of the yield per acre, volume of crop and total value are as follows:

**Ontario County**  
Fall wheat — 33.5 bushels; 670,000 bushels; \$888,100. Oats — 37.5 bushels; 1,395,000 bushels; \$976,100. Barley — 31.6 bushels; 91,600 bushels; \$93,400. Mixed grains — 35.8 bushels; 1,300,300 bushels; \$1,021,300. Buckwheat — 23.2 bushels; 13,900 bushels; \$13,400. Corn for shelling — 55.2 bushels; \$8,300 bushels; \$98,900. Fall rye — 18.7 bushels; 37,400 bushels; \$40,700. Soybeans — 18 bushels; 3,600 bushels; \$7,600. Hay and clover — 1.91 tons; 139,900 tons; \$2,140,500. Corn for fodder — 8.86 tons; 69,400 tons; \$265,400.

## STOP LOOK LISTEN

### Claremont Gospel Chapel

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Sunday, 10 a.m.—Sunday School — classes for all

7.30 p.m.—Revival Service  
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